

VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting – September 12, 2022
7:30p.m.

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

Present: Mayor Rick Walls, Council Members: Joe Bailey, Dorance Thompson, Dylan Lauck, Steve Numbers and Stacey Cook. Also present: Fiscal Officer Susan Bassitt Village, Administrator Jarid Kohlriseser and Solicitor Angela Elliott.

Mayor Walls asked for a motion to excuse Eric West, he was working out of town. Motion was made by Cook, seconded by Lauck. Motion passed 4-1, Joe Bailey voted no.

It was moved by Bailey and seconded by Thompson to accept the minutes of the August 08, 2022 regular Council Meeting and the August 29, 2022 Special Council Meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee of the Whole: No Report

Utilities & Surface Water: Joe Bailey reported Village crews reinstalled two (2) return pumps at our wastewater plant that had been previously rebuilt. They also dug and repaired a 15” concrete storm tile located along National Road as well as a water meter pit along E. High Street, and dug and repaired a water leak on Wyandot Street. Woolace Electric was in to troubleshoot one of our recirculation pumps in which they found that the pump needs to be replaced. A price on that pump is forthcoming. Village Crews also performed annual maintenance on all of our blower units at the wastewater plant.

Planning: No report

Finance: A finance committee meeting was scheduled for Monday, September 26th at 7:30p.m. to discuss the 2023 Pay Ordinance pending confirmation of attendance by Eric West. Mayor Walls will contact him.

Park: Stacey Cook reported the re-stoning of Delong Pioneer Nature Park has been completed by another layer of stone being applied over a layer that was installed a month or so ago.

Streets: Dorance Thompson reported that the Village is still waiting to hear from the insurance company on any updates regarding the damage on W. Sugar Street. The Village Administrator has contacted them for an update on where things stand.

Properties: Steve Numbers reported the Village Crews filled cracks and resealed the driveway at the lift station.

Safety: Chief Miller was out of town for work, so Mayor Walls read the report provided by the Chief to council. There were 52 EMS calls and 9 fire calls for a total of 61 for the month of August. As of September 1st there have been 563 calls. The Fire Department’s construction project is back on schedule. The new floor will be poured early next week.

Mayor Walls reported the Police Department had 72 calls for service in August.

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Walls stated Council would skip to new business at this time and continue with old business afterwards.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Walls introduced Resolution #2436, accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor. The resolution shows the amounts approved by the Auglaize County Budget Commission that is collected from the Village Operation Expense levy as \$74,692.00 and the Village Fire Levy at \$69,180.00. Motion to accept Resolution #2436 was made by Bailey and seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Walls introduced Resolution #2437, that the 2023 alternate plan of distribution of Local Government funds for Auglaize County, Ohio as proposed by the Auglaize County Budget Commission is hereby accepted or rejected. The resolution shows the amounts to be distributed to Auglaize County subdivisions. Cridersville shall receive \$84,060.32 in Local Government Funds from the County. Motion to accept Resolution #2437 was made by Thompson and seconded by Cook. Motion passed 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were a handful of residents in attendance at the meeting whom voiced questions and concerns about the current state of the police department, when a new Chief would be appointed and comments on a School Resource officer. Mayor Walls and Council members responded to each question. Mayor Walls told resident she was glad they were here and very much appreciated their input. He assured them that he and Council are currently working on resolving every one of the issues discussed as quickly as possible.

A motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters with action to be taken afterwards was made by Thompson and seconded by Numbers.

After about an hour executive session, a motion was made by Lauck and seconded by Cook to return to regular session. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Walls announced it was decided to offer the position of Chief of the Cridersville Police Department to the current Cridersville Police Lt. Bryan Creech at an annual starting salary of \$62,000.00. The Mayor will contact Lt. Creech.

Other:

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

Susan Bassitt, Village Fiscal Officer

Rick Walls, Mayor

