

## VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES

### Regular Meeting – November 18, 2013

Mayor Lorali Myers called the regular Council meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Lorali Myers, Council members Rick Walls, Tony Zuppardo, Eric West, Paul Lynch, Stacey Cook; Clerk-Treasurer Candace Stevely, and Solicitor Angela Elliott. Councilwoman Shirley Anderson was absent due to recent knee surgery. It was moved by Walls, seconded by Cook to excuse Anderson's absence due to health reasons. Motion passed 5-0.

It was moved by Walls, seconded by West to approve the minutes for the October 14, 2013 regular meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Committee of the Whole:** The November 7th meeting was summarized by the Mayor.

The Committee looked at potential projects beyond next year, discussing 3-5 year plans.

**Streets:** There is a new chip and seal process being used on streets which is less expensive and meets the needs to protect streets. The Village will be identifying streets to apply this process to in 2014. They are looking at spending \$5500 in 2014. This will be an ongoing project. Discussed the purchase of a dump truck which would be completely outfitted at an estimated cost of \$97,000; the old truck will be traded in.

**Sidewalks:** Repairs are planned for 2014.

**Safety:** Walls stated that the 2010 Dodge cruiser has had \$7000 in repairs in 2013. There was discussion on replacing the cruiser.

**Parks:** Discussed the outdoor open shelter house, either to repair or replace. We will apply for CDBG funds for 2014. Projects for the other parks were discussed as well. The committee will request \$5000 in park fund for 2014 to get some projects completed.

**Planning:** Zuppardo reminded the committee that there has been discussion about looking into the present zoning regulations. The committee will request \$3000 for future projects pertaining to zoning.

**Water & Sewer:** Discussed infiltration and infrastructure, flow metering and understanding capacity. Anticipate cleaning the small water tower in 2014 for \$7500, and are planning to contact a company to clean catch basins in 2014.

**Properties:** Discussed some updates to the front and interior of the enclosed shelter house, signage, etc. to spruce up the community.

**Opportunities for annexation:** Meadowbrook at the condos. Plan to meet with Greg Myers pertaining to economic development.

Talked about the expanding of park areas in the Village and if sometime in the future there may be a need to hire someone to take care of all the grounds.

Otterbein is continuing improvements.

There were approximately 20 trees planted on Main Street.

Also there was discussion about the planters on each end of the Village.

**Utilities & Surface Water:** The media of one of our backwash filters at the water plant has been replaced by the manufacturer and is back online and working. The bypass line project for the water tower has been completed. Our crews fixed and replaced a storm tile at 203 W. Sugar Street.

**Planning:** No report.

**Finance:** On October 24<sup>th</sup> discussed the yearly police budget, allowing for 15 part time people who would make up to \$11/hour. Under the State law of 2004 if someone works 25 hours weekly for 40 weeks a year they must be offered health insurance the same as a full time person. The health insurance quote for 2014 will be received in December.

They compared balances for 2012 and 2013. All fund balances are up. They reviewed expenditures and revenues. They addressed the 2014 pay package. They were asked to give guidance on yearly employee raise ceiling, based on year end reviews and on merit. There will be a \$ .60 ceiling per hour. Will recommend getting rid of the \$ .10 longevity raise as this was implemented many years ago when there wasn't enough available to give much in the way of raises. To clean up the pay package, the Village Superintendent and Police Lt. hourly rates will also be adjusted. There will also be provisions included in the pay package for any employee who reaches the end of their raise scale. It was recommended to send the pay package to Council for the next reading.

**Park:** No report.

**Streets:** We have looked into other means of paving and maintaining some of our roadways utilizing the County's services and materials through a chip and seal process with a fog seal that will save the Village significant moneys in future projects. Hope to do some streets each year. The work will be done by the County in conjunction with the Village. This will not include streets with gutters and curbs.

**Properties:** The Village Engineering firm of Choice One came out and looked at the location of the planter on the west end of Main Street. It was determined that the planter location is on the Village right away. Based on this information, it has been determined that the planter will remain in that location.

**Safety:**

**Police** - Chief John Drake reported 188 calls for service in October, and \$5640 was collected in Mayor's Court.

**Fire Department** – Chief Rick Miller reported a total of 49 runs for October, a total of 524 as of November 1<sup>st</sup>. The Department will be putting the Village logo on their vehicles. They are preparing for the Christmas on Main Street event. They will have a pancake breakfast on December 14 from 7-11 a.m., with Santa arriving at 11 a.m. All contract payments for the year have been received.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was a motion by West, seconded by Lynch to accept amendments to Ordinance #1652, remove the longevity raises, increase the pay ranges for the Village Superintendent and Police Lt., and cap pay ranges of employees and make provision for those who reach their pay range cap. Motion passed 5-0.

