

VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting – JANUARY 11, 2016

Mayor Rick Walls called the regular Council meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Rick Walls; Council members Joe Bailey, Shirley Anderson, Eric West, Paul Lynch, Stacey Cook and Robert Conner. Also in attendance: Clerk-Treasurer Candace Stevely, Village Administrator Jarid Kohrieser, Police Chief John Drake, Fire Chief Rick Miller, and Solicitor Angela Elliot.

The Mayor advised he was sworn in on December 30, 2015. Stacey Cook and Joe Bailey were sworn in last week.

It was moved by West, seconded by Cook to accept the minutes for the December 14, 2015 regular Council meeting as written. Motion passed 6-0.

2016 Reorganizational Items:

It was moved by Conner, seconded by Bailey to nominate Eric West for 2016 Council President.

Vote: Bailey-yes, Anderson-yes, West-abstained, Lynch-yes, Cook-yes, Conner-yes. Motion passed.

It was moved by West, seconded by Cook to accept the recommendation of the Village Administrator and hire Choice One, Sidney, Ohio, as the Village Engineering firm for 2016. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Walls distributed the 2016 Organization Chart.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee of the Whole: No meeting was held in December.

Utilities & Surface Water: Our crews repaired a water leak on Well #3 at the Water Plant. The Village did have to issue a boil water alert for about six houses within the Village due to a water main break occurring in the Meadowbrook condos. Repairs were made and houses were back in service within 24 hours. Also, we will be getting estimates from Woolace Electric for electrical needs at our wastewater plant. The Village Administrator will be getting estimates to do some electrical wiring in the basement. It will probably be completed soon.

Planning: No report.

Finance: Our income tax total collected for the year 2015 was \$318,725.77, up \$35,110.61 from 2014's total.

Park: Hemleben Construction backfilled around the memorial maze sidewalk; the cost was shared with the Historical Society. They also installed the entry sidewalk off of Water Street. We received letters from ODNR Nature Works Program notifying that the Village received a \$6,643 grant for the south parking lot area of Delong Pioneer Park, and a second grant in the amount of \$13,135 to replace the Town Pond shelter. Both projects will be completed in 2016. There will be an in-kind match for both projects

Streets: We received a quote of \$17,225 from Sidney Sealcoat to crack seal the last remaining streets. We have contacted Auglaize County to get an estimate to chip and seal Elizabeth Street and E. Sugar Street this year, which will be completed after the gas company finishes their project.

Properties: Spieles Nursery has planted our latest round of tree plantings. A new furnace was installed at the shelter house in Tower Park.

Safety: Police- Chief Drake distributed December reports. There were 185 calls for service, and 33 citations written. There were a total of 2049 calls for service in 2015, 11 crashes, 100 arrests and 700 traffic stops with 250 traffic tickets written. He reported that there will be a full upgrade to the Mayor's Court program which will cost approximately \$7,500. The funds will come from funds already appropriated. Chief Drake stated that he would like to keep Todd Kohrieser as the Village Magistrate. The Solicitor will be speaking with him. A contract will be signed and then the \$500 annual fee will be paid.

Fire- Chief Miller had a call for assistance and had to leave the meeting. He had passed out the reports for December and the year 2015. There were 65 calls in December, and there were a total of 630 runs for the year.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved by Conner, seconded by West to pay the necessary bills for the month of January 2016. Motion passed 6-0.

Boy Scout leader Brian Musselman presented Scout Cody Watkins, who addressed Council regarding his desire to do his Eagle Scout project providing a dog park in the Village. He left drawings of two possible locations, which would be on higher ground. The estimated cost is \$2,000. It would have benches. The **Parks Committee will meet** with Cody on Thursday, **January 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** The Committee will bring their recommendation to Council in February.

Ordinance #1670 was tabled until the February meeting because the Ohio Basic Code information has not yet arrived.

Resolution #2285 was tabled until the Fire Department can present their Fire Contract with the Village.

Mayor Walls asked for two Council members for the local Volunteer Fire Fighter’s Dependent Fund. Stacey Cook and Bob Conner volunteered.

The Mayor asked for two representatives to the Auglaize County Regional Planning Commission. Paul Lynch and Joe Bailey volunteered.

Eric West volunteered to be the Prevailing Wage Coordinator for 2016.

Mayor Walls will be the Village’s Ex-officio representative to the Wapakoneta Area Economic Development Council for 2016, and Bob Conner will be his backup in case he cannot attend.

It was moved by Cook, seconded by Lynch to accept the 2016 Cridersville Volunteer Fire Department Officers, which are the same as 2015: Chief Rick Miller, Assistant Chiefs-Ben Eley & Greg Kohler, Captains- Mike Seiner & Glenn Hensley, and Joe Schimpf Finance Officer. Motion passed 6-0.

Dates were set for the following 2016 events in the Village: Community Garage Sales-May 7 (basically 9 a.m.-4 p.m.), Village Clean Up Day-May 14 (8 a.m.-12 noon), Fall Festival-October 24 beginning with a parade at 5:30 p.m., Trick or Treat-October 27 (6-7:30 p.m.), Christmas On Main Street-December 10, and the Fireman’s Jamboree on July 8 & 9.

The annual Tax Assistance Day will be held March 19th, 9 a.m.-12 noon at the Village Hall.

The Village Administrator advised that there will be a sanitary repair at the old Dollar General building, as soon as possible. Main Street will be closed at that time from Hickory Street to Dixie Highway, and traffic will be rerouted. The area will be stoned until the next asphalt project.

Police Chief Drake advised Nathan Dillard resigned effective last Sunday. It was moved by Cook, seconded by Bailey to accept Nathan Dillard’s resignation. Motion passed 6-0. The Chief has placed an ad in the paper this week and next, and interviews should be conducted in February.

Boy Scout leader, Brian Musselman would like to retire American flags on Memorial Day in the park at 3 p.m. He wants the fire to be above ground. He will coordinate the event with the Village Administrator.

It was moved by Conner, seconded by West to adjourn the January 11, 2016 regular Council meeting. Motion passed 6-0.