

VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting – October 11, 2021
7:30p.m.

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

Present: Mayor Rick Walls, Council Members: Joe Bailey, Dorance Thompson, Dylan Lauck, Rick Allen and Stacey Cook.
Also present: Solicitor Angela Elliott, Fiscal Officer Susan Bassitt, Police Chief Paul Robbins and Fire Chief Rick Miller.

Mayor Walls asked for a motion to excuse Eric West who was unable to attend due to a work conflict. Motion made by Cook, seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 5-0.

It was moved by Bailey and seconded by Lauck to accept the minutes of the September 13, 2021 Council Meeting.
Motion passed 5-0.

It was moved by Allen and seconded by Bailey to accept the minutes of the October 06, 2021 Special Council Meeting.
Motion passed 5-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee of the Whole: No report

Utilities & Surface Water: Joe Bailey reported the Village made repairs to one of our recirculation pumps at the wastewater plant which is now back in service. Village crews will be flushing fire hydrants a Friday and Saturday nights.

Planning: Rick Allen reported that crews working on the Crossroads of Ohio Project have installed the water and sewer lines for the “Initial Infrastructure” phase of the project. The lift station, that completes this phase should be delivered and installed later this month. A Special Council Meeting /Public Hearing held October 06, 2021 to hear a zoning map amendment for 304 E. High St. After hearing discussion and comments, the application was unanimously denied. Council agreed to keep zoning districts the same in the area.

Finance: Mayor Walls said the September local income tax collection increased 6.4% over September last year.

Park: Stacey Cook reported that the limestone base for the Ram statue in Legacy Park has been ordered from Fidelity Builders Supply. No delivery date has been set. The same contractors that constructed the Legacy Park Gateway will construct this base as well. Stacey added donations for this project are still a work in progress.

Streets: Dorance Thompson stated that Buehler Asphalt and Paving has not yet given a date to complete the 100 block of N. Gay St. paving, but it is supposed to be yet this month.

Properties: Dylan Lauck stated the Village leaf pick-up program will start on Monday, November 1st and end on Tuesday, November 30th. Leaves must be bagged and placed at the edge of the street, but not in the roadway. Bags must be manageable for two people to lift or they will not be picked up. Nothing other than leaves will be accepted. Trash, yard waste, sticks, etc. will not be picked up. Pick-ups will be attempted daily though out the month.

Safety: Police Chief Paul Robbins stated there were 127 calls for service in September. There was \$640.00 brought into Mayor's Court. The Chief said cruiser 409 had to have the transmission replaced due to a failure of the front pump. The cost was \$4,595.87 and performed by Wapak Ford. He added that the cruiser has 83,897 miles on it and is not scheduled to be taken out of service until 2023.

Chief Robbins said Nevan Stolly was sworn in before this evening's Council meeting as the newest part-time patrolman. He is a graduate of Lima Central Catholic and Rhodes State College.

Chief Robbins asked for Council's permission to give raises up to fifty cents to his clerk and his detective effective the first pay in December. Motion to give Chief Robbins permission to give a raise of up to fifty cents to his clerk and detective was made by Thompson and seconded by Allen. Motion passed 5-0.

Dylan Lauck asked Chief Robbins if the five to ten animal attacks shown on his report the last few months was considered normal. Chief Robbins explained it is not as bad as it sounds. Auglaize County determines the category of a call made on the report and anything involving an animal would fit into this category. It could be wildlife, cat fights, etc. He said the horses on Dixie got loose and it was classified an animal attack. If it does involve a dog and a human it is turned over to the dog warden and the owner is contacted and action taken.

Rick Allen asked about the pit bull on the corner of Main and Waverly that was discussed last month regarding attacks on two people with their dogs. Chief Robbins said he would need to follow up with the dog warden as to what action was taken. Mayor Walls said the owners were sent registered letters from the warden, one for the dog running loose and one for all three of their dogs not being licensed.

Rick Allen asked when Chief Robbins last received a raise. Robbins replied he received a raise when he took over as chief in 2019. The Mayor said that it will be discussed at a committee meeting next month and a recommendation made to council.

Joe Bailey asked if reports about suspicious persons were normal. Chief Robbins said that it is, because of businesses such as Time Warner Cable, soliciting in town. They must have a solicitor's permit obtained from the Police Department and carry proof thereof but sometimes residents see them walking around not realizing who they are and call the police. Mayor Walls stated there are not currently any open permits and he is going to see about raising our fees for permits.

Chief Miller stated there were 66 EMS calls and 7 Fire calls for a total of 73 calls for the month of September. Total calls for the year as of October 01, 2021 are 581. He said the fire department will be doing some painting, sealing floors and installing led lights in the station and having a diesel exhaust system installed. They received a \$750.00 grant from the Elk's to be used on tires for the Chief's car.

Chief Miller said the Band Booster's is having a Bingo benefit f on October 23rd doors open at 4:30, bingo begins at 5:30. Hotdogs and chicken sandwiches will be available.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing under old business

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Walls introduced **RESOLUTION #2420 TO APPROVE THE NECESSARY TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR THE VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOR THE YEAR 2021**. Motion to read by title only and declare an emergency was made by Bailey and seconded by Thompson, motion passed 5-0. Susan Bassitt stated the resolution is to transfer funds from the department involved to the debit service accounts for the semi-annual loan payments for the street reconstruction loans, Water Tower and Water Plant Improvement loans, the Waste Water Improvement loan and the Sanitary Sewer Rehab loan. Motion to accept Resolution #2420 and declare an emergency was made by Thompson and seconded by Allen. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Walls introduced **ORDINANCE #1701 ESTABLISHING CERAIN RATES OF PAY, HEALTH AND HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE, SICK LEAVE, PAID HOLIDAYS AND VACATION FOR ALL NON-ELECTED VILLAGE EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEAR 2022 FOR THE FIRST OF THREE READINGS.** Susan Bassitt made a suggestion to council addressing confusion between the pay ordinance and the policy and procedure manual especially regarding yearly payout of vacation and comp time. She said the ordinance states the hours earned are to be used within the year they are earned and the policy book states there can be annual lump sum payouts. Bassitt said she had discussed the issue with the Solicitor, Angela Elliott and she said a statement could be inserted in the ordinance saying if conflicts arise, the Ordinance would be in control. Bassitt said if Council does want to give annual payouts, it should be added to the pay ordinance to avoid any future confusion. Stacey Cook clarified that one says to use it or lose it, the other to pay the time out. Mayor Walls said that was something everyone could mull over before the second reading. There was no further discussion, motion to accept Ordinance #1701 as read for the first of three readings was made by Bailey and seconded by Allen. Motion passed 5-0.

OTHER:

Dorance Thompson asked about having special shirts made for council to wear to the Crossroads of Ohio Dedication ceremony on October 22nd. Mayor Walls said it would cost \$250.00 for the shirts to be made by Auglaize Embroidery. Motion was made by Thompson to purchase the shirts with the cost being paid by the Village. Motion was seconded by Cook. Motion passed 4-0 with Bailey abstaining because he is affiliated with Auglaize Embroidery.

Stacey said all the scarecrow and movie event held at Legacy Park last weekend went well. The Fall Festival Parade is October 25th.at 5:30p.m. Parade participants are to line up at the church at 5:00p.m., no registration necessary. The costume contest is after the parade at the Fire Station where entrants can register at that time.

Trick or Treat is October 28th from 6:00 until 7:30.

Motion to adjourn was made by Allen and seconded by Cook. Motion passed 5-0.

Susan Bassitt, Village Fiscal Officer

Rick Walls, Mayor

