

VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting – April 11, 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: Solicitor Angela Elliott, Fiscal Officer Susan Bassitt, Administrator Jarid Kohlrieser, Police Chief Paul Robbins and Fire Chief Rick Miller.

Eric West was not able to attend. Motion to excuse Eric West was made by Thompson and seconded by Numbers. Motion passed 5-0.

It was moved by Lauck and seconded by Numbers to accept the minutes of the March 14, 2021 Regular Council Meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee of the Whole: No report

Utilities & Surface Water: Joe Bailey reported the Village crews cleaned a few storm tiles and catch basins on Seneca and E. High St. A quote was received from Spicer Painting to repaint the exterior of the water treatment plant at a cost of \$7,500.00. There are potential plans to replace the five (5) lift pumps at the wastewater plant due to the fact that they are no longer manufactured and parts are no longer available. The pumps were installed in 2009. The E. Main Sewer project has been delayed, the contractor is waiting on manhole covers.

Planning: Dylan Lauck reported there were ten (10) zoning violations for the month of March. All have been brought into compliance. The Village Administrator and the Mayor met with Josh Bloomfield from Crossroads regarding zoning for the property to better fit their use. Those discussions are ongoing. Bloomfield said there weren't many updates at this time. They will be putting up 8' by 8' signs up along Interstate 75 soon.

Finance: Mayor Walls reminds residents the local income tax filing is due by April 18th.

Park: Stacey Cook reported that the Delong Pioneer Park signs have been ordered. The Village purchased 7' wide bush hog mower mainly for Delong Pioneer Park for \$5,500.00. The Village Administrator applied for a grant through the Wapakoneta Area Community Foundation in the amount of \$5,000.00 to go towards the total amount of re-stoning the walking paths for Delong Pioneer Nature Park.

Mayor Walls stated the Legacy Park parking lot has been being used by a resident to park and repair personal vehicles. The lot is part of the community parks system. It is for parking while using the park. The contractor that is performing the work on E. Main St. sewer project will be parking their heavy equipment and materials there during the project. For safety purposes a motion was made to close the parking lot entirely to the public until further notice. The Village Administrator is to post signs. Motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 5-0.

Streets: Dorance Thompson stated the Village may use the money budgeted this year for crack sealing towards some much needed repair of the curbs in Meadowbrook subdivision. A quote was received from Henderson Concrete Construction for the repairs and further evaluation of how much can be repaired with the allotted budget is to be determined.

Properties: Steve Numbers reported that a quote was received from Ellis Door and Window to replace three (3) of the back doors at the Village Hall including the library that totaled \$7,700.00. A quote from Western Ohio Asphalt Sealing was received to crack fill, seal, and restripe the Village Hall parking lot that totaled \$4,570.00. That will be completed within the next couple months. Someone broke into the power box/camera boxes at Town Pond. After repairs were done they broke into them again, unfortunately the old cameras didn't see who caused the damage. Crews replaced all of the components and installed new cameras as well. Crews also installed new cameras at the old recycle building and on the water treatment plant.

Safety: Police Chief Robbins stated there were 153 calls for service in March, 2022. There were 152 in March of 2021.

The Chief said full time officer Nevan Stolly resigned after accepting employment with the Lima Police Department. With Stolly leaving the department, they only have a total of six (6) officers. Three (3) are fulltime and three (3) part time. He had two (2) candidates set for interviews for the fifth fulltime position but they both accepted employment at larger departments before their interviews. Due to the staff shortage, Chief Robbins will have forty (40) hours of comp time in April and sixty-eight (68) in May. Lt. Creech will have thirty-two (32) overtime hours in April and forty-four (44) in May. He would like to schedule a safety meeting to discuss the possibility of academy recruitment. Mayor Walls said he would check with Eric West and see when a meeting could be scheduled.

Fire Chief Miller stated there were 48 EMS calls and 10 Fire calls for a total of 228 calls as of April 01, 2022. He said he has two (2) possible new members at the Fire department. The department is continuing their efforts with updates, repairs and painting at the station.

Chief Miller said the Food Truck Event is April 30th from 11:00 to 7:00. They have thirty to thirty five food vendors, there will also be crafts, an all day 50/50 drawing and Jamboree tickets will be available.

OLD BUSINESS:

Joe Bailey asked where the drainage project on Shawnee Rd stands. Jarid Kohlrieser said he got the estimate back at about \$15,000.00. That does include the driveway work necessary. The cost will come out of the Storm Sewer Fund.

Dorance Thompson stated Chief Robbins gave a quote last month for a new police cruiser that was good for ninety days. He asked if the Chief would be able to get another quote near the end of that ninety day period to see if the price increases, contemplating when to order the new vehicle.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Walls stated the May Council meeting will be held on Friday, May 13, 2022 at Cridersville Elementary School gym at 1:00p.m. The 3rd and 4th grades have a government class and thought it would be interesting to see a Council meeting. The Mayor will get in touch with the school principal and let council know where to park. Motion to approve having the meeting at the school was made by Thompson and seconded by Lauck. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Walls introduced Resolution #2433, to approve the necessary transfer of funds for the Village of Cridersville and declaring an emergency for the year 2022. Susan Bassitt explained the resolution is to transfer the semi-annual loan payments to the debt service accounts and to transfer the balance from the storm sewer fund that had been in the general fund to the newly established Storm Sewer Fund as a special revenue fund. Motion to pass Resolution #2433 was made by Bailey and seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Walls introduced Resolution #2434, 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. Susan Bassitt explained the resolution is to establish a Capital Project Fund for the E. Main Street Sewer Project. Receipts from the loan for the project from the Ohio Water Development Authority will be \$1,138,171.15. Motion to accept the resolution and declare an emergency was made by Thompson and seconded by Cook. Motion passed 5-0.

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. Dorance Thompson would like the ordinance to state that the money collected will go into the General Fund or another specific fund. Dylan Lauck suggests short term rentals are included as well. After discussion Mayor Walls asked if Council would like to table the first reading until next month pending clarifications and changes. Motion to table Ordinance #1702 until next month was made by Cook and seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Walls brought up to Council a letter from the Ohio Department of Commerce that local permits to sell alcoholic beverages will expire on June 01, 2022. Chief Robbins said there were no problems at the local establishment that serves alcoholic beverages. It was clarified that the notice is for all "Class C and D permits to sell alcoholic beverages at retail" Motion not to contest the renewals was made by Bailey and seconded by Lauck. Motion passed 5-0.

OTHER:

Stacey Cook said the Cridersville Historical Society's Beef and Noodle dinner will be August 28th from 4:30 to 6:30 at the Cridersville Elementary School. Tickets are \$9.00.

Melissa Luthman from the Cridersville Library said they would like to have a water truck come during their summer reading program. They would like to have the giant water fight at Tower Park on June 14th. She would like to tap into the Village water tap. Council agreed that would be fine.

Mayor Walls said the local Girl Scouts donated bird houses they made to the Village. The Mayor asked Jarid to place them around town.

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

Susan Bassitt, Village Fiscal Officer

Rick Walls, Mayor