

VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting – May 13, 2022
7:30p.m.

The meeting was held at the Cridersville Elementary School as a part of the 3rd and 4th grade student government education class.

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

Present: Mayor Rick Walls, Council Members: Eric West, Joe Bailey, Dorance Thompson, Dylan Lauck, Steve Numbers and Stacey Cook. Also present: Solicitor Angela Elliott, Fiscal Officer Susan Bassitt, Police Chief Paul Robbins and Fire Chief Rick Miller. The Village Administrator was unable to attend.

Cridersville Elementary Principal Jason Wolke and several teachers were in attendance with the schools 3rd and 4th grade students.

The Village Officials introduced themselves to the students. Mayor Walls explained a little bit about how council meetings work.

It was moved by West and seconded by Lauck to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2022 Council Meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee of the Whole: No report

Utilities & Surface Water: Joe Bailey reported there was a plugged sanitary sewer line in Meadowbrook. The Village crews had to water jet to unplug which took care of the issue. Artesian, the manufacturer of our water plants backwash filters, was called in to inspect the multi-media inside them as well as look at a leak that needs repaired. Evaluation of the media and a quote for repairs is forthcoming. And as most of you know, our E. Main St. Sanitary Sewer Project has finally begun. Construction crews have completed the 100 of E. Main and now are into to 200 block of E. Main. The intersection of Waverly and Main took longer than expected but has also been completed. There have been some trees that needed to be taken down to allow for the work and equipment. Trees will be replanted once construction is completed. Restoration of curbs, sidewalks, and yards will also be completed once the project is near its completion. For update closures and detours during this construction, please visit our Facebook page or contact the Village administrator's office.

Planning: Dylan Lauck reported there was one zoning violation for the month of April which has been brought into compliance.

Finance: No Report

Park: Stacey Cook reported the ram statue base in Legacy Park has been completed. This was a shared project through the Village as well as generous donations through the Cridersville Historical Society. The ram statue should be mounted within the next week or so. The statue was donated by the Bayliff family.

Streets: No Report

Properties: Steve Numbers reported that the Village did receive the deed from the Cridersville Historical Society for the vacant property located at 307 E. High St. Filing of this deed will be completed within the next couple weeks through the county's auditor office. Our Ford F250 pickup was taken to Kerns Ford to have a couple repairs made. Those repairs amounted to \$1,700.00. Also, our Annual Community Clean-Up Day is this Saturday, May 14th from 8am-12pm in Tower Park. This is for current residents only at no charge. For further information on what is and is not accepted, Village residents can check out our Facebook page or contact the Village Administrator.

Safety: Fire Chief Miller stated there were 50 EMS calls and 6 Fire calls for a total of 56 calls in April. As of May 1, 2022 total calls were 282. He said all the fire vehicles including the ambulances have been inspected this year and are in good shape.

Chief Miller stated the department needs to purchase the last of their 15 SCBA Air Packs. They will purchase 5 SCOTT Air Packs, 10-4500 psi/45-minute cylinders and 10 large face pieces. The invoice totals \$47,680.00. This total includes a \$2000.00 concession bargained for through previous purchases. On top of that, the department received a \$10,000.00 Equipment Grant from the State Fire Marshalls Office for 2022 for purchase of SCBA equipment. They were one of 7 departments receiving the maximum amount of \$10,000.00. Chief Miller asked the Village for \$37,680.00 from the Village Fire Fund to cover the remaining amount of the purchase. A resolution is on the agenda today under new business for the request.

Police Chief Robbins stated there were 93 calls for service in April, 2022. There were 118 in April of 2021. He said this was the first month since he took over as Chief in April, 2019 that there were less than 100 calls. He said he is very proud of that fact.

Chief Robbins stated that it was brought to his attention that the Village of Spencerville is now offering \$20.00 per hour for new hire full time police officers. He wants to make Council aware and see if a discussion is needed. Currently the Cridersville Police Department has an ad on INDEED, over the past 3 weeks he has received no candidates.

Chief Robbins said that he has worked over 100 hours in each of the last 3 pay periods. His overtime totaled 78 hours for those 3 pay periods. A Committee of the Whole was scheduled for May 24, 2022 at 6:00p.m. to discuss a plan to help the police department.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing under old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Walls introduced Resolution #2435, amending Resolution #2423, making permanent appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Cridersville, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022, and declaring an emergency. This resolution is approving the expense and amending appropriations for the Village to give the Cridersville Fire Department \$37,680.00 from the Village Fire Fund to purchase 5 SCOTT Air Packs, 10-4500 psi/45-minute cylinders and 10 large face pieces as requested by Chief Miller. Motion to accept the resolution and declare an emergency was made by Cook and seconded by West. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Walls introduced Ordinance #1702, enacting Chapter 178 providing for an excise tax on lodging by a hotel or transient accommodation. The resolution would levy a three percent (3%) tax on accommodations in Cridersville. The ordinance states the money collected would be put in the General Fund. Stacey Cook pointed out a number of typographical errors and inconsistent wording in the document and would like to table the first reading until the corrections were made. Mayor Walls asked if Council would like to table the first reading until next month pending the changes or to go ahead with the first reading as is. After discussion, a motion to pass Ordinance #1702 for the first of three readings was made by West seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 6-0. The solicitor will revise the ordinance for next month.

OTHER:

Mayor Wall asked the children in attendance if they had any questions. One student asked about the “village add on”. Mayor Walls explained there is a new development going on the other side of Interstate 75 called Crossroads that will have housing, shopping, hotels and various other possible businesses. The Mayor asked them what kind of businesses they would like to see come to Cridersville. Most all the students had ideas for restaurants, shopping and other various activities.

All the Council members thanked the students for coming and for their participation.

Dorance Thompson expressed concerns about the trees lost during the East Main St. Sanitary Sewer Project. They will be replaced when the project is complete.

Stacey Cook asked Council for a donation for the Cridersville Garden Club. Motion was made by West and seconded by Numbers to give the Garden Club \$500.00 to plant flowers in the Village public places. Motion passed 5-0 with Cook abstaining.

Mayor Walls asked Council if they would like to be in the Firemen’s Jamboree Parade this year. They will decide next month.

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

Susan Bassitt, Village Fiscal Officer

Rick Walls, Mayor

