

VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING- JANUARY 10, 2022
7:30 p.m.

Prior to tonight's meeting, Mayor Walls swore in council members Eric West, Dorance Thompson and Dylan Lauck who were elected for new terms of January 01, 2022-December 31, 2025. As well as newly appointed member Steve Numbers. His term is January 01, 2022-December 31, 2023.

Call to order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

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

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

It was moved by Bailey, seconded by Lauck to approve the Council minutes for the December 13, 2021 regular meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Walls asked for nominations for 2022 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 2022. Dorance Thompson said he thinks council had mentioned changing something regarding executive sessions during 2021. This will be tabled until February.

Mayor Walls presented the 2022 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 – Steve Numbers
Planning/Land Annex – Dylan Lauck
Safety – Rick Walls

Mayor Walls had **Resolution #2424 appointing Fitzgerald, Reese and Elliott as Village Solicitor for 2022**. Their rate is \$100.00 per hour. Thompson motioned to accept the resolution, West seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Walls asked for nominations for a 2022 Village Engineer, Susan Bassitt stated Jarid would recommend Choice One, West made a motion to accept Choice One, seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 6-0.

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

Mayor Walls asked for 2 representatives for the Auglaize County Regional Planning Commission for 2022. Joe Bailey and Dylan Lauck volunteered.

Mayor Walls said he has been the Village's representative to the Wapakoneta Area Economic Development Council and is willing to continue and suggested Dorance Thompson as his back up. Thomson agreed.

Mayor Walls presented **Resolution #2428 appointing Randy LaMarr Jr. to serve as magistrate of the Village of Cridersville Mayor's Court for 2022 and declaring an emergency**. Motion to read by title only was made by Bailey and seconded by Thompson. Mayor Walls said that Mr. LaMarr served as magistrate for 2021. Although he didn't need to hear any cases the Village must have a magistrate. Motion to approve was made by Bailey and seconded by Lauck. Motion passed 6-0.

Committee Reports

Committee of the Whole: No report.

Utilities and Surface Water: Joe Bailey reported Leary Construction completed the annual inspection on the big water tower, per contract, and found no issues or repairs are needed.

Planning: Dylan Lauck reported that were three (3) zoning violations mailed out for the month. They have all been brought into compliance.

Josh Bloomfield from Crossroads gave an update on the project east of I-75. Electric is being run to the pump station then they will move on the Main Street phase. He said they had positive response from a recent convention of restaurants and hotel chains as well as possible financial investors. There is another convention in the spring he will attend and hopefully get some commitments. He is looking at grants, the Toledo Port Authority and other investors for funding the estimated five million dollar (\$5,000,000.00) project. He will keep council updated on a regular basis as to the progress of the development.

Finance: No report.

Park: Stacey Cook stated the stone pieces for the Ram base have been delivered and the mason has been contacted. A timeline for construction has yet to be set.

Streets: No report.

Properties: Steve Numbers reported the Village's skid steer was taken to the dealer for two (2) service code errors. It also needed a new water pump as well as regular service. All the work has been completed and it is back in service.

Safety:

Police Chief Robbins stated there were 123 calls for service in December and a total of 1826 for 2021.

He said the Police Department had a little under \$23,000.00 left in his 2021 budget at the end of the year.

He also said part time officer Zach Mortimer resigned in December to take a full time position with the Allen County Sherriff's Office and full time officer Jacob Mortimer will be leaving January 11th to take a position with the Lima Police Department.

Fire Chief Rick Miller presented his report for December of 2021, there were 62 EMS runs and 9 fire runs for a total of 71. There were a total of 802 runs for the year which is higher than previous years. He is planning some renovations in the station and is going to try to purchase two (2) new vehicles this year.

The department will be having food a truck festival in April. They have ten to fifteen trucks so far. He will have more information as the event draws near.

Old Business: There was nothing under old business.

New Business:

Mayor Walls presented to council **Resolution #2425, authorizing the Village Mayor to enter into a Contract and Lease with the Cridersville Fire Department**, Mayor Walls said this if for the annual contract with the Cridersville Volunteer Fire Department stating they will provide the Village with fire and rescue services for 2022 for a fee of \$40,000.00 to be paid in four equal quarterly installments. Motion to accept the resolution as read and declaring an emergency was made by West, seconded by Cook. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Walls presented to council **Resolution #2426, authorizing the Village Mayor to enter into a contract with the Village of Buckland**. The Cridersville Volunteer Fire Department will provide the Village of Buckland with EMS services for 2022 for an annual fee of \$1200.00. Motion to accept the resolution as read and declaring an emergency was made by Cook and seconded by West. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Walls presented to council **Resolution #2427, authorizing the Village Mayor to enter into a contract with Logan Township**. The Cridersville Volunteer Fire Department will provide Logan Township with EMS services for 2022 for an annual fee of \$8,500.00.

Motion to accept the resolution and declaring an emergency was made by West and seconded by Lauck. Motion passed 6-0.

Dorance Thompson asked Chief Robbins if he was planning on buying a new cruiser this year. Chief Robbins said he was planning on the purchase in 2023 and plans on getting bids in November. Thompson and Bailey pointed out the automobile shortage going on as a result of the Covid pandemic and suggested getting bids earlier. Chief Robbins said he would look into the valid dates of the state bid and move forward from there.

Eric West asked for a Finance and Safety meeting to discuss hiring police officers. The meeting of both committees was scheduled for January 20th at noon.

Stacey Cook said she would like to set dates for the annual community events but would prefer to wait until Jarid Kohlrieser is in attendance.

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

Susan Bassitt, Village Fiscal Officer

Rick Walls, Mayor