

**VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting – April 11, 2023**  
**7:30 p.m.**

Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call

Present: Mayor Rick Walls, Council Members: Stacey Cook, Dorance Thompson, Steve Numbers and Dylan Lauck. Also present: Fiscal Officer Susan Bassitt, Fire Chief Rick Miller, Police Chief Nathan Fried, Solicitor Angela Elliott, and Village Administrator Jarid Kohlrieser. Council Member Joe Bailey was not present at the time of Roll Call. Council President Eric West was not present.

It was moved by Numbers and seconded by Cook to accept the minutes of the March 10, 2023, Regular Council Meeting. Motion passed 4-0

It was moved by Thompson and seconded by Lauck to excuse council president Eric West from the meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Committee of the Whole:**

**Utilities & Surface Water:** Mayor Walls reported village crews dug and replaced a water shut off on Harwood Lane. Our utilities clerk has been working with our new software/billing provider in getting everything switched over and built with our information. This software will provide our residents with more payment options and provide our office with more information per accounts. The software build is currently about halfway to completion. Our village administrator has met with a couple pump distributors regarding our lift pumps that need to be replaced. There may be replacements now for our pumps. Further info and pricing options are forthcoming. Also, Global Electric was called in to repair a wiring issue in our control panel at the wastewater plant.

**Planning:** Lauck reported there were three zoning violations issued last month. All three have been brought to compliance.

Josh Bloomfield gave an update on the Crossroads development. He reported that Crossroads plans to start the first phase in the late summer by breaking ground on the Urology Center and the medical road. The Urology Center will take approximately 15 months to complete, and the road will take roughly 8 months. Phase one of development will contain roughly 50 acres of land. Market and Wet Land studies have been conducted on the property showing that Northwestern Ohio needs residential and medical buildings, but also a good spot for a central park. Auglaize County has bought ten acres of land to create the central park. Crossroads plans to keep this a multi-purpose area with an urban feel, but also a walkable livable community.

**Finance:** Mayor Walls reported that our fiscal officers have been working with the state in switching over to new hardware and software for accounting and billing purposes. This switch was needed to replace our outdated software and it will also allow for easier billing and better communication between the state and the village for audits as well as better transparency.

**Park:** Cook reported our village administrator received the grant agreement from ODNR for our shelter house project for Legacy Park. We have been working with our village engineer to prepare documents for bidding for that shelter

house. We also lost two trees in Legacy Park due to storms over the last few weeks. The shelter house will roughly be a 24x30 foot building, with an additional 24x24 open air space in front of the shelter house. Mayor Walls added that once the shelter house is completed, there are plans of hosting community movie nights, in which the Auglaize County Library stated they would be more than happy to help with movie nights.

**Streets:** Thompson reported Henderson Concrete Construction completed the first set of much needed storm gutter repairs out in our Meadowbrook subdivision at a total of \$21,645. We will evaluate the next sections of gutters to be replaced and when time and money allows, those sections will be done as well. The asphalt plants should be opening very soon, and we are hoping to get E. Main St. relatively soon.

**Properties:** Numbers reported the clerk's office has been remodeled with new paint, flooring, light fixtures, and desks. The project cost was roughly \$4,000 total.

**Safety:**

**Police:**

Police Chief Nathan Fried reported that the Police Department wrote 5 traffic tickets in the month of March. The Police Department is currently hiring new personnel. The Police Department is also in the process of trying to purchase new vests for officers, and the Chief is looking into different grants and organizations to help offset those costs. When asked about cruisers in use, Chief Fried mentioned that he is working on seeing what all needs to be placed in the cruiser again to allow it to be a street cruiser. Chief Fried is also looking into updating software in the cars to allow officers to have access and write reports while they are working the streets.

**Fire:**

Fire Chief Rick Miller reported there were 74 EMS calls and 9 Fire calls for a total of 83 calls for service for the month of March for a total of 239 calls for the year of 2023 as of April 1<sup>st</sup>. During the storms over the past week, Chief Miller reported that the Fire Department responded to 7 calls for service in three hours.

Chief Miller added that the Cridersville Fire Department Food Truck Festival and Jeep Invasion on April 29<sup>th</sup> from 11am-7pm will have 31 different food trucks, 21 different craft vendors, and 30+ jeeps. T102 is planning on being at the Jeep Invasion conducting a live broadcast for two to three hours. The Fire Department plans on blocking Main Street from Waverly to Gay Street at 7am.

Chief Miller also mentioned that the Fireman's Jamboree will be July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, and the AMVETS in Wapak will be doing the beer tent this year. Nutrient is also going to be the title sponsor for the Jamboree this year. There will be a blessing of the badges again this year at the Jamboree as well.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Clerical error caused a change to the Duchouquet Township Resolution changing the resolution from #2446 to #2449.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Mayor Walls introduced Resolution #2450, a resolution declaring it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation and said levy being a renewal levy for current operating expenses and related services.** Mayor Walls read the resolution by title only. Motion to pass the first of three readings was made by Cook and seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 5-0.

**Mayor Walls introduced Resolution #2451, a resolution adopting the Plan under the Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Program administered by the Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Board for the participation by "eligible employees" of the Village of Cridersville and declaring an emergency.** Mayor Walls read the resolution by title only. Motion to pass the resolution was made by Numbers and seconded by Lauck. Motion passed 5-0.

**Mayor Walls introduced Resolution #2452, a resolution to approve the necessary transfer of funds for the Village of Cridersville and declaring an emergency for the year 2023.** Mayor Walls read the resolution by title only. Motion to pass the resolution was made by Bailey and seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 5-0.

**Mayor Walls introduced Resolution #2453, a resolution to authorize the village fiscal officer to establish two new funds for Mayor’s Court and Shelter House Deposits and Solicitor’s Permits and declaring an emergency.** Mayor Walls read the resolution by title only. The motion to pass the resolution was made by Cook and seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 5-0.

**Other:**

Stacey Cook asked the Village if they would be willing to donate \$500 to the Garden Club again this year for flowers used in the pots throughout town. Mayor Walls asked for a motion to donate. Motion was made by Numbers and seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 4-0, as Cook abstained.

The Village Administrator reported that fire hydrant flushing will take place April 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. The week of April 24<sup>th</sup> the big water town will be down for maintenance for roughly 4 to 6 weeks, this should not affect the water in any way. The Village Administrator asked the council if it would be okay with hiring two summer help positions. Potential hires must be at least 16 years old, and applications can be found at the Village of Cridersville.

Joe Bailey mentioned hiring a Code Enforcement Officer for the summer. This would be a civilian employee who would be hired through the Police Department.

The Auglaize County Library added that the library will be undergoing reconstruction this month. The Village Administrator mentioned that through the last two storms the library had lost shingles, but those shingles have been put back on.

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

