

**VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting – September 19, 2023**  
**7:30 p.m.**

Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call

Present: Mayor Rick Walls, Council Members: Stacey Cook, Steve Numbers, and Joe Bailey. Dylan Lauck called into the meeting. Council member Eric West was not present at the time of roll call but arrived at 7:32. Also present: Fiscal Officer Taylor West, Police Chief Nathan Fried, Solicitor Angela Elliott, Fire Chief Rick Miller, and Village Administrator Jarid Kohlrieser. Council Member Dorance Thompson was not present.

The motion to excuse Council member Thompson due to illness was made by Numbers and seconded by Cook. Motion passed 4-0. West was not present at the time.

It was moved by Bailey and seconded by Numbers to accept the minutes of the August 14, 2023, Regular Council Meeting. Motion passed 4-0. West was not present at the time.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Committee of the Whole:** A Committee of the Whole meeting was scheduled for October 4, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the pay package. This meeting will be held at the Village Hall.

**Utilities & Surface Water:** Bailey reported Artesian of Pioneer was in and replaced our filter media in four of our filters and repaired some plumbing issues which will be paid for through the Auglaize Development Grant. EJ Prescott was in with their crew to install a 3" inserta-valve for the wastewater plant. Village crews dug and repaired a storm tile on Lavina St. as well as draining, cleaning, and performing routine maintenance on the water plant wet well. During that time, Global Electric was in and replaced a check valve and other plumbing on one of our high service pumps at the water plant. Village crews also repaired the fire hydrant located at Main & N. Waverly and now is back in service. There was also a water leak located on Dupler St. that village crews repaired.

**Planning:** Mayor Walls reported our village administrator, village engineer, as well as Crossroads engineers are nearing completion of the final review of Crossroads plans and documents and are very pleased so far with the development of those plans thus far.

**Finance:** West stated there was no report.

**Park:** Cook reported new bench plaques have been installed on all the Legacy Park benches as the original plaques were getting worn. Classmates of Russ Holly will be donating several benches for Legacy Park in his memory. Cook also covered that at the last parks meeting discussion was brought up regarding cleaning up the baseball diamonds. Cook is also getting together a survey for community members regarding what they would like to see in the parks in the future. There will be a parks meeting held on September 26, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Village Hall.

**Streets:** Mayor Walls reported the gas company's subcontractor was in and repaved the alley off Shawnee Rd. that was damaged by their gas line project earlier this year. This project is now completed.

**Properties:** Mayor Walls stated there was no report, but asked Josh Bloomfield to give a report regarding the Crossroads of Northwestern Ohio. Mr. Bloomfield stated that after doing a district study, Crossroads will be focusing

more on the medical and residential areas to begin hoping to bring in the commercialization side. The first phase of the project will start with 50 acres of development. The Crossroads of Northwestern Ohio is in the current bid process for the medical road that will be built off National Road. Crossroads of Northwestern Ohio is hopeful to have the medical road break ground this year. After the medical road is put into place, the first anchor will be the Urology center for Dr. Craig Nicholson. The Urology center will roughly take 15 months to complete and will be a \$32.8 million dollar build. Mr. Bloomfield asked the Village of Cridersville Mayor and Council for a letter of support stating that the Village of Cridersville stands behind the development that is taking place and Crossroads is working in good faith. Mayor Walls asked if there were any objections from the council members. No objections were made.

**Safety:**

**Fire:**

Fire Chief Rick Miller reported that there were 79 EMS calls and 4 Fire calls for a total of 83 calls for service for the month of August for a total of 622 calls for the year of 2023 as of September 1st. Chief Rick Miller stated that the final numbers from the 2022 Jamboree are higher than they were last year. In addition, the Fire Department is in the works on how to improve for next year's Jamboree. The Fire Department will also bring back the Food Truck Festival in 2024.

**Police:**

Chief Fried reported the department had a total of 195 calls for service last month. Chief Fried also made mention that roughly \$200.00 more dollars was brought in this Mayors Court due to an increase in written tickets. In the past month there were 7 violations for weeds, 1 for trash, and 1 for an auto tag bringing the code enforcement total to 8 written warnings this month with 6 verbal warnings. There were three open warnings from last month, which two have now been issued a written citation.

Chief Fried mentioned that the trailer back on Hideaway has been torn down at no expense to the Village. The trailer was taken down by a resident of one of the trailer parks. Chief Fried is working with the property manager of Rosewood East and West to clean the trailer parks but would like to work with them one project at a time. Chief Fried and the property manager of the parks are working on the issues with all the stray cats. The parks manager has asked to live trap the cats and relocate them to a different area.

Linda Warner of 1628 West Hume Road stated that she has taken some cats to get fixed and then released them back out. These cats have a large tattoo on their belly. She is also trying to find locations to re-home these cats.

Chief Fried asked to raise the golf cart inspection fee to \$50 dollars per inspection. Council member Numbers stated that he would like to see a village resident discount be put into place. A resolution regarding an increase in golf cart inspection fees will be brought to the next council meeting. Chief Fried also made mention of bringing an impound lot to the village, however, council members asked the Chief to bring a study back regarding impounds to the next meeting.

