

VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting – June 24, 2024
7:30 p.m.

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

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

Present: Mayor Rick Walls, Council Members: Eric West, Dorance Thompson, Joe Bailey, Stacey Cook, Dylan Lauck were present. Also present: Fiscal Officer Taylor West, Police Chief Nathan Fried, Fire Chief Rick Miller, Village Administrator Jarid Kohrieser and Solicitor James Hearn.

Mayor Walls asked for a motion to excuse Steve Numbers from the regular council meeting due to work matters. It was moved by Thompson and seconded by West to excuse Numbers. Motion passed 5-0.

It was moved by Bailey and seconded by West to accept the minutes of the May 13, 2024, Regular Council Meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee of the Whole:

Utilities & Surface Water: Bailey stated our Village Administrator has submitted a grant for up to \$500,000 for a new well to be drilled and installed in Tower Park. This grant is through the county's CDBG Critical Infrastructure Program, and we will find out later this year if we were awarded for that. We did find out that the state did not award us grant monies for another critical infrastructure grant that would've replaced our raw pumps at the wastewater plant, so further exploring for funding continues for that. Leary Construction conducted work on our smaller water tower to update the interior coating to make it compliant with Ohio EPA standards. Our village administrator applied for a grant through the Ohio H2O Grant program, and we did receive \$6,045.00 to go towards the equipment purchase of a water valve exerciser. Global Electric was in and pulled one of our return pumps for service as well as looked at a blower control unit that needs replaced. The new compressor unit at the wastewater plant was purchased to replace the original unit that was no longer operable is wired in and ready for operation.

Planning: Lauck stated there was one zoning violation last month which did inquire with our village administrator to understand the violation and has since complied with the zoning code.

Finance: No Report

Park: Cook stated our village administrator was able to obtain an extension for the Legacy Park Shelter House project since the permitting was held up with the state. The permitting has since been approved and we are hoping for the structure to be delivered sometime in July. Also, the open-air shelter structure that will be installed in front of the enclosed shelter house has been delivered.

Streets: Thompson stated the US Bicycle Route Signs have been installed within the village. The signs are installed on East Main Street and on Dixie Highway. This route is part of the overall bike route that runs through the whole state of Ohio. The signs were provided by the state and installed by our village crews. The no left turn sign on Oak Street for

semis is up causing semis to reroute to Water Street for deliveries. Also please remember that grass clippings are not to be blown in the street.

Properties: Mayor Walls stated our big dump truck was back into Miller's Auto for a battery issue and for a fuel leak. Those repairs were made, and the truck has been back in service. Also, village crews conducted our annual clean-up day back in May and the village took in roughly 30 cubic yards of unwanted materials.

Safety:

Fire:

Chief Miller reported that there were 68 EMS calls and 6 Fire calls for a total of 74 calls for service for the month of May for a total of 413 calls for the year of 2024 as of June 1st.

The fire department was able to purchase a 2013 ambulance from Texas to replace the department's current 2001 ambulance, which has arrived in Ohio and is waiting to be wrapped. The Fire Department was able to use a \$50,000.00 grant that was awarded by the county to cover most of the costs associated with the purchase, leaving roughly \$10,000.00 to be paid out of Fire and EMS funding.

Cabo St. Lucas Fire department will be in town within the next few weeks to complete final paperwork for the donation of the department's old tanker, as the vehicle is not able to be used in the United States for Fire services.

The Fireman's Jamboree is approaching quickly which will have some changes this year. The 5k will be held as a glow run on Thursday July 11, 2024, with registration beginning at 7 p.m. with the race to begin at 8 p.m. Additionally, Saturday after the Blessing of the Badges, there will be a motorcycle show like the Jeep show at the Food Truck and Jeep Invasion. This year there are two days of live entertainment that will feature groups from all over.

Chief Miller also mentioned he will be applying for the BWC grant next month that could help them receive funding for a new cot and load system, which has an estimated cost of \$60,000.00.

Lastly, Chief Miller stated the new truck is in production and he would like a safety meeting to further discuss how Fire and EMS funds can be used to cover the cost of the new truck.

Police:

Chief Fried reported there 163 calls for service in the month of May, along with 9 tickets issued with 25 warnings.

Chief Fried also stated Rosewood Mobile Home Park has 10 evictions in process with court dates set in July.

The Police Department will be enforcing the State of Ohio laws regarding fireworks. Chief Fried stated many properties in town are not large enough to set off aerial or ground fireworks and the department will be dealing with the incidents on a case-by-case basis. Chief Fried stated the department has set up a schedule to make sure that prime time firework hours will be covered over July 3rd through July 5th.

Chief Fried also stated he has been looking into changing the police department phones and internet from Verizon to FirstNet, which would save the department roughly \$25.00 a month. He will be asking Back The Blue to cover the upfront cost of new equipment for the transition.

The Police Department will be having a dunk tank at the Fireman's Jamboree on Saturday July 13th with different volunteers such as the Cridersville SRO, Council members, and Wapakoneta City School Principals. This will be conducted as a fundraiser with proceeds going to Back The Blue.

Chief Fried also asked for a safety meeting to further discuss the camera project around town as the Village has received another quote for cameras at a better cost.

A safety meeting has been scheduled for July 1, 2024, starting at 7:30 p.m. to address the new truck purchase for the fire department as well as the camera project for the police department. The safety meeting will be held at the Village Hall.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Walls introduced Resolution 2490 a Resolution concerning the purchase of an ambulance and declaring an emergency. Mayor Walls read resolution 2490. Motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Walls introduced Ordinance 1711, an ordinance amending section 140.20, 174.21, 174.22, and 174.50. This was the first of three readings. Ordinance 1711 changes the time frames that residents must comply with village codified ordinance. Motion to pass the first of three readings was made by Lauck and seconded by West. Motion passed 5-0.

Other:

Chief Fried stated that there have been many children riding electric scooters around town, and after researching he has found that children under the age of 14 are not able to be on these vehicles, children under 16 years old must be accompanied by an adult, and children under 18 must wear a helmet while riding the scooters. Chief Fried has been able to warn individuals who he has seen riding the scooters.

West made a motion to go into executive session regarding land acquisition and police personnel matters with action to be taken. Motion was seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 5-0. Village Council went into executive session at 8:17 p.m.

At 9:05 p.m. West made a motion to adjourn from executive session, seconded by Lauck. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Walls proposed that the police department make an offer to an individual to be hired as a Sargent. West made the motion to accept the proposal made by Mayor Walls, which was seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion to adjourn was made by West and seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 5-0.

Taylor West, Village Fiscal Officer

Rick Walls, Mayor