

VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting – February 13, 2023
7:30p.m.

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

Present: Mayor Rick Walls, Council Members: Joe Bailey, Dorance Thompson, Steve Numbers, Dylan Lauck and Stacey Cook. Also present: Fiscal Officer Susan Bassitt, Village Administrator Jarid Kohlriseser and Solicitor Angela Elliott. Eric West was not present at the time of Roll Call, but was present prior to committee reports.

It was moved by Bailey and seconded by Lauck to accept the minutes of the January 9, 2023 regular Council meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee of the Whole: Thompson requested to plan a meeting on March 9, 2023 at 7pm to discuss planning for the future.

Utilities & Surface Water: Joe Bailey reported the National Water Service was contacted to look at a deteriorating pipe that needs to be replaced at our wastewater plant. A quote for such work is forthcoming. Our village administrator applied for a grant through the Ohio EPA Equipment Grant Program in the amount of \$6,000 for a valve exerciser and accessories. We also are looking into different funding options again for a project to replace our wastewater lift pumps. Global Electric was hired to repair two of our return pumps instead of using a prior company from the past which saved us roughly \$3,000. Those pumps have been repaired and back in service. Village crews repaired and rebuilt both of our backup PTO pumps for the wastewater plant. We received an awardment letter from Auglaize County awarding the village a grant totaling \$100,000 for the Auglaize Development Fund that our village administrator applied for, for numerous infrastructure type projects.

Ryan Lefeld of Choice One Engineering was present to discuss the Beaverdam East Main Street project final numbers. The project was originally bided for \$950,000, but additional issues caused a price increase. Choice One has filed change orders with the state which have been accepted for 150,000 and 130,000 that will be paid from the state to Beaverdam bringing the total cost of the project to 1.38 million. Due to the project not being done on time the village could go after Beaverdam for \$500 dollars a day, but Lefeld advised against that. The mayor wants the final paving to be completed by the second week of May.

Planning: Lauck reported Crossroads of Northwest Ohio is still working with their engineers, designers, and the village to get the first phase of their project started which we should see plans for structures relatively soon. The mayor added that Crossroads was awarded a \$500,000 grant from the county for streets and that project will get started as soon as the weather allows.

Finance: No report

Park: Stacey Cook reported the grant documents for Legacy Park Shelter House have been submitted to the state by our village administrator and those documents have been received and approved. The final step before items can be purchased will take place later this month when the state does a final vote on all applications. In the meantime, we have talked to Minster Bank to secure notes of anticipation of bonds if needed to make reimbursement payments. Also, the second smaller Delong Pioneer Nature Park sign has been installed on the south end of Delong Pioneer Park. Bailey mentioned some trees in Delong Park are dead. The Village Administrator added that this topic has been brought up in

previous meetings and trees have been trimmed back or are left in the tree line when they have fallen. The mayor mentioned a guy offered to come clean up the fallen trees, but council mentioned that this individual must have proof of insurance and BWC in order to remove the trees for liability issues. Plans regarding the Legacy Park Shelter House will be further discussed in the Committee of the Whole meeting regarding long term planning on March 9, 2023 at 7pm.

Streets: Dorance said Henderson Concrete Construction has not yet started on the curb/gutters replacements in Meadowbrook but has been contacted and stated he should be starting in a couple weeks depending on the weather.

Properties: Steve Numbers reported our village administrator is looking at a different replacement to our Pioneer 1500 utility vehicle since the one that was ordered over two years ago is still not in production yet and no word as to when it will be. The cost of the utility vehicle that has been budgeted for, was just over \$15,000. Looking at the current available models and pricing, we have priced a Kubota brand utility vehicle at roughly \$24,000 that is being considered for purchase.

Safety:

Police:

Chief Creech's report stated there were 167 calls for the month of January. Chief Creech also stated that the Facebook page under the name Cridersville Police Department is not associated with the Village of Cridersville Police and measures are being taken to remove that page. West motioned to authorize the Chief to be the administrator of the Police Department in order to correct the issues with the Facebook page. Chief Creech stated any issues should be brought to the police department, but they are working on building an accurate police department Facebook page.

The new police cruiser has been ordered through Statewide Ford and could arrive as soon as June 2023. The price of the police cruiser has increased \$10,000. Council discussed how the new cruiser will be equipped and agreed that nothing will be taken from the other vehicles and everything will be installed new allowing the department to get back to having three cars in service. Chief Creech is to present to council a complete equipment sheet of the new vehicle.

Fire:

Chief Miller reported there were 62 EMS calls and 6 Fire calls for a total of 68 calls for service for the month of January. Chief Miller also mentioned that Life Flight out of Bluffton has closed its doors after providing the community over 40 years of service due to monetary issues. With this being said, Chief Miller has decided to go with Care Flight out of Versailles.

The Fire Department received a \$50,000 dollar grant from the Auglaize County Development Fund to go towards buying a new ambulance for the Fire Department; however, currently a new ambulance is roughly \$330,000 so the fire department will be waiting to purchase one.

Chief Miller was excited to announce that the Jeep Invasion is live on the Fire Department Facebook page. The Jeep Invasion will take place during the Jamboree, but Jeep entries are now open with the first 100 jeeps registered receiving a Fire Duck. Jeep registration is \$10 and the Fire Department already has 30 food trucks lined up.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Walls introduced Resolution #2446, a resolution authorizing the village mayor to enter into a contract with Duchouquet Township for Fire and EMS service for \$58,165.50. Motion was made by West and seconded by Bailey to be read by title only and pass as an emergency. Motion passed 6-0. Mayor Walls read the resolution by title only. Motion to pass was made by Cook and seconded by West. Motion passed 6-0.

Other:

Chief Creech asked who will maintain signage at the 4-way stop on the west side of town due to an increase in traffic flow. The village administrator mentioned that signage is managed by both the village and the county as a shared expense.

Mayor Walls announced that the March council meeting will be on the road to Cridersville Elementary School. The March meeting will be held on Friday March 10, 2023 at 10am.

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

Susan Bassitt, Village Fiscal Officer

Rick Walls, Mayor