

# VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING- JANUARY 12, 2021

The meeting was held at the Tower Park Community Building. Due to Covid-10 gathering restrictions, residents are required to attend by telephone. Dialing 1-971-224-6574 then entering code 647559.

A Special Council meeting was held January 09, 2021 to interview two (2) applicants to fill the council seat left vacant when Frank Oen resigned on November 30, 2020. Council voted to appoint Dylan Lauck to the remaining term which will end December 31, 2021.

Mayor Rick Walls called the regular meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Rick Walls, Solicitor Angela Elliott, Fiscal Officer Susan Bassitt, and Council Members: Joe Bailey, Dorance Thompson, Eric West, Rick Allen, Stacey Cook and Dylan Lauck. Also present were Police Chief Paul Robbins and Fire Chief Rick Miller. Village Administrator Jarid Kohlrieser was present via telephone.

Mayor Walls turned the floor over to Police Chief Paul Robbins. Chief Robbins stated there was an accident on December 29, 2020 at about 5:15p.m. The incident began in the 100 block of West Main St. and ended in the 200 block of W. Main St. The vehicle involved crashed and caught on fire. Officer Nicholas Rayoum and Officer Derrick Barginere were on duty at the time and first to arrive at the scene. With no concerns for their own safety the officers approached the vehicle and were able to remove the severely injured occupant and place in a safe location until the Cridersville EMS could transport two (2) victims to the hospital. Chief Robbins presented the officers with a Life Saving Award Plaque and commendation pins for their uniforms. The Chief expressed his gratitude and pride, thanking the officers for putting everything on the line to get that person out of the car. He said they miraculously managed to get through that entire incident with no loss of life. The Mayor and Council thanked the officers as well. The media was present to take photos for the news.

It was moved by Bailey, seconded by West to approve the Council minutes for the December 09, 2020 regular meeting and the January 09, 2021 Special Council meeting as written. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Walls asked for nominations for 2020 Council President. Joe Bailey nominated Eric West, seconded by Dorance Thompson. Motion passed 5-0, West abstained.

Mayor Walls asked for a motion to accept the Rules of Council as written, with no changes being made for 2021. Motion was made by West and seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Walls presented the 2021 Committee assignments. The chairman for each committee is as follows:

Streets and Sidewalks – Dorance Thompson

Utilities/Surface Water - Joe Bailey

Parks/Recreation – Stacey Cook

Finance – Eric West

Property/Equipment – Dylan Lauck

Planning/Land Annex – Rick Allen

Safety – Rick Walls

Joe Bailey asked if a third council member could be added to the safety committee. The Mayor said that can be done and can be discussed at a later time.

Mayor Walls ask for an appointment for Village Solicitor for 2021. Bailey motioned to appoint Fitzgerald, Reese and Elliott who has been the solicitor for several years. West seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Walls asked for nominations for a 2021 Village Engineer, Jarid Kohrieser suggested Choice One, West made a motion to accept Choice One, seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Walls asked for a Prevailing Wage Coordinator. Bailey nominated Eric West, seconded by Allen. Motion passed 5-0. West abstained.

Mayor Walls asked for 2 representatives for the Auglaize County Regional Planning Commission for 2021. West nominated Joe Bailey and Rick Allen, seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 4-0. Allen and Bailey abstained.

Mayor Wall's asked for 2 council members to serve on the board of the Fire Fighter's Dependent's Fund for 2021. Cook and Thompson served last year. Eric nominated them for this year, seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 4-0. Cook and Thompson abstained.

Mayor Walls said he has been the Village's representative to the Wapakoneta Area Economic Development Council for and is willing to continue and suggested Rick Allen as his back up. Mayor Walls and Rick Allen were nominated to serve by Bailey, seconded by West. Motion passed 5-0. Allen abstained.

## **Committee Reports**

**Committee of the Whole:** Mayor Walls they had a meeting on January 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss an additional half percent (½%) income tax. He said they went through questions that Greg Myers and a committee of residents had compiled. They are going to put together pamphlets to distribute to residents.

**Utilities and Surface Water:** Jarid Kohrieser reported that Choice One Engineering has submitted the paperwork to the state for the E. Main. St. Sanitary Sewer Project which is estimated at \$1.2 million. We should receive notice of approval or rejection from the state in February or March.

**Planning:** Jarid reported that work is still being done between the Village and the Crossroads representatives regarding the TIF district and the Developer Agreement. He said it has been a long process with great conversations by both parties and there are just a few things to tighten up within those documents so they should be ready very soon. Mayor Walls commended Jarid for all the time and work he has put into this project.

**Finance:** There was no report.

**Park:** There was no report.

**Streets:** Jarid said trees have been replaced by Speiles Nursery along Main St. and in Delong-Pioneer Park. The cost was shared since some of the trees were under warranty.

