

**VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**July 25, 2022**

Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call

Mayor Rick Walls called the Special Council meeting to order. Present were Council President Eric West, Joe Bailey, Dorance Thompson, Dylan Lauck, Steve Numbers and Stacey Cook. Also present: Fiscal Officer Susan Bassitt, Solicitor Angela Elliott, Administrator Jarid Kohlrieser and Police Chief Paul Robbins.

Mayor Walls stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss a **Memorandum of Understanding for the provision of a school resource officer to the Wapakoneta City Schools by the Village of Cridersville**. The officer would be placed at Cridersville Elementary School. He said the schools will pay 70% of the cost of a full time, year round officer or 100% of the cost for an officer just during the school year. The agreement amount is for a wage of \$25.00 per hour along with full benefits. The school will pay \$57,433.60 for an officer with a family health insurance plan or \$48,795.60 for an officer with an individual health plan which amounts to 70% of the estimated cost of the officer's salary and benefits for a calendar year as determined by the Village. The Village would provide a cruiser for the officer to take to the school which the Village already has available.

Joe Bailey said he needed more time to look at the agreement as this was the first he had seen it. Susan Bassitt stated the document was emailed to all council members the previous week so they would have time to review it before the meeting.

Stacey Cook questioned why this officer would be making \$25.00 per hour when the current full time police officer wage is \$20.00. The Mayor stated that it is at the suggestion of the school. They are offering the \$25.00 wage to the other school resource officers in the district.

After a brief discussion and a bit of confusion, Eric West motioned to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter with no decision being made. Motion was seconded by Lauck. Motion passed 6-0. Council moved to the empty library to continue so residents in attendance could stay in chambers.

After nearly an hour in executive session, council returned to chambers. Motion to return to regular session was made by Lauck and seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 6-0.

Solicitor Angela Elliott stated the executive session was to discuss new hires for the police department and possible restructuring and pay issues with regards to hiring the SRO. Mayor Walls asked Council if there was any more discussion on the SRO position. Dylan Lauck asked Chief Robbins if the new SRO would be required to complete the standard department training in the Village. He said they would need to do so and that is 300 hours of training. Stacey Cook pointed out a few wording errors in the agreement that Angela said she realized and would make the changes. The actual dates and liaison terms will be decided at the time of the hire. The remainder of council was ready to make a decision. **Mayor Walls asked for a motion to add the position of SRO to the Village pay ordinance. Motion was made by West and seconded by Lauck. Motion passed 6-0.**

Angela Elliott said Council could vote on the Memorandum of Understanding at this meeting or at the next one, whichever they prefer. **Eric West motioned to allow the Mayor to enter into the Memorandum of Agreement for a School Resource Officer with the noted changes discussed.** Lauck seconded. Motion passed 6-0. Angela will send a corrected copy tomorrow.

Mayor Walls asked school board member Ron Mertz if the board had looked at the agreement. Mr. Mertz said they hadn't, they were waiting on a final copy. Mayor Walls said he would get the final copy to Superintendent Aaron Rex.

Motion to adjourn was made by West, seconded by Numbers. Motion passed 6-0.

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Susan Bassitt, Fiscal Officer

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Rick Walls, Mayor