

VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting – March 11, 2013

Mayor Lorali Myers called the regular Council meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Lorali Myers, Council members Rick Walls, Shirley Anderson, Tony Zuppardo, Eric West, Paul Lynch, and Stacey Cook; Clerk-Treasurer Candace Stevely, and Solicitor Angela Elliott.

It was moved by West, seconded by Anderson to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2013 Regular Council meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Utilities & Surface Water: The committee had met on March 7th, discussing the possibilities of increasing water rates. The topic will be discussed at the March 11th meeting.

Our Village Engineer, Choice One, has submitted our water tower by-pass line project to the Ohio EPA to apply for a Permit-To-Install (PTI). Our part of the engineering is estimated at \$1,700.

Planning: No report.

Finance: We had our annual Community Tax Day on March 9th from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the Village Hall. Approximately 22 residents utilized the opportunity. There was a joint Finance and Utilities committee meeting on March 7th; they discussed a possible water rate increase. The current rates are at 1.69% of the median household income. To receive some grants through the Ohio EPA, they require a 2.3%. For CDBG grant money, they require 2.5%. We do not qualify for some of the rates and low interest loans that are out there. With our current rates, we are not preparing a fund for our infrastructure when repairs are needed. It is between 60-70 years old. If we do nothing with our rates, with current inflation, we will have a negative balance in those accounts in a two-year period of time. We have a lot to look at, including from what funds our employees are paid, and to be sure we have our budget as tight as we can. This discussion will continue. **The Mayor requested the Committee of the Whole continue this discussion at a meeting on March 28 at 7:00 p.m.**

Copies were received of the Utility Department Overtime Report for February; they had 47.5 hours overtime. The Police Department had 17 overtime hours for February.

Park: The Village will be applying for funds through the CDBG grant, which is through the county, to use in our Tower Park. This is the only area of the Village to qualify and that is based on the median household income in that area.

Anderson had talked with Kevin Bailey and Jim Reeser, and they do not have any plans yet with regard to the football program.

Streets: Are in the planning stage on the Reichelderfer Road project. The bids are to go out in May. Walls expressed appreciation for the employees work to clean Village streets during the inclement weather.

Properties: No report.

Safety:

Police - Chief Drake distributed reports for February. There were 114 calls for the month; \$3,790.00 was collected from Mayor's Court.

He gave Council copies of a dog ordinance in the Ohio Basic Code. He would like Council to review it and come back next month with their opinions.

The new cruiser is in and is tentatively scheduled to be at United Fire on March 18. Once the old cruiser is stripped out, it will be placed in the parking lot for interested parties to inspect.

School lights have been refurbished; high reflection signs have been ordered. It will cost us only \$100 to wire them. The AEP will be putting in the poles soon and then the lights can be hung and wired.

Fire Department – Chief Rick Miller advised there were 42 calls last month: 35 rescue, 7 fire. Their December Pancake Breakfast with Santa made it possible for the Chief to present \$500 to the Books of Kids Program and \$200 to the Alumni Scholarship Fund.

Jarid Kohlrieser requested a joint meeting of the Planning and Parks Committees to brainstorm and go over park grants and ideas for us to apply for the CDBG grant this year.

He has been contacted by a subcontractor for the Ohio Power who would be able to come to a meeting and answer questions about them wanting to utilize part of the Pioneer Park for six months while they are doing work in the area. After the six months, it would revert back to what it was prior to the usage. **Parks and Planning committees will meet on March 28 at 6:00 p.m.**

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved by West, seconded by Cook to pay the necessary bills for the month of March 2013. Cook asked for information on several of the February bills: the Chief of Police has taken a beginner's Spanish class to help facilitate communication when necessary, since the department has lost the patrolman who spoke Spanish; ECR touch pads were purchased for water meters; some flags in town have been replaced; per capita assessment is an annual payment for Homeland Security-every municipality in the County pays to help with coverage if needed. Motion passed 6-0.