**Properties:** Jarid stated the F450 was taken to Kerns Ford for repairs and new front tires that cost \$2,900.00. Wagner Overhead Door replaced a panel and parts on the salt shed building. The new backhoe was purchased for \$80,000.00 including trade-in and is now in service.

**Safety:**

Police Chief Robbins reported there was \$1,930.00 taken into Mayor's Court in December totaling \$15,385.00 collected for 2020. There were 195 calls for service in December and a total of 1,808 calls in 2020 which was 15 less than 2019.

The Chief said the Pro Vision body cameras have arrived. Each camera is assigned to an officer.

The Kenwood portable radios have also arrived and assigned to an officer as well.

Chief Robbins once again recognized Officer Rayoum and Officer Barginere for their heroic act in removing the individual from the burning car on December 29<sup>th</sup>.

Stacey Cook asked if there was body cam video from the incident. Chief Robbins said there was but it isn't very good due to the amount of movement of the officers and the flames of the fire. The cameras on the officers at that time were not the new cameras yet.

Joe Bailey asked Chief Robbins if he was having any trouble with someone breaking into unlocked cars. The Chief said there had been five (5) incidents in the last two (2) months. All of the cars were unlocked and mostly small change was taken.

Fire Chief Rick Miller presented his report for December of 2020, there were 58 EMS runs and 15 fire runs for a total of 73. There were a total of 774 runs for the year, which is down 21 from last year. Chief Walls said he has four (4) Captains at this time, Brandon Schimpf, Brendan Fry, Marc Salas and Matt Kohler. The secretary is Sharon Kill and the Fiscal Officer is Joe Schimpf. Ben Eley is the Assistant Chief.

## **Old Business:**

Mayor Walls introduced **Resolution #2405 declaring the necessity of an election on the question of approving the passage of an ordinance to amend Ordinance #1606 in order to increase the income tax rate from one percent to one and one half percent to fund the Village Police Department effective July 01, 2121 and with the increase to continue until such time as the electors of the Village vote to amend said rate for the purposes as provided in Ordinance #1606 of the ordinance of the Village of Cridersville.** Motion to read by title only was made by West and seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 6-0. Motion was made by Bailey and seconded by Thompson to accept Resolution #2405 as read by title only for the second reading. Motion passed 6-0.

**A Special Council Meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 6:00p.m. for discussion of the tax and to vote on Resolution #2405 for the third and final reading. Bassitt will put a notice in the Wapak Daily News.**

## **New Business**

Mayor Walls presented to council **Resolution #2407, A contract to hire the law firm of Fitzgerald, Reese and Elliott, Co. as solicitor for the Village of Cridersville,** declaring an emergency. The law firm will provide the Village with legal counsel for the year 2021 at a fee of \$100.00 per hour. Motion to accept the resolution as read and declaring an emergency was made by West and seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Walls presented to council **Resolution #2408, Authorizing the Village Mayor to enter into a Contract and Lease with the Cridersville Fire Department,** to be read by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion to suspend the rules and read Resolution #2408 by title only and declaring an emergency was made by Thompson, seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 6-0. Mayor Walls read Resolution #2408 by title only and declared an emergency. The Cridersville Volunteer Fire Department will provide the Village with fire and rescue services for 2021 for a fee of \$40,000.00. Motion to accept the resolution as read and declaring an emergency was made by Cook, seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Walls presented to council **Resolution #2409, Authorizing the Village Mayor to enter into contract with the Village of Buckland,** to be read by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion to suspend the rules and read Resolution #2409 by title only and declaring an emergency was made by Thompson and seconded by Allen. Motion passed 6-0. Mayor Walls read the resolution by title only and declared an emergency. The Cridersville Volunteer Fire Department will provide the Village of Buckland with EMS

services for an annual fee of \$1200.00. Motion to accept the resolution as read and declaring an emergency was made by Thompson and seconded by Cook. Motion passed 6-0.

**Resolution #2410 for Logan Township EMS contract was tabled until next month pending a contract amount.**

Jarid Kohlrieser stated that the annual local Income tax assistance day will not be held due to Covid-19 this year. Jarid said St. Mary's does a great job handling the resident's calls and people dropping off forms. They will continue helping this year.

Jarid said that Clean Up Day had to be cancelled last year due to budgetary restraints and Covid-19 restrictions. He is scheduling it this year on May 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:00a.m. - 12:00p.m. Hopefully the Covid-19 conditions will improve by that time and it can be held as scheduled.

Jarid stated that effective January 01, 2021 a \$2.00 assessment was added to monthly water and sewer bills to go into a Storm Sewer Fund for future repairs and development.

Joe Bailey made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter with no decision to be made. Motion seconded Thompson. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion to return to regular session after just a few minutes in executive session was made by Thompson and seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 6-0.

It was moved by Allen, seconded by Bailey to adjourn the regular council meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

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Susan Bassitt, Village Fiscal Officer

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Rick Walls, Mayor