

**VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting – December 12, 2022**  
**7:30p.m.**

Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call

Present: Mayor Rick Walls, Council Members: Joe Bailey, Dorance Thompson, Eric West, Steve Numbers and Stacey Cook. Also present: Fiscal Officer Susan Bassitt, Village Administrator Jarid Kohlriseser and Solicitor Angela Elliott. Dylan Lauck attended by phone.

It was moved by Numbers and seconded by Bailey to accept the minutes of the November 14, 2022 regular Council meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Committee of the Whole:** No Report

**Utilities & Surface Water:** Joe Bailey reported the East Main Sewer project is just about completed with the only thing left to do yet is a complete asphalt overlay of the street that will be conducted in the spring next year. Leary Construction Company conducted a routine visual inspection of our big water tower and did not find any major issues.

**Planning:** Mayor Walls reported there were eight (8) zoning violations for the month. All have been or are in the process of being brought into compliance.

**Finance:** No report

**Park:** Stacey Cook reminded Council of the Parks Committee meeting scheduled for December 14, 2022 at 6:00p.m. to discuss details of a proposed Legacy Park shelter house and see if the Village will have the necessary funds.

**Streets:** Dorance said the Auglaize County Engineer's Department chipped and sealed a bad patch of asphalt on Marcella for the Village to get us through the winter. It will be permanently patched next spring.

**Properties:** Steve Numbers reported the Village collected a total of sixty (60) cubic yards of leaves this year during our annual leaf pick up program.

**Safety:** Chief Creech's report stated there were 202 calls for the month of November. Mayor Walls told the Chief he is happy with what he is seeing in the department and feels it is headed in the right direction. He told the Chief he and his guys are doing a good job and to pass it on to them.

Chief Miller was out of town but had given his report to Council. Mayor Walls said there were 65 EMS calls and 12 fire calls for a total of 77 calls for service for the month of November. He also said there was a very good turnout for Breakfast with Santa. Chief Miller will provide more details next month.

Mayor Walls stated he received information from the State and US Bike Route System. Jarid said the Village is on the state bike route. ODOT would like to establish signage along the routes. There are a couple options how to get these signs in place. The State could provide and install the signs and have the Village maintain them, or the State can provide the signs and have the Village install and maintain them. Jarid would prefer to install them so he can take care of our

utility locations. There will be two (2) signs installed. One on Dixie between the veterinarian's office and Fuel Mart, the other will be put on the east side of Casey's. Chief Creech asked if there will be bike lanes or markings on the street. Jarid said just directional signs along the street. Council expressed no problems with the issue.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Mayor Walls introduced Ordinance #1703, establishing certain rates of pay, health and hospitalization insurance, sick leave, paid holidays and vacation for all non-elected Village Employees for the year 2023.** West was not happy with the base salaries for the Police Department. Council decided to change that section reducing beginning base ranges. Motion to accept the resolution with the changes for the third and final reading was made by West and seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 6-0. Bassitt will make the necessary changes to the Ordinance. Council would like to discuss a step raise program after the first of the year.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Mayor walls introduced Resolution #2440, making appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Cridersville, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023, and declaring an emergency.** Motion to accept Resolution #2440 as read and declaring and emergency was made by Thompson and seconded by West. Motion passed 6-0.

#### **Other:**

Resident Rick Allen said he had several problems to discuss. First he complained about the high speed traffic in the alley behind his house on W. Main St. He said there are vehicles going over forty miles per hour through the alley at random times throughout the day and night. He said children play in that alley. Stacey Cook brought this issue to Council at the October meeting. The issue was discussed at a Safety meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>, and then it was turned over to the Police Department. Chief Creech said he is pursuing the problem as best he can within the law. He said there have been no calls from any residents to the department. He did speak to several residents whose names were given to him by Dorance Thompson. Residents need to call the Police Department office, communication is very important. Mayor Walls asked that the Village radar sign be placed in the alley and that the officers patrol the area more frequently.

Mayor Walls did advise Council that they need to tell residents to call either the Village Administrator or the Police Chief, as the case may be, when they receive complaints from residents. It doesn't help anyone when the information is held until the next meeting, then needs to go to a committee, etc. Taking the issue directly to Jarid or Chief Creech establishes a direct line of communication and lead to quicker outcome.

Rick Allen also complained about a massive amount trash bags behind 215 W. Main Street. He said he counted at least 70 bags. He called the health department and they are to contact the resident. The resident has been contacted by the Police Department and been warned of a fine. The Chief will contact the property owner (landlord) tomorrow about the problem.

Rick Allen then said he thinks it is time the Mayor and Council's wages are increased. Council expressed appreciation.

Dorance Thompson made a motion for an executive session to discuss a personnel matter with no action being taken. The motion was seconded by Numbers. Motion passed 6-0.

Eric West left council chambers before any discussion was made in executive session.

Motion was made to return to regular session by Bailey, seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Walls announced he was appointing Taylor West to be the trainee for the Fiscal Officer position which will be open when Susan Bassitt retires in June of 2023. Ms. West will be appointed as Fiscal Officer at that time.

Jarid asked for Council's approval to give his employees a raise of up to \$2.00 after the first of the year, based on performance. After discussion, motion to grant his request was made by Numbers, seconded by West. Motion passed 6-0.

Jarid stated that Susan Jolly was willing to cross train with Fiscal Officer's office to learn to help with accounts payable and payroll. This would help the current and future Fiscal Officer. Jarid asked for an increase in her wage to \$20.00 per hour and increase her to a full forty (40) hours per week. The water/sewer officer hours will not change. Motion to approve the increase for Susan Jolly was made by West and seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion to adjourn was made by Lauck and seconded by West. Motion passed 6-0.

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Susan Bassitt, Village Fiscal Officer

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Rick Walls, Mayor

