

VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting - January 13, 2014

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, Robert Conner, Eric West, Paul Lynch, Stacey Cook, Clerk-Treasurer Candace Stevely, Solicitor Angela Elliott, and Village Administrator Jarid Kohlriseser. Councilwoman Shirley Anderson was absent.

It was moved by Walls, seconded by Lynch to approve the absence of Council member Shirley Anderson. Motion passed 5-0. Mrs. Anderson is still recuperating from surgery but doing better.

It was moved by Conner, seconded by West to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2013 regular Council meeting, and the December 18, 2013 special Council meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Myers welcomed the newest member to Council, Robert Conner.

The Mayor shared the 2014 Committees:

<u>Records Commission:</u>	<u>Streets & Sidewalks:</u>	<u>Utilities & Surface Water:</u>	<u>Finance:</u>
Candace Stevely	Rick Walls	Paul Lynch	Eric West
Susan Bassitt	Shirley Anderson	Stacey Cook	Rick Walls
Mayor Lorali Myers	Eric West	Shirley Anderson	Bob Conner

<u>Parks & Recreation:</u>	<u>Property & Equip.:</u>	<u>Planning (Subdivision & Land Annexation):</u>	<u>Safety</u>
Shirley Anderson	Stacey Myers-Cook	Bob Conner	Mayor Myers
Bob Conner	Shirley Anderson	Rick Walls	Rick Walls
Stacey Cook	Paul Lynch	Paul Lynch	Eric West
			John Drake
			Rick Miller

It was moved by Conner, seconded by Lynch to elect Eric West Council President for 2014. Motion passed: Walls-yes, Conner-yes, West-abstained, Lynch-yes, Cook-yes. (4 yes, 1 abstention)

It was moved by West, seconded by Conner to accept the recommendation of the Village Administrator and hire Choice One as the Village Engineering firm for 2014. Motion passed 5-0.

It was moved by West, seconded by Walls to hire Angela Elliott as the Village Solicitor for 2014. Motion passed 5-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole: There was no meeting.

Utilities & Surface Water – The Village employees were commended for doing a great job during and after the recent storm. Leary Construction has been contacted to add the Village to their schedule for the water tower cleaning project, which will take place in the spring.

Planning - At the December 18th meeting a tentative date of May 17 was discussed for Clean-up Day.

A zoning issue regarding a motor home which had blocked the neighbors' view has been resolved and is now parked in front of the garage clearing the neighbors' view. Chief Drake advised that if a vehicle is titled as a motor home then it is a recreational vehicle.

Mr. and Mrs. Vastano, owners of the property at the southwest corner of the Reichelderfer Road/National Road intersection, attended the meeting and requested that the flower planter previously placed there not be put back, even though it has been determined it was on the Village right-away. Choice One Engineering has examined the area and advised that there is a problem with the height requirement. In order to have a clear line of vision at the corner, the contents of the planter will need to be lowered. The Committee will need to further assess the intersection and the objects that could present vision obstructions: the large utility pole now in place, the church sign, the sign for Otterbein which they want to put back, and the flower planter.

Our yearly Tree City application has been submitted for renewal. Clean-UP Day is tentatively scheduled for May 17 from 8 a.m. to 12 Noon.

Finance – The Committee met on December 18th and discussed the 2014 pay package finalization. There had been discussion about giving an employee reaching the top of their pay range a one-time lump sum payment instead of raising the pay range limit. It was brought to the Committee's attention that if this occurred, it would not be covered by PERS. The cap on the pay scales was removed.

West reminded residents that starting the first of 2014, we are now working with the City of St. Marys, not CCA, regarding our income tax services. One of their representatives will be at the Village Hall on April 5th from 9 a.m. to Noon to help residents with any tax related questions or concerns they may have.

Park – We have applied for a grant through ODOT's Transportation Alternative Program. It is an 80/20 match grant. We have applied for \$3,000 for materials to extend the walking paths for DeLong-Pioneer Park.

Streets – There was a total of 85 hours of overtime during the month of December. It was brought up by Conner that even though the school is no longer there, seven No Parking signs remain at the previous location. The number of signs needed will be evaluated. The crossing signs in that area do not specify "school" and will be left up due to the school bus stop and the playground.

Properties – The new dump truck has been received and is in service.

