

## VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting – July 12, 2021

7:30p.m.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

It was moved by Bailey and seconded by Lauck to accept the minutes of the June 14, 2021 Council Meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Committee of the Whole:** No report

**Utilities & Surface Water:** Joe Bailey stated the National Water Service installed new raw pumps at the wastewater plant. There are still a couple valves that need work. Those should be done within the next few weeks. Village crews also repaired an 8" broken water main on Woodridge Drive and installed a catch basin on Marcella.

**Planning:** No report but Jarid Kohlrieser did request a Planning Committee meeting to discuss conflicting zoning codes. The meeting was scheduled on Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:30p.m.

**Finance:** Eric West stated that he received a letter from St. Mary's explaining the new income tax rate and how to calculate that tax for this year, so he knows those letters did in fact go out to local residents.

**Park:** Stacey Cook said that unfortunately the Village did not receive funding from CDBG for the DeLong-Pioneer Park shelter houses. Beuhler Asphalt and Paving did look at the park to assess a future paving project (paths/trails) but due to the work involved and the specifications, they declined to offer an estimate. As a reminder the cost to re-stone the paths would cost roughly \$8,000.00.

Stacey also said the Legacy Park Gateway dedication held July 8<sup>th</sup> went very well. The Ram Statue will have a base built for permanent placement in the park. She expressed thanks to Jarid and his crews for their work cleaning up the park. She also thanked her brother Grey Myers, Tom Eversole, and two Lions Club members for weeding and staining the swing pergolas in the park.

**Streets:** Dorance Thompson reported the bid opening for the 2021 Street Resurfacing Project took place on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Buehler Asphalt and Paving gave the lowest bid. The Engineers estimate was \$145,372.23 and Buehler's bid was \$101,054.38. The project includes N. Gay St. from Main St. to North Street, and W. Sugar St. from the railroad tracks to where the curb line begins.

**Properties:** Dylan Lauck stated that Dotson's Plumbing and Heating was in to work on and recharge the library air conditioning unit. The unit is the original unit and has been worked on prior. An estimate is forthcoming for a replacement unit due to its age and prior repairs. The Village Hall addition was completed in 2000 so both the furnaces and air conditioning units will be in need of replacement soon.

**Safety:** Police Chief Paul Robbins stated there were 178 calls for service in June this year, compared to 133 for June of last year. There was \$1,100.00 collected in Mayor's court. Let's Back the Blue paid for T-shirts for the police officers to wear during Jamboree. The shirts were made by Auglaize Embroidery.

Chief Robbins said the 90 day deadline for the property owner of 217 W. Main St. to demolish the building on that property is July 20, 2021. Chief Robbins has sent the owner a 10 day notice. He asked the solicitor if the owner would happen to sell the property if the dilapidated building process would start all over. She said that it would start over. Robbins asked council if he should receive a time extension request from the owner, is council in agreement that no extension be given. Council was in agreement.

A **Safety Meeting** was scheduled for Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at noon to discuss hiring and retaining police officers.

Mayor Walls read a report submitted by Fire Chief Rick Miller since he would not be in attendance at tonight's meeting. There were 50 EMS calls and 9 Fire calls for a total of 59 calls for the month of June. Total calls as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 are 381.

Mayor Walls read a letter from Chief Miller stating the Jamboree was an overwhelming success. There were record crowds Friday and Saturday and as advertised there was "something for everyone." He thanked Chief Robbins and his officers for keeping the peace throughout the weekend. Chief Miller also thanked Jarid and the other Village workers for the barricades, trash cans and use of the Pioneer golf cart. He said "without their support his job would be overwhelming." Chief Miller said "that is what makes the Village strong, all divisions working together for a common goal." Chief Miller also thanked all who attended the event and for supporting the local Fire Department. He said, "Without them and all of you, we could not thrive and protect the residents of this great Village, people helping people, neighbor helping neighbor."

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing under old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

**Mayor Walls introduced Resolution #2416, accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Auglaize County Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor.** Susan Bassitt explained the annual resolution shows the amounts collected by the Villages two (2) levies. The Village levy for providing and maintaining fire apparatus, buildings, etc. for the fire department will collect \$68,397.00. The Village levy for Village operating expenses will collect \$44,603.00. The property tax collected by the inside mill limitation is \$73,857.00. Motion to pass was made by Thompson, seconded by West. Motion passed 6-0.

**Mayor Walls introduced Resolution #2417, amending Resolution #2403, making permanent appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Cridersville, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021, and declaring an emergency.** Susan Bassitt explained she is adding \$10,000.00 to appropriations to pay the grant to Crossroads Development. \$65,400.00 is being added for expenses to be paid by an OWDA loan for the E. Main St. sewer planning. And \$93,856.95 is being added for expenses to sewer/ storm sewer made possible by American Rescue Plan money being given to the Village by the State of Ohio. Jarid pointed out the Crossroads money is a grant that will be repaid to the Village when the TIF District funds become available. Bassitt said the money from ARPA needs to be obligated by the end of 2024 and projects completed by the end of 2026. Motion to accept Resolution #2417 and declaring an emergency was made by West and seconded by Allen. Motion passed 6-0.

Rick Allen announced he will not be running for re-election this fall due to personal reasons. He asked reporter Alex Guerrero from the Wapak Daily News to state in the paper that the Village needs some "younger blood" to fill positions on council.

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

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Susan Bassitt, Village Fiscal Officer

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Rick Walls, Mayor