

## VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting – May 10, 2021

7:30p.m.

**Due to the Covid-19 pandemic gathering restrictions, the meeting was held at the Community Building at the park with a limit of ten people in attendance. Others were invited to join by conference call. 1-971-224-6574, code 647559.**

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Rick Walls, Council Members: Joe Bailey, Stacey Cook, Dorance Thompson, Rick Allen and Dylan Lauck. Also present: Solicitor Angela Elliott, Fiscal Officer Susan Bassitt, Administrator Jarid Kohlrieser, Police Chief Paul Robbins and Fire Chief Rick Miller. Motion to excuse Eric West was made by Cook, seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 5-0.

It was moved by Bailey and seconded by Allen to accept the minutes of the April 12, 2021 Council Meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Committee of the Whole:** No report.

**Utilities & Surface Water:** Joe Bailey stated Village crews repaired a couple check valves on the lift pumps at the wastewater plant and two (2) new raw pumps for the wastewater plant have been ordered and will be installed by National Water Services. The cost of both pumps was \$32,543.00.

**Planning:** Rick Allen reported the Planning Committee met on April 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss the development agreement for the Crossroads Project. The Ordinance for the agreement and TIF district will be brought to Council this evening under new business. He also said it has taken many meetings and conversations over the last six (6) months regarding this and feel that these documents are good for the development, the developers, and the Village to further this project along and grow our Village.

**Finance:** Mayor Walls stated at the end of March 2021 we were down 10% in income tax collections compared to March 2020 but through the month of April we rebounded to be up 8% compared to this time last year.

**Park:** Stacey Cook reported the Legacy Park Gateway Project has been completed other than the memorial granite slab that will be installed within the next few weeks and planning has begun on future projects within the park as well. A big thank you to resident Tom Eversole who donated his time and materials to paint the ram statue that will be installed in the near future.

Stacey said the Park Committee met April 20<sup>th</sup> and discussed ideas for all the Village Parks. Renovations are completed at the Hall in Tower Park. They discussed converting the tennis courts in to a pickle ball court and a skateboard area. Stacey presented signage ideas for Delong Pioneer Park that will be paid for from designated funds from American Electric Power. They are also looking into making crossings at the creek bed safe for walkers. The plan is to start moving forward with shelters, benches and history markers. The Village administrator applied for a Community Development Block Grant through the county for \$36,887 for two (2) shelter house structures with picnic tables for Delong Pioneer Park. Council tabled the purchase of the signs until next month.

Stacey said they hope to see several benches put in along with a concrete walk to the shelter at Town Pond. She is also hoping to get a grant to install a handicapped dock creating better access to the pond for those with disabilities. Stacey said they are also working on sprucing up the Phillips Nature Path.

Another Park Committee meeting was scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30p.m. to visit each park because the snow on April 20<sup>th</sup> prevented them from touring each one. The meeting will start at Legacy Park.

**Streets:** No report.

**Properties:** Dylan Lauck stated the 2013 Hino dump truck was taken to Flag City Truck & Equipment in Findlay to have four (4) recalls completed on it as well as getting a regular service completed on it. All three (3) of our back-up generators have been serviced by S-Tech.

**Safety:** Fire Chief Rick Miller reported they had 61 EMS runs and 7 Fire runs for a total of 68 responses in April. Total for the year is 254 total responses. The department had maintenance issues with both ambulances, but both are back in service and repairs have been made. They may start looking at replacing one of them. Chief Miller said their food truck event on April 24<sup>th</sup> was a great success.

Police Chief Robbins said there were 133 calls for service in April, there were 126 last year. There was \$1,590.00 taken into Mayor's Court.

The Chief said Village crews mowed 302 Marcella, 110 Oak, and 214 Elizabeth St. Each property is fined \$250.00. He also stated the Rapp estate properties on Elizabeth, Oak St. and Dixie Hwy. had a court pre-trial to move forward with the sale of all those properties. He is not aware of an outcome on those yet.

Chief Robbins said he has spoken to the property owner of 217 W. Main. He has been given 90 (ninety) days to demolish that property. Council agreed with that time limit.

The Chief also said cruiser 409 had two (2) open recalls done at Reineke Ford at a no cost to the Village.

Chief Robbins said \$904.00 was donated locally to Let's Back the Blue for the blue bulb campaign. He also said that he and Officer Mortimer will be taking cruiser 401 to this Saturday's running events in Wapak. He said he has challenged Chief Motter of Waynesfield to a Light the Blue Community contest through the end of May. Council members were asked for their help in passing out more blue light bulbs in the community.

Chief Robbins requested a Finance Committee meeting to discuss recruitment and retention of police officers. Joe Bailey said he would contact Eric West to set a date and time.

Mayor Walls expressed his thanks to the Community for passing the one half percent income tax that will help fund the Village Police Department. He thanked all the members of the Keep Our Police Strong Committee who worked so diligently and are the big reason this tax passed. They had weekly meetings, distributed signs, knocked on doors and answered questions. He thanked the Village Administration for providing the necessary information to the committee so they could pass it along to the public. Members of the committee were as follows:

Greg Myers, Chairman	John Bayliff, Treasurer
Michelle Bates	Nola Heilman
Shannon Hibbard	Marietta Marsden
Angie Maynard	Ron Mertz
Mark Phillips	Kathy Thompson
Connie Walls	Bob White
Jason Wolke	Beverly Wood

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing under old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Walls had a letter from the State of Ohio Department of Commerce serving notice that all permits to sell alcoholic beverages in the Village will expire on July 1, 2021. The letter explains that Council has a right to object to the renewal of a permit and to request a hearing. Dorance Thompson asked Chief Robbins if there were any problems with the issue in the Village and he said there are not. Council had no objections.

