

VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting – June 14, 2021

7:30p.m.

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

Present: Mayor Rick Walls, Council Members: Joe Bailey, Stacey Cook and Rick Allen. Eric West, Dorance Thompson and Dylan Lauck attended by phone. Also present: Solicitor Angela Elliott, Fiscal Officer Susan Bassitt, Administrator Jarid Kohlrieser, and Fire Chief Rick Miller.

It was moved by Bailey and seconded by Cook to accept the minutes of the May 10, 2021 Council Meeting and the May 24, 2021 Special Council Meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee of the Whole: No report.

Utilities & Surface Water: Joe Bailey stated Village crews repaired a couple floats as well as check valves for a couple lift pumps at the wastewater plant. They also dug and replaced a water meter pit off of E. Main St. National Water Services has started the installation of the new raw pumps at the wastewater plant. Crews also completed the annual spring time fire hydrant flushing program.

Planning: Rick Allen stated the Village Administrator did received approval from Wapakoneta City Schools and Apollo Career Center on the TIF district ordinance being read for the third and final time this later this evening.

Finance: Mayor Walls stated the City Of St. Mary's, on behalf of the Village, will be mailing to residents and businesses an informative letter explaining the new income tax rate and how to calculate that tax for this year. Mayor Walls also stated the Finance Committee met on June 2nd to discuss police employment and wages. They will meet again in July or August for further discussion.

Park: Stacey Cook said the Park Committee met May 19th. They visited all the parks and discussed ideas for each one. At Legacy Park it was decided the ram statue will be placed at the north end of the memorial garden facing Main Street. Also discussed was Phase 2 which would be building a shelter house and restrooms, then Phase 3 would add a splash pad. At Town Pond they discussed placing several benches around the pond along with a concrete walk to the shelter house. They discussed a handicapped dock creating better access to the pond for those with disabilities. She said Phillips Nature Trail needs some clean up and trimming along the path. The signage ideas were again discussed for Delong Pioneer Park that will be paid for from designated funds from American Electric Power. The committee discussed how to better maintain the pathways from weeds and to add more stone. Jarid Kohlrieser had an estimate of \$8,118.00 for addition of crushed stone. It was also brought up to possibly pave a portion of the trail to give better access to a short walk for anyone in wheelchairs or walkers and pushing strollers and riding bikes. It would run parallel to Reichelderfer Road between the parking lots. Jarid will try to get an estimate on that paving by next meeting. Adding benches, picnic tables and shelters were also discussed. They touched on Tower Park and discussed converting the tennis courts for pickle ball and a skateboard area. The Village has some playground equipment to place in Hinkle Park.

Streets: No report.

Properties: Mayor Walls said Clean Up day was a great success this year, due in part in not having one last year. They took in an estimated 160 cubic yards of unwanted items. The cost for the Village is roughly \$5,000.00 but is totally free to the residents.

Safety:

Mayor Walls gave the Safety report for Chief Robbins. There were 164 calls for service in May. There was \$1,170.00 taken into Mayor's Court. Zachary Mortimer and John Haehn were sworn in last month as Cridersville Police Department's newest part-time officers. Mortimer resides in Shawnee Township and completed Apollo Career Centers Police Academy. His twin brother Jacob is currently midnight shift Officer for the department. Haehn resides in Botkins and completed Wright State Lake Campus Police Academy. The Mayor also stated Cridersville did win the "Let's Back the Blue Challenge that Chief Robbins made to Waynesfield's Chief Motter last month for the most houses displaying blue light bulbs.