Safety: Police Chief Drake distributed the December reports. There were 137 calls for service for December; the number of calls was up about 100 over last year. There was \$49,327.21 collected in

2013 in Mayor's Court. There were 107 citations written into Municipal Court. There were 48% citations and 52% warnings for the year. The majority of citations written were for traffic and minor misdemeanors.

Police Chief Drake recommended that the contract with Robert Gryzbowski as Village Magistrate be continued. It was moved by West, seconded by Cook, to contract with Robert Gryzbowski as the Village Magistrate for 2014. Motion passed 5-0.

Fire Chief Miller presented the December and year-end reports. There were 50 runs in December. He stated that their response time averages 7.02 minutes and calls requiring transport to the hospital less than 50 minutes.

The department's annual Pancake Day, part of Christmas on Main Street, brought in \$512, which will be used for books for the Cridersville Elementary School.

They are applying for a grant for the station, which will include a new tool-cutter, ram, and other items. It must be in by January 31, 2014.

Mayor Myers stated that a recent call from Otterbein during a storm had stated that the roof was collapsing. There were other fire departments called due to the information given. Once there they found that there were ceiling tile coming down due to a water leak.

OLD BUSINESS:

West reviewed with Council the change being proposed to the 2014 Pay and Benefits Package, Ordinance #1652: removal of the caps on pay scales due to the fact that there will be no PERS benefits on any lump sum payments made.

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

During the discussion regarding the Ordinance wording, errors were found which needed amending. It was moved by West, seconded by Cook to amend Ordinance #1652 as follows:

Page 3 - Section Two-Village Administration, insert "Minimum Starting Wage" above Village Administrator; Village Administrator: Insert "Salaried" beside Village Administrator and remove "covered under separate agreement" and add "\$45,000.00 annually";

Page 5 - Section Eight-Vacations: Amend the first sentence to read: "All non-elected full time employees hired on or after "December 31," 2011 shall receive paid vacation as follows; Amend line 3 to read "After Ten (10)" years of continuous employment, and Amend line 4 to read "After Twenty (20)" years of continuous employment.

Amend the last sentence to read: All non-elected full time employees hired prior to December 31, "2011" shall receive paid vacation as follows.

The motion passed 5-0. The vote to accept Ordinance #1652 as amended passed 5-0.

Mayor Lorali Myers gave the State of the Village 2013 in review and Council's project projections.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved by Conner, seconded by West to pay the necessary bills for the month of January 2014. Motion passed 5-0.

There was Council discussion on the Village's 2014 membership for the Wapakoneta Area Economic Development Council. Mr. Walls stated they keep everyone updated in Auglaize County and are willing to work with anyone to bring in development. It was moved by West, seconded by Walls to renew the Village's Investment Membership for the WAEDC for \$3,850.00 for 2014. Motion passed: Walls-yes, Conner-yes, West-yes, Lynch-yes, Cook abstained.

Auglaize County Homeland Security & Emergency Management has requested a \$.05 increase per capita assessment for 2014. This would raise the amount from \$.70 to \$.75, a total increase of approximately \$92.60. It was moved by Cook, seconded by Conner to approve the \$.05 increase per capita assessment for 2014 for the Auglaize County Homeland Security & Emergency Management. Motion passed 5-0.

It was moved by West, seconded by Conner to appoint Stacey Cook and Paul Lynch as the Village of Cridersville's representatives to the Auglaize County Regional Planning Commission. Motion passed: Walls-yes, Conner-yes, West-yes, Lynch-abstained, Cook-abstained.

The Fire and Rescue contract for 2014 was presented to Council. The Village owns the equipment, and the Fire Department operates the equipment. It was noted by the Solicitor that other communities have separate lease agreements with fire departments. As the Solicitor continues to review this arrangement, if the contract or documents need to be updated before the end of 2014, the information will be brought to Council. We still hold a #4 insurance rating. The amount of the 2014 contract will be \$30,200, which will be paid to the department out of the levy monies received into the Fire & Rescue Fund. The decrease of \$21,700 was due to watching their funds and spending wisely, and by using funds out of the EMS billing monies received. The department hopes to purchase a new ambulance next year and to replace a fire engine in 3-5 years. This will be a six-month contract to be reviewed before the six months.

It was moved by Conner, seconded by West to read Resolution #2229 by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 5-0. **RESOLUTION #2229 – A Resolution to renew the contract with the Cridersville Volunteer Fire Department for Fire and Rescue**, was read by Mayor Myers by title only. It was moved by Conner, seconded by West to accept Resolution #2229 as read by title only, with the opportunity to review the situation in six months, and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 5-0.