**Mayor Walls introduced RESOLUTION #2415, A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE NECESSARY TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR THE VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOR THE YEAR 2021 AS FOLLOWS:** Motion to read by title only and pass as an emergency was made by Bailey and seconded by Lauck. Motion passed 5-0. The Mayor read the resolution by title, Susan Bassitt explained the resolution is to move money into the debt service accounts to pay the semi-annual loan payments for the existing street reconstruction, waste water plant improvements and the water tower loans. Motion to pass Resolution #2415 as read and as an emergency was made by Thompson and seconded by Cook. Motion passed 5-0

**Mayor Walls introduced ORDINANCE #1699. Motion to read by title only for the first of three (3) readings was made by Thompson and seconded by Allen. Motion passed 5-0. MAYOR WALLS READ ORDINANCE #1699, DECLARING THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE; DECLARING SUCH PROPERTY TO BE EXEMPT FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION; DESIGNATING SPECIFIC PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS MADE, TO BE MADE, OR IN THE PROCESS OF BEING MADE THAT DIRECTLY BENEFIT, OR THAT ONCE MADE WILL DIRECTLY BENEFIT, THE PARCELS FOR WHICH IMPROVEMENT IS DECLARED TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE; REQUIRING ANNUAL SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES; ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND; PROVIDING RELATED AUTHORIZATIONS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40(B) 5709.42, 5709.43, AND 5709.85; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ENTER INTO A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CROSSROADS OF NORTHWEST OHIO LLC, AND PROVIDING A GRANT PURSUANT TO THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT.** The Ordinance agrees the Village of Cridersville to exempt from taxation one hundred percent (100%) to each Parcel as permitted and provided in Section 5709.40(B) of the Ohio Revised Code for up to thirty (30) years and to direct the current and future owners of each Parcel to make annual Service Payments in lieu of real property tax payments, in the same amount as they would have made real property tax payments provided that the tax increment financing (TIF) exemption and the obligation to make Service Payments are subject to any exemption applicable to the Improvement. **Motion to pass Ordinance #1699 as read for the first of three (3) readings was made by Allen, seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 5-0.**

**MAYOR WALLS INTRODUCED ORDINANCE #1700. Motion to read by title only for the first of three (3) readings was made by Thompson and seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 5-0. MAYOR WALLS READ ORDINANCE #1700, DECLARING THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DECLARING SUCH PROPERTY TO BE EXEMPT FROM REAL PROERTY TAXATION; DESIGNATING SPECIFIC PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTSMADE, TO BE MADE, OR IN THE PROCESS OF BEING MADE THAT DIRECTLY BENEFIT, OR THAT ONCE MADE WILL DIRECTLY BENEFIT,THE PARCELS FOR WHICH IMPROVEMENT IS DECLARED TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE; REQUIRING ANNUAL SEREVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES; ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAXINCREMENT EQUIVELANT FUND; AND PROVIDING RELATED AUTHORIZATIONS PURSUAT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40(B), 5709.42, 5709.43 AND 5709.85.** This Ordinance authorizes a TIF district to the parcels on the east side of Dixie Highway from National Rd to the Village limits. **Motion to pass Ordinance #1700 as read for the first reading was made by Bailey and seconded by Lauck. Motion passed 5-0.**

**A special Council Meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 24, 2021 at 7:p.m. at Tower Park to read these ordinances for the second reading. Weather permitting the meeting will be held outside so the public can attend in person.**

Josh Bloomfield, the project manager for Crossroads was in attendance and said that he and Dr. Nicholson, Mayor Walls and Jarid Kohlieser have worked for nearly two (2) years on this agreement and have been very forward thinking and have come up with an agreement that will benefit the Village for years to come. Mr. Bloomfield said that he and Dr. Nicholson are both from this area and want to create a nice development to improve everybody's lives in the area. Mayor Walls expressed his gratitude to Mr. Bloomfield and Dr. Nicholson. Crossroads is in contract with NOW Marketing getting ready to make their big marketing push. There has already been a lot of positive feedback, with businesses, housing and hotels interested. They are planning on getting the utilities moved over I-75 this summer.

Community Clean up Day is scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup> from 8a.m.-12:00pm in Tower Park. Village Crews will be on hand to help residents unload items. This is only for current Village residents. If asked, identification must be provided. Items accepted but not limited to: Construction materials, electronics, furniture, etc...Items not accepted: paint, trash, yard waste, oil and tires. Residents can contact Auglaize County Solid Waste for information on disposal of hazardous waste. Jarid Kohlrieser expects a really busy morning and asked Council members to come help with the event.

Jarid Kohlrieser asked Council if they want to open the shelter house and all Village offices to the public. After some discussion, Council agreed to reopen to the public on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The Mayor said Village crews will need to disinfect the shelter house between rentals with the fogger the Village purchased for such purposes with Cares Act funds. A motion was made to increase the Hall rental from one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) plus the refundable fifty dollar (\$50.00) deposit. Motion made by Cook and seconded by Lauck. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion to adjourn was made by Cook and seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 5-0.

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Susan Bassitt, Village Fiscal Officer

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Rick Walls, Mayor