Fire Chief Rick Miller reported there were 68 calls for service in May. The Fire department was awarded a grant from the Elks that will be used for new tires on the Fire Chief's vehicle. Chief Miller said that the jamboree will be held in full swing on July 9th and 10th since Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted. The event will be just like in the past with the car show on Friday evening and a day full of events on Saturday. Details can be found on the Cridersville Fire Department's Facebook page. Anyone wishing to participate in the parade should contact the Fire Department. Stacey Cook will be sending out a community newsletter that will also contain the Jamboree schedule as well.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Walls introduced ORDINANCE #1699. Motion to read by title only for the third and final reading was made by Bailey and seconded by Allen. Motion passed 6-0. MAYOR WALLS READ ORDINANCE #1699, DECLARING THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE; DECLARING SUCH PROPERTY TO BE EXEMPT FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION; DESIGNATING SPECIFIC PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS MADE, TO BE MADE, OR IN THE PROCESS OF BEING MADE THAT DIRECTLY BENEFIT, OR THAT ONCE MADE WILL DIRECTLY BENEFIT, THE PARCELS FOR WHICH IMPROVEMENT IS DECLARED TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE; REQUIRING ANNUAL SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES; ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND; PROVIDING RELATED AUTHORIZATIONS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40(B) 5709.42, 5709.43, AND 5709.85; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ENTER INTO A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CROSSROADS OF NORTHWEST OHIO LLC, AND PROVIDING A GRANT PURSUANT TO THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT. The Ordinance agrees the Village of Cridersville to exempt from taxation one hundred percent (100%) to each Parcel as permitted and provided in Section 5709.40(B) of the Ohio Revised Code for up to thirty (30) years and to direct the current and future owners of each Parcel to make annual Service Payments in lieu of real property tax payments, in the same amount as they would have made real property tax payments provided that the tax increment financing (TIF) exemption and the obligation to make Service Payments are subject to any exemption applicable to the Improvement. Eric West stated there were questions brought up by resident Darrell Chapman at last month's meeting expressing concerns about the TIF district posing negative effects for the fire department in regards to property valuations being frozen for thirty (30) years. The Mayor said that the developer said if they want to sit down and discuss it now or in the future, they will do that. Mayor Walls said everyone involved is in full support of the Fire Department. Eric West asked Fire Chief Miller if he was in agreement with the ordinance, he said he was. **Motion to pass Ordinance #1699 as read for the third and final reading was made by Bailey, seconded by Allen. Motion passed 6-0.**

MAYOR WALLS INTRODUCED ORDINANCE #1700. Motion to read by title only for the third and final reading was made by Allen and seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 6-0. MAYOR WALLS READ ORDINANCE #1700, DECLARING THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DECLARING SUCH PROPERTY TO BE EXEMPT FROM REAL PROERTY TAXATION; DESIGNATING SPECIFIC PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTSMADE, TO BE MADE, OR IN THE PROCESS OF BEING MADE THAT DIRECTLY BENEFIT, OR THAT ONCE MADE WILL DIRECTLY BENEFIT,THE PARCELS FOR WHICH IMPROVEMENT IS DECLARED TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE; REQUIRING ANNUAL SEREVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES; ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAXINCREMENT EQUIVELANT FUND; AND PROVIDING RELATED AUTHORIZATIONS PURSUAT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40(B), 5709.42, 5709.43 AND 5709.85. This Ordinance authorizes a TIF district to the parcels on the east side of Dixie Highway from National Rd to the Village limits. **Motion to pass Ordinance #1700 as read for the third and final reading was made by Bailey and seconded by Allen. Motion passed 6-0.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob White of 327 W. Main St. voiced concerns about the last water newsletter saying our drinking water was unsafe. Jarid said the CCR letter comes out annually as ordered by the EPA showing the many tests results they require. He assured Mr. White the water is safe. The EPA wouldn't permit it if the water wasn't safe.

Bob White also said about 100 feet of the driveway at 306 Marcella is washed out. The meter plate is uneven. (on the meter pit) Jarid told Bob our guys went down and tightened it the day he reported it. The resident of 306 Marcella said there is a leak there. She said there is no dirt left under her driveway. Jarid asked if she had a drainage tile under her drive as required. She didn't know. Jarid said he dug up the area before and didn't find anything. He asked if they had their sewer line inspected. They have not. Jarid suggested they get someone to check their line. Jarid said he would meet them at the property at 10:00a.m. Tuesday morning and take a look at it again.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bailey and seconded by Cook. Motion passed 6-0.

Susan Bassitt, Village Fiscal Officer

Rick Walls, Mayor