It was moved by West, seconded by Cook to read Ordinance #1652 as amended by title only for the second of three readings. Motion passed 5-0. **ORDINANCE #1652 – An Ordinance as amended establishing certain rates of pay, health and hospitalization insurance, sick leave, paid holidays and vacation for all non-elected Village employees for the year 2014** was read by Mayor Myers by title only. It was moved by West, seconded by Cook to accept Ordinance #1652 as read by title only on the second reading. Motion passed 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

It was moved by Cook, seconded by West to pay the necessary bills for the month of November, 2013. Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution #2223 for appropriation adjustments was introduced by the Clerk. Several amounts will be moved from line item to line item to insure funds for expenditures for the Street Fund, Fire & Rescue Fund, Water Fund and Sewer Fund, and the General Fund will also add an additional \$6000

to cover the MARC police radios, with appropriations to total \$2,308,355.69 for all funds. It was moved by West, seconded by Lynch to read Resolution #2223 by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 5-0. **RESOLUTION #2223 – A Resolution to amend Resolution #2205, passed March 22, 2013, which made permanent appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Cridersville, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013,** was read by Mayor Myers by title only. It was moved by West, seconded by Walls to accept Resolution #2223 as read by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution #2224 to transfer funds for the Waste Water Planning Loan was introduced by the Clerk. It was moved by Cook, seconded by Walls to read Resolution #2224 by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 5-0. **RESOLUTION #2224 – A Resolution to approve the necessary transfer of funds for the Village of Cridersville and declaring an emergency for the year 2013** was read by Mayor Myers by title only. It was moved by Walls, seconded by Zuppardo to accept Resolution #2224 as read by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance #1653 was introduced by the Village Administrator Jarid Kohlrieser. He explained that in 1996 Council had dispensed with bids when it was necessary to make an emergency truck purchase. Recently there were problems getting the current dump truck into drive; it took three hours to warm it up before it would go into drive. Transmission repairs can be costly and he feels it would be best to purchase the new dump truck now and not put more money into the old truck.

It was moved by Lynch, seconded by Cook to read Ordinance #1653 by title only and declaring an emergency. There was discussion on the three options for lease to own. Option #2 is the one being recommended. After three years the truck will be purchased for \$1. Zuppardo asked that the Administrator be sure that the documentation fee of \$370 is correct. It was Council's thought that it would be best to get the truck sooner than later to avoid paying out repairs. The motion passed 5-0. **ORDINANCE #1653 – An Ordinance dispensing with bids and authorizing the immediate purchase of a 2013 dump truck with accessories and declaring an emergency** was read by Mayor Myers by title only. It was moved by Lynch, seconded by West to accept Ordinance #1653 as read by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 5-0.

Police Chief John Drake presented lease to own information on a new 2014 Police Interceptor cruiser, for three annual payments. It would be outfitted locally. There have been problems with the old cruiser; it would not be traded in, but sold. He hopes to get \$8500-\$9000 for it. It will be through the State bidding plan. It was moved by Walls, seconded by West to approve the three year lease to own for the 2014 Police Interceptor cruiser. Motion passed 5-0.

The Mayor reminded residents that leaf pick-up will continue through November, and that leaves must be bagged and placed by the curbs.

Cook informed those present of the plans for Christmas on Main Street, the second Saturday in December (December 14) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Included will be events at Cridersville Health Care Center, CJ's Pizza, Family Florist, the Museum Library, Thrift Store, Bayliff & Son Funeral Home, Lions Club, Garden Club, Mayor with helium balloons, Fire Department with all funds from breakfast going to Books for Kids at the school. The Department will also see that each child receives a gift on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Community Markets will have Christmas Cookie decorating at the Fire House. There will be events at Cridersville UMC, possibly some open-air transportation, Chief Drake and Dare, and Otterbein may do something as well.

Mayor Myers advised some residents have been asking if there is a storm shelter in the community. Unfortunately the Village does not have a facility that would serve this purpose. She suggested that neighbors reach out to each other when bad weather threatens.

Ann Baker, 109 S. Dixie Highway shared that she recently received a warning for going 37 mph on Reichelderfer Road. She stated that she feels the 25 mph speed limit is too low. Council members explained the reasons for the lower speed limit: the elementary school, the park that will be developed, and the walkers and bikers in that area when the weather permits. It was stated that the limit will remain at 25 mph.

Greg Joseph, 231 E. Main expressed frustration that a tree was planted in front of his house, and would like it removed. Previously tree roots caused the sidewalk there to be uneven. Cook stated that the Tree Commission made the best judgment they could on the type of trees that have recently been planted in the tree lawn on Main Street. The Village will trim the trees, and the sidewalk is scheduled to be repaired.

Donna Brossman, 214 W. High asked if something was going to be done concerning the truck traffic on High Street. Mr. Walls advised that when the Safety Committee met on October 24<sup>th</sup>, it was decided they would recommend making High Street a “No Truck Route”. Trucks will need to turn around on Gay Street.

It was moved by Walls, seconded by Zuppardo to read Ordinance #1654 by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 5-0. **ORDINANCE #1654 – An Ordinance to change High Street from Gay Street to Reichelderfer Road to a “No Truck Route”** was read by Mayor Myers by title only. It was moved by Walls, seconded by Zuppardo to accept Ordinance #1654 as read by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 5-0. Chief Drake advised that signs will be posted.

It was moved by Cook, seconded by West to adjourn the November 18, 2013 regular meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

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Candace Stevely, Clerk-Treasurer

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Lorali Myers, Mayor