

VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING - JANUARY 09, 2023
7:30 p.m.

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 Bryan Creech and Fire Chief Rick Miller, and Village Administrator Jarid Kohlieser.

It was moved by Lauck, seconded by West to approve the Council minutes for the December 12, 2022 regular meeting. Motion passed 5-0. Joe Bailey had not arrived.

Mayor Walls asked for nominations for 2023 Council President. Thompson nominated Eric West, seconded by Cook. 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 2023. Motion made by Numbers and seconded by Cook. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Walls presented the 2023 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 #2444 appointing Fitzgerald, Reese and Elliott as Village Solicitor for 2023**. Their rate is \$100.00 per hour. West motioned to accept the resolution, Numbers seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Walls asked for nominations for a 2023 Village Engineer, Jarid recommended 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 Lauck. 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. Thompson agreed.

Mayor Walls presented **Resolution #2445 appointing Randy LaMarr Jr. to serve as magistrate of the Village of Cridersville Mayor's Court for 2023 and declaring an emergency.** Mayor Walls said that Mr. LaMarr served as magistrate for 2022. Motion to approve was made by Thompson and seconded by Lauck. Motion passed 6-0.

Committee Reports

Committee of the Whole: No report.

Utilities and Surface Water: Joe Bailey Village crews replaced and installed a new Muffin Monster unit at our wastewater plant. This unit is a grinder unit used to shred debris and solids before it enters into pumps. Village crews had to respond to many reports and issues of frozen and busted water lines from privately owned lines from the freezing weather we had a few weeks ago but luckily any village owned lines were spared from any damages through that time.

Planning: No report.

Finance: No report.

Park: Stacey Cook stated our village administrator has been working on the paperwork for the capital improvement grant through the ODNR for the Legacy Park shelter house project. We have received quotes from two suppliers and are reviewing all documents currently. We are hoping to be able to submit and hear back from the state within a few weeks and then start the bidding process for the project.

Streets: Dorance Thompson reported Henderson Concrete Construction has been hired to replace many sections of gutter/curbs in the Meadowbrook subdivision which should be conducted anytime depending on weather forecasts. Also, both Park Parking Only signs have been installed at the Legacy Park parking lot.

Properties: Steve Numbers reported the village's big dump truck was taken out to Miller Auto for service and repair work which totaled \$2,989.10.

Safety:

Police Chief Creech stated there were 169 calls for service in December and a total of 1,713 for 2022. West added that Officer Sam Blank started in Cridersville Elementary School as the School Resource Officer. Thompson asked Chief Creech if anything had been done in the alley behind W. Main St. in regard to the reported cars driving at excessive speeds. The Chief responded that he has not had the opportunity yet.

Fire Chief Rick Miller presented his report for December of 2022; there were 61 EMS runs and 9 fire runs for a total of 70. There were a total of 840 runs for the year which is higher than previous years. His renovations for the station are nearly complete. AEP and Nutrient helped with the costs for the renovations. The new fire truck has been ordered and it should arrive late this year or early next year. In December, the fire department was able to help over 40 local families through Helping Hands of Christmas.

The department will be holding a food truck festival on April 29, 2023. This year the fire department will be adding a Jeep Fest to the festival. 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 #2441, authorizing the Village Mayor to enter into a Contract and Lease with the Cridersville Fire Department**, Mayor Walls said this is for the annual contract with the Cridersville Volunteer Fire Department stating they will provide the Village with fire and rescue services for 2023 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 Cook, seconded by Numbers. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Walls presented to council **Resolution #2442, 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 2023 for an annual fee of \$1200.00. Motion to accept the resolution as read and declaring an emergency was made by Numbers and seconded by West. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Walls presented to council **Resolution #2443, 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 2023 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.

Mayor Walls presented a Participation Agreement with the Auditor of State for their Uniform Accounting Network (UAN). Bassitt explained the agreement would provide the Fiscal Officer's office with new software as well as hardware for the Payroll and Accounting programs. The cost would be approximately \$300.00 per month. The program is basically an open ended lease. The Village would never own either the software or hardware. The new system would help streamline the current process and

assist with the year end process. Motion to compete the Participation Agreement was made by Numbers and seconded by Cook. Motion passed 6-0. Thompson brought up said that he noticed during the E. Main St. project that he noticed numerous vehicles parking the wrong way. Solicitor Angela Elliott, said the ORC does have a section, 451 1.69 that states the right side of the car must be on the right side of the curb.

Thompson also said he still has concerns about trash problems in the Village and about Storage Containers being parked in driveways and the property owners driving over curbs to access their driveways.

Community Garages Sales for Saturday May 6th and Clean Up Day for May 13th. Firemen's Jamboree will be July 7th and 8th.

Fall Festival with the parade will be October 23 rd, Trick or Treat will be October 26th. Christmas on Main will be December 9th.

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