It was moved by Cook, seconded by West to read Ordinance #1654 by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 5-0. **ORDINANCE #1654 – An emergency ordinance enacted by the Village of Cridersville, Ohio in the matter of the maintenance repair and operation of Interstate Highway IR75**, was read by Mayor Myers by title only. Discussion: The Village Administrator answered

Council questions regarding the ordinance. The State of Ohio has never had an agreement with municipalities that have some property along I-75. This will give the Village's consent for the State of Ohio to do all the necessary maintenance. It was moved by Cook, seconded by Conner to accept Ordinance #1654 as read by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 5-0.

Village Administrator Jarid Kohlreiser advised Council that through a municipality magazine he learned of an EMEX Reverse Auction for the purchase of electric power. The auction took place today, January 13th. Our old rate was .07557 kwh (\$66,270.96 per year); the new rate will be .06010 kwh (\$52,704.57 per year). This will save the Village approximately \$13,566.39 per year. The distribution side will remain through AEP, but the supply side will change to Energy Mee, an Illinois company. It was moved by West, seconded by Cook to read Resolution #2230 by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 5-0. **RESOLUTION #2230 – A Resolution of the Village of Cridersville authorizing the purchase of electricity for public use through an online auction website 1/13/2014**, was read by title only by Mayor Myers. It was moved by West, seconded by Conner to accept Resolution #2230 as read by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 5-0.

It was moved by West, seconded by Cook to appoint Rick Walls and Bob Conner as the legislative members for the Volunteer Fire Fighter's Dependents Fund for 2014. Motion passed: Walls-abstained, Conner-abstained, West-yes, Lynch-yes, Cook-yes.

It was moved by Cook, seconded by Walls to appoint Eric West as the Prevailing Wage Coordinator for 2014. Motion passed: Walls-yes, Conner-yes, West-abstained, Lynch-yes, Cook-yes.

It was moved by Cook, seconded by West to appoint Bob Conner and Rick Walls as the Village's two Ex-officio representatives to the Wapakoneta Area Economic Development Council. Motion passed: Walls-abstained, Conner-abstained, West-yes, Lynch-yes, Cook-yes. The WAEDC meets the first Wednesday of each month from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Fire Chief Rick Miller updated Council on the current 2014 Cridersville Volunteer Fire Department Officers: Rick Miller Chief; Greg Kohler Assistant Chief – 1 opening for Assistant Chief; Corporal Ben Eley & Glen Hensley; 1st Lt. Jeremy Stahler and one Lt. resigned last week. Joe Schimpf is the fiscal officer. There will be five or six other members who will be applying to take an officer position, and they will be testing for open positions.

Dates were set for the following Village events in 2014:

Annual Garage Sale Day-May 3, 9 a.m.-4 pm.; Annual Clean-Up Day-May 17, 8 a.m.-Noon;
Firemen's Jamboree-July 11 & 12; first Saturday in September, the 6th for the Garden Club Mum Sale;
Fall Festival-Monday, October 27; Trick or Treat-October 30, 6-7:30 p.m.; Christmas On Main Street-Saturday, December 13.

It was noted that the Cridersville Branch Library has now extended hours to include Thursdays.

Mayor Myers advised that the Committee of the Whole will only meet when it is necessary to call a meeting. Council Committees have been working well and it is anticipated they will continue to do so.

It was moved by West, seconded by Walls to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter regarding wages, with action to be taken afterward. Motion passed 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was discussion with regard to two employee wages.

It was moved by Cook, seconded by Conner to go out of Executive Session. Motion passed 5-0.

The Mayor shared the number of hours that the Chief of Police and the Village Administrator have worked in 2013. She had met with each person and given each a specific increase, but asked that Council approve of her giving each of them an additional \$.40. It was moved by West, seconded by Conner to approve the Mayor giving an additional \$.40 to the Chief of Police and the Village Administrator. The motion passed 3-2. Vote: Walls-no, Conner-yes, West-yes, Lynch-yes, Cook-no.

Conner asked Council to be thinking about the Village zoning in advance of a Planning Committee meeting which will be scheduled in the first quarter of the year.

It was moved by Conner, seconded by West to adjourn the January 13, 2014 regular Council meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

Candace Stevely, Clerk

Loralie Myers, Mayor