Both the Fire Department and Police Department took part in the Alice training at Cridersville Elementary School last month. This training allowed law enforcement to train teachers on what to do if an active shooter situation arises. On October 19, 2023, starting at 9 a.m. there will be a full force training that will be taking place. Chief Fried asked for village residents to be aware that there will be kids on foot this day for training purposes.

Council member West asked the Chief how overtime was looking, and he stated that there has been a significant cut in overtime hours for the department. Cook asked when we would have five guys ready for the street due to training of a new patrolman. Chief Fried mentioned that the department will have four officers on the street for roughly another month due to the need of additional training. The police department is looking to hire more part-time officers and is currently in the process of conducting a background check on one candidate.

Council member Lauck asked for the Chief to check on citation amounts for the next meeting to see if the village could increase those amounts.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Walls asked young residents of the village who were at the meeting if there was anything that would like to talk about. These individuals stated that they would like to bring back the Cridersville Rams cheer, football, softball, and baseball teams. Mayor Walls, Stacey Cook and Joe Bailey stated that the village would be more than happy to supply an area for these teams to practice, but the village cannot fund these programs. The Cridersville Rams have been funded by

parent organizations in the past. Mayor Walls stated if the group of young people could get together a group of adults who wanted to organize a program and get into a league the village would be more than willing to help point them in the right direction.

**Mayor Walls introduced Ordinance 1705, an ordinance establishing certain rates of pay, health and hospitalization insurance, sick leave, paid holidays, and vacation for all non-elected village employees for the year 2024. The first of three readings.** Mayor Walls read the ordinance by title only. West stated that he would like everyone to look over the pay ordinance and bring feedback to the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for October 4, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. Council member West stated that there are things in the pay ordinance that need to be cleaned up. Council member Bailey agreed. Motion to pass the first of three readings was made by West and seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 5-0.

**Mayor Walls introduced Ordinance 1706, an ordinance amending ordinance No. 1606 to exclude earned income of minors and declaring an emergency.** Village Administrator Jarid Kohlrieser mentioned that a house bill just passed to where individuals under the age of 18 do not have to file income taxes therefore the village needs to update the minor exclusion. Mayor Walls read the ordinance by title only. The motion to pass the ordinance was made by Numbers and seconded by West. Motion passed 5-0.

**Mayor Walls introduced ordinance 1707, an ordinance amending and replacing village ordinance 1578 establishing regulations and responsibilities regarding solicitors, peddlers, and concessionaires to the Village of Cridersville and declaring an emergency.** Mayor Walls read the ordinance by title only. The motion to pass the ordinance was made by Bailey and seconded by Numbers. Motion passed 5-0.

**Mayor Walls introduced Resolution 2459, a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor and declaring an emergency.** Mayor Walls read the resolution by title only. The motion to pass the resolution was made by Cook and seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 5-0.

**Mayor Walls introduced Resolution 2460, a resolution to resolve that the 2024 alternate plan of distribution of Local Government funds from Auglaize County, Ohio as proposed by the Auglaize County Budget Commission, and attached here to, and is hereby accepted, and declaring an emergency.** Mayor Walls read the resolution by title only. The motion to pass the resolution was made by Bailey and seconded by Cook. Motion passed 5-0.

**Mayor Walls introduced Resolution 2461, a resolution to amend Resolution #2440, Making permanent appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Cridersville, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023, and declaring an emergency.** Mayor Walls read the resolution by title only. The motion to pass the resolution was made by Bailey and seconded by Cook. Motion passed 5-0.

**Mayor Walls introduced Resolution 2462, a resolution authorizing and directing the Village Administrator to place bids for the sale of a village vehicle and declaring an emergency.** Mayor Walls read the resolution by title only. The motion to pass the resolution was made by Numbers and seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 5-0. Village Administrator Jarid Kohlrieser mentioned that there is a minimum bid of \$2,000.00 and that people can contact him at 419-645-5001 during business hours to view the vehicle.

**Mayor Walls introduced Resolution 2463, a resolution authorizing and directing the Village Chief of Police to place bids for the sale of a village property and declaring an emergency.** Council member Steve Numbers made a motion to amend the resolution by adding a minimum bid of \$3,000.00. Motion was seconded by Bailey. Motion to amend the resolution passed 5-0. Mayor Walls then read resolution 2463 with the amendments by title only. The motion to pass the resolution with amendments was made by Numbers and seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 5-0.

**Other:**

Council member Lauck mentioned he would like the sale of the village property by the Police Chief to be put back for future car payments.

Council member Cook stated that the Ham and Bean dinner will be Thursday September 21, 2023, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church on the corner of Shawnee Road in town.

Fire Chief Rick Miller is in the process of getting a new Fire Chassis and will need to pay for the vehicle when it comes available. He will be getting the final numbers together so a resolution can be brought to the next meeting permitting the Fire Department to purchase the vehicle.

Mayor Walls mentioned that he and Village Administrator Jarid Kohlrieser have sat down and have come up with a proposal for a temporary idea for the parks. This will be discussed at the parks meeting held on September 26, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

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

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Taylor West, Village Fiscal Officer

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Rick Walls, Mayor