

VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting –May 11, 2020

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the meeting was conducted via telephone conference call.

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

Present by phone—Mayor Rick Walls, Council members: Eric West, Joe Bailey, Dorance Thompson, Frank Oen, Rick Allen and Stacey Cook. Also present by phone: Financial Officer Susan Bassitt, Administrator Jarid Kohlrieser, Solicitor Angela Elliott, Police Chief Paul Robbins and Fire Chief Rick Miller.

It was moved by Bailey, seconded by Cook to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2020 (held on May 4th) regular Council meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The committee reports were read by Mayor Walls.

Committee of the Whole: No report

Utilities & Surface Water: Mayor Walls stated the Village Administrator applied for a grant through the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) Critical Infrastructure Program which is administered by the county. The grant could be up to \$500,000.00 which would go towards the estimated \$1.2 million East Main St. sanitary sewer project.

Planning: There was no report.

Finance: The Mayor said the village received \$6,506.00 from the Bureau of Worker’s Compensation due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The refund represents dividends for the 2018 reporting year. The funds must be used for the health and safety of employees.

Park: The Mayor stated the grant applications submitted to the Wapakoneta Area Community Foundation/Eagles Community Parks Fund and Midwest Electric for the Legacy Park Gateway Project have been tabled or delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Midwest is using the funds for local food banks.

Streets: The Mayor said the quote from Sidney Sealcoat to seal cracked streets has been received. The quote will be reviewed to see if some of the work can be completed later this year.

Properties: Mayor Walls reported the property at 307 E. High St. has been demolished, removed and seeded by Ben’s Construction. The demo was paid for with a grant from Community Development Blocks Grants (CDBG) administered by the county. After reviewing the bids and contractors, the Village Administrator awarded the bid to Ben’s Construction as he had the lowest bid. The bid was under the original project cost so the grant covered the expenses without a match of funds by the village.

Chief Paul Robbins reported there were 126 calls for service. There was \$575.00 collected in Mayor's Court. He said that thanks to donations from local businesses, his department gave away \$300.00 in gift cards at their April food giveaway.

Fire Chief Rick Miller said there were 52 EMS runs and 7 fire runs in April. He said they did have calls from both nursing homes in town but none of them were Covid-19 related. The Chief said no decision has been made on the 2020 Jamboree in July as of yet. He is waiting to see what the governor does regarding Ohio fairs and other summer events.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing was brought up.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Walls introduced **RESOLUTION #2391, declaring it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation and said levy being a renewal levy with an increase for fire protection and related services.** Motion to read by title only for the resolution's third and final reading was made by Thompson, seconded by West. Motion passed 6-0. Mayor Walls asked Susan Bassitt to read the resolution by title only. The levy will renew the existing 2mls and add a new 1 ml. The 3ml levy will then generate \$68,108.00 per year. Motion was made by West and seconded by Allen to accept the resolution as read for its third and final reading. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Walls asked for a motion to read **RESOLUTION #2392** by title only. Motion was made by Bailey and seconded by Allen. Motion passed 6-0. Susan Bassitt read **RESOLUTION #2392** BY title, **A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE NECESSARY TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR THE VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOR THE YEAR 2020.** The resolution transfers appropriated funds into the debt service accounts necessary to pay the Village's semi-annual loan payments for financed water, sewer and street projects. Motion to accept the resolution and declaring an emergency was made by Thompson and seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 6-0.

Joe Bailey asked if a Safety Meeting could be scheduled. The Mayor set a **Utility Committee** meeting for June 01, 2020 at 7:00p.m. to discuss the Shawnee Rd. storm tile project. The **Safety Committee** meeting will follow at 7:30p.m. to discuss a dirt bike noise complaint, the trash Ordinance #1694, and the code enforcement officer position. A location for both meetings will be determined prior to June 1st pending pandemic meeting guidelines. A notice will be published in the Wapak Daily News when the location is decided.

Frank Oen said he was approached at Dollar General by a citizen complaining about trash piled between Dollar General and the house next door, saying it's a problem when he mows. Mayor Walls said it would be looked into. Frank also stated that a resident of Cridersville asked him why there isn't a monthly Mayor's Report telling what the Mayor does every month. The Mayor responded that has never been done before but he could put something together. Frank said he thinks he wants to know is if we are paying a mayor that doesn't give a report, how does anyone know if he does anything. Mayor Walls responded that he will put something together.

Joe Bailey said he knows there are many residents that call council members for help with various problems, which is fine. He would like to suggest to them, if it is a significant problem, they come to a council meeting so the issue can be discussed openly with all the council members. The Mayor, Rick Allen and Eric West agreed.

Dorance Thompson mentioned a hole in the street between the grocery store and the nursing home of E. Main St.. He said Jarid isn't sure what caused it but he has filled it with cold patch. Dorance said hopefully it can get fixed with the E. Main St. storm sewer project. He also wants to remind residents not to let grass clippings blow into the street which can clog the water and sewer lines.

Jarid Kohlrieser stated the rescheduled Community Clean UP Day is tentatively being set for September 12th from 8a.m. until noon. He said hopefully we will be out of the woods with Covid-19 so we can serve the community by then. Village crews will be flushing fire hydrants this weekend nights, the 15th and 16th. If heavy rains come this week, then flushing will be done the following weekend. Jarid also said he will be hiring two summer help. He is currently taking applications and will go from there.

Fire Chief Rick Miller asked Jarid if Otterbein had replaced their one way check valve, Jarid said he would talk to them before he starts flushing hydrants as he always does.

Resident Bob White commended the village employees and emergency service personnel for doing such a marvelous job during the Covid -19 pandemic.

Motion to adjourn was made by Allen and seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 6-0.

Susan Bassitt, Village Fiscal Officer

Rick Walls, Mayor