Resolution #2204 was introduced. Jarid Kohlrieser stated that the Village applied for the Naturework Grant two years ago and were awarded one-half of amount requested. It had been for a parking lot at the north end of DeLong-Pioneer Park. This year it is the same grant and will be for the south end of the park. It was moved by West, seconded by Lynch to read Resolution #2204 by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 6-0. **RESOLUTION #2204 – A Resolution to authorize the Village Administrator to apply for funds through Ohio Natureworks Grant Program for the DeLong-Pioneer Park and declaring an emergency**, was read by the Mayor by title only. It was moved by West, seconded by Walls to accept Resolution #2204 as read by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 6-0.

Resolution #2205 for Permanent Appropriations was introduced by the Clerk-Treasurer. The appropriations total for all funds will be \$2,014,546.36. It was moved by Cook, seconded by Walls to read Resolution #2205 by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 6-0. **RESOLUTION #2205 – A Resolution to make Permanent Appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Cridersville, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013**, was read by the Mayor by title only. It was moved by Cook, seconded by Zuppardo to accept Resolution #2205 as read by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 6-0.

Resolution #2206 was introduced by the Village Administrator, who gave background on the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP). We can apply for recreational trails, bicycle lanes, etc. He

thought this would be a way to get materials for walking trails at DeLong-Pionner Park. If the grant is received, it is estimated the Village would pay \$660 for our required share. It was moved by West, seconded by Walls to read Resolution #2206 by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 6-0. **RESOLUTION #2206 – A Resolution to authorize the Village Administrator to apply for funds through Ohio Department of Transportation Transportation Alternative Program for the DeLong Pioneer Park and declaring an emergency**, was read by the Mayor by title only. It was moved by West, seconded by Cook to accept Resolution #2206 as read by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 6-0.

Fire Chief Rick Miller advised that the Duchouquet Township Fire Contract for 2013 reflects a small increase of approximately \$1500. The annual amount will be \$41,737.75. The contract will be effective April 1, 2013. It was moved by Walls, seconded by West to read Resolution #2207 by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 6-0. **RESOLUTION #2207 – A Resolution to authorize and affirm the act of the Mayor to enter into contract with the Duchouquet Township Trustees and declaring an emergency**, was read by the Mayor by title only. It was moved by Walls, seconded by Zuppardo to accept Resolution #2207 as read by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 6-0.

Ordinance #1650 was introduced by the Mayor, who explained that the only Village employee position currently regarding residency is that of the Police Chief. Chief Drake would like to be able to look at housing options outside of the Village. The ordinance was written specific to Chief Drake, allows the Chief to reside within 15 miles from the Village. The Mayor stated that there are two options regarding this ordinance: reading the ordinance tonight as an emergency, or read it in three separate readings, or even possibly pass it as an emergency on the second reading. It was moved by West, seconded by Lynch to read Ordinance #1650 by title only for the first reading. Motion passed 6-0. **ORDINANCE #1650 – An Ordinance waiving the residency requirements of Village Code Section 34.02, establishing alternate residency requirements**, was read by Mayor Myers by title only. It was moved by Walls, seconded by Anderson to accept Ordinance #1650 on its first reading by title only. Motion passed 6-0.

Scheduled future event dates: Village Garage Sale Day - Saturday, May 4, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Residents can notify the Clerk's office to have a sale location put on a list or placed on the website. Village Clean-Up Day - Saturday, May 18, 8 a.m. to 12 Noon, proof of residency required. Firemen's Jamboree - July 12 & 13, 2013. Fall Parade/Festival- October 28; Trick or Treat-October 31, 6-7:30.

Chief Drake advised complete rebuild of the bridge over I-75 will be done by November. The State of Ohio has rented out the back of the old hardware store while the work is being done.

Rick Miller mentioned that tractor-trailers are continuing to break down the curb at the corner at High and Carlisle Streets. Chief Drake and Village Administration Jarid Kohlrieser will address the issue.

Sonja Brooks, manager of the Hometown Thrift Store gave Council current information on the store. They are now accepting gently used furniture. They will take leftover items from the garage sales.

It was moved by West, seconded by Anderson to adjourn the March 11, 2013 regular Council meeting. Motion passed 6-0.