

VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting – September 13, 2021
7:30p.m.

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

Present: Mayor Rick Walls, Council Members: Joe Bailey, Dorance Thompson, Dylan Lauck, Rick Allen and Stacey Cook. Also present: Solicitor Angela Elliott, Fiscal Officer Susan Bassitt, Administrator Jarid Kohlrieser and Police Chief Paul Robbins. Eric West notified the Mayor he would be late, he arrived at 8.00p.m.

It was moved by Thompson and seconded by Bailey to accept the minutes of the August 09, 2021 Council Meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee of the Whole: No report

Utilities & Surface Water: Joe Bailey reported the Village crews dug and repaired a 3” water main break located in the intersection of N. Waverly and W. Sugar. The roadway asphalt will be repaired within a month or so. The Village Administrator along with Choice One Engineering submitted a grant application for funds through the Federal Infrastructure Bill to go towards phase 2 of the E. Main St. Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project. Phase 1 is currently being reviewed by the EPA. Depending on the review process, the project could be bid out yet this year.

Planning: Rick Allen reported that crews working on the Crossroads of Ohio Project have continued to work on the “Initial Infrastructure” phase of the project with water and sewer tie ins to be completed within the week. We also had 8 zoning violations that were issued which all have been brought into compliance. The violations were for minor issues such as parking. As a reminder to residents, temporary pools must be taken down and stored by October 1st. There has also been an application for a zoning map change to the Village zoning code for 304 E. High St. A Public Hearing is scheduled for October 6th at 7:00p.m. at the Village Hall.

Jarid said he has new members on the Zoning Board of Appeals. They are residents Jeff Bassitt, Bev Woods, Jim Bauman and Ralph Tippie. The members of the Zoning Commission are residents Joe Schimpf, Mark Phillips and David Reichelderfer.

Finance: Council said the only change needed on the 2022 pay ordinance at this time is to change the beginning wages for the police officers as was approved last month. Making starting hourly wage for part time officers \$16.00 and full time officers \$18.00. Susan Bassitt will make the changes and forward copies of the updated ordinance to council members before the October meeting.

Park: Stacey Cook reported that Johns Memorial installed the donated granite piece of the memorial wall at Legacy Park which officially completes that project. The Cridersville Historical Society has committed \$3,500 to go towards the Rams statue base stonework and in doing so the Village can go ahead and place the order for the stone pieces. That is roughly half the cost of the project. The rest of the funding will be raised through continued donation efforts.

Streets: Dorance Thompson reported that Buehler Asphalt and Paving should be in within the month to complete the 2021 Resurfacing Project. Dorance also set a Streets Committee meeting for September 22nd at 6:00p.m. to discuss the repaving of Gay St.

Properties: Dylan Lauch reported the tracks on the mini excavator needed replaced. Farmer's Equipment in Elida replaced them for \$2,871.51. Jarid stated he received an estimate to replace the furnaces in the library and the Police Department as well as one air conditioning unit totaling \$11,750.00. He also said one of the golf carts needs replaced at a cost of \$15,600.00. The other cart needs repairs of \$2,200.00. Both carts are about 15 years old. Council had no objections to purchase of a new one and the work being done on the other.

The Administrator also said he has updated members of the Zoning Board of Appeals. They are Jeff Bassitt, Bev Wood, Jim Bauman and Ralph Tippie. The members of the Zoning Commission are Joe Schimpf, Mark Phillips and Dave Reichelderfer.

Safety: Mayor Walls read the report from Chief Miller stating there were 50 EMS calls and 8 Fire calls for a total of 58 calls for the month of August. Total calls for the year as of September 1st, 2021 are 508. The Jamboree had the best totals in its history since it started 57 years ago. He wished to thank all the corporate sponsors and the patrons who attended and supported their local fire department. He also applauded his members for their hard work though out the year and during the festival. He said without them, none of this is possible.

Police Chief Paul Robbins stated there were 157 calls for service in August. There was \$790.00 brought into Mayor's Court. The property at 217 W. Main St. is scheduled for demolition on November 8th. Mayor Walls thanked him for staying on top of the issue and getting it resolved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Josh Bloomfield, project manager from Crossroads of Ohio was present to give an update on the development project east of I-75. He thanked the Mayor and Administrator for all their input in the project. The utilities should be fully functioning by the end of October. Crossroads will be then be concentrating on marketing and sales for business commitments for construction on the site. They are having a ribbon cutting ceremony October 22nd at 2:30, then at 4:30 an official unveiling of Crossroads with speakers from the area. Jobs Ohio is focusing of rural areas for funding, WAEDC is working with them in a joint effort to go after grant money. Hopefully we will be seeing construction in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing under new business.

OTHER:

Joe Bailey said he has raffle tickets available for Let's Back the Blue for \$50.00 each. There are 50 prizes totaling \$53,000.00. He reminded everyone some of the money comes back to the Cridersville Police Department to help them purchase equipment.

Dorance Thompson thanked everyone for their participation in the Lion's Club blood draw event. He also thanked the Fire Department for doing blood pressures.

Rick Allen said he was walking his dog and at the corner of Main and Waverly a pit bull came at him. He said he was lucky he was carrying pepper spray. The Mayor said his niece and her dog were attacked a few weeks ago by the same dog. The dog came from the house located on that corner. The Dog Warden did come and make a report on the first incident. Chief Robbins said the Warden needs to be contacted about the second attack.

Stacey Cook said the Historical society is back to cooking the beans in the kettle. The Bean Supper will be September 16th at the log cabin from 4:30 to 7:00. Dinners are \$9.00. She also said she has a new idea for this year, a Scarecrow Trail at Legacy Park. It would be a totally free event. People, businesses or organizations can create a scarecrow, register and

put in the park on fence posts provided along the sidewalk. The Garden Club is going to sponsor it. They will offer a \$100.00 prize for the top scarecrow. She would like to announce the winners October 9th at 7:00p.m. at the park followed by the first movie in the park, showing a Halloween movie such as Hocus Pocus. More information and

registration forms will be forthcoming and available on Facebook, at the library and the water-sewer office at the Village Hall. Stacey said all the other upcoming events, Fall Festival and parade, Christmas on Main, Breakfast with Santa will be held in person, she is asking people to be polite and wear masks if they feel it necessary.

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

Susan Bassitt, Village Fiscal Officer

Rick Walls, Mayor