

VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting –March 09, 2020

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

Present—Mayor Rick Walls, Council members: Dorance Thompson, Frank Oen, Rick Allen and Stacey Cook. Also present: Financial Officer Susan Bassitt, Solicitor Angela Elliott, Police Chief Paul Robbins and Fire Chief Rick Miller. Joe Bailey was out sick. Motion to excuse him was made by Cook and seconded by Thompson, motion passed 4-0. Village Administrator Jarid Kohlrieser was unable to attend.
Eric West arrived at 7:35p.m.

It was moved by Allen, seconded by Oen to accept the minutes of the February 10, 2020 regular Council meeting as written. Motion passed 5-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee of the Whole: No report

Utilities & Surface Water: Mayor Walls stated a contractor has been contacted about a potential storm sewer project on the east side of Shawnee Road. He will be submitting a quote.

Planning: Rick Allen stated the Village administration has had numerous meetings with the developers of a potential project east of I-75. More planning and meetings for the project are forthcoming.

Finance: No report

Park: Stacey Cook stated a brick mason has been found to work on the Legacy Park entrance gate. She said they are working out some final details on the project and have had meetings with Fidelity Builder's Supply on materials as well.

Streets: Dorance Thompson stated the Village crews are continuing to fill potholes throughout town as weather permits. They also removed a tree at 401 E. Main St.

Properties: Frank Oen stated that Ben's Construction was awarded the contract through the County's CDBG program to demolish the property at 304 E. High St. That demo will start within the next couple weeks.

Safety: Police Chief Robbins reported there were 140 calls for service in February. There was \$920.00 collected into Mayor's Court. He said his department had 8 overtime hours in February. The chief had twenty six (26) unpaid hours of overtime. He reported that full time Officer Baker resigned. He took a job with the Wapakoneta Police Department. Larry Drain resigned as Code enforcement Officer. Chief Robbins requested a Safety Committee meeting to discuss the position of a Code Enforcement Officer. Meeting was set for March 17th at noon.

Frank Oen asked Chief Robbins if he had hired a new part time officer. The Chief said he did. Frank said he was at a meeting a few weeks ago and was told that all hiring and firing is to be done by council. Chief Robbins said he has not been instructed to do so and has not done so in the year he has been Chief. Mayor Walls said he doesn't think that has ever been the case. Solicitor, Angela Elliott said that is not what the basic code says. She asked Frank if there was legislation supporting that information, he said there was. She asked him to forward a copy to her and the subject will be discussed next month.

Fire Chief Rick Miller said there were 60 EMS runs and 12 fire runs in February. Frank Oen stated that Rick Miller said awhile back that he only needed to show the fire department's books to the Mayor. Miller responded that is how it's been done, just the Mayor, Council President, his "money man" and himself that have looked at their books in the past.

Frank said that at the meeting he attended, it was stated if the Mayor sees them then they become public record. Miller replied that most everything he does is public record. Frank asked if he could see them, Miller said he could see anything that falls within "public records".

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing was brought up.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Walls introduced **RESOLUTION #2391, declaring it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the tem mill limitation and said levy being a renewal levy with an increase for fire protection and related services.** Motion to read by title only for the resolution's first of three readings was made by Thompson, seconded by Allen. Motion passed 5-0. Mayor Walls read the resolution by title only. The levy will renew the existing 2mls and add a new 1 ml. The 3ml levy will then generate \$68,108.00 per year. Motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Allen to accept the resolution as read for its first reading. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Walls introduced **Ordinance #1694, amending Ordinance #1642, establishing regulations for setting out and picking up trash and refuse in the Village of Cridersville and establishing fines.** Motion to read by title only made by West and seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 5-0. The Mayor read the resolution by title and said this it to establish a new ordinance about setting trash cans out by the street before and after pick up. He asked council if they want to read 3 times or pass as emergency. Allen felt the sooner the better. Thompson said it could wait. Frank stated it says trash can't be out before six (6) p.m., then asked who would be enforcing it. The Mayor responded it would be enforced by the police department. After discussion, council decided the ordinance needs some changes and clarifications on times and where trash cans need stored. Angela will change it to read that trash cans and bags be placed by the street for pick up no earlier than 6:00p.m. the night before and must be removed by 9:00p.m. the next day. Also, when stored between pickups, all trash receptacles cannot be visible from the street. If a resident can't comply with the regulations on occasion due to vacations, they are to call the non emergency number of the Cridersville Police Department so they will not be sited. The Mayor said the resolution will be read three (3) times. Motion to accept Ordinance #1694 as read for its first of three readings was made by Thompson and seconded by Allen. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Walls stated that everyone in the room is aware of the plans for development on the east side of I-75. He said the Village needs to set up a TIF district to encourage companies to build in the development. The Mayor introduced Greg Myers of the Wapakoneta Economic Development Council and asked him to explain the TIF district. He said it was the same as discussed about a year ago. TIF stands for tax increment financing, it is a public financing method that is used as a subsidy for redevelopment, infrastructure and other community-improvement projects. Mr. Myers said the value of the property is locked in at the time the legislation is passed then as the property value increases through development. The increase is made in TIF service payments rather than increased property taxes. The money would eventually (possibly 20 years) be held by the Village to make the improvements to the developed properties. The property to be included in the district runs from Hickory Street to 25A stretching east across I-75 to parts of Mudsock Road. There will be a cost for legal fees for the preparation of the legislation. The Mayor said the developer is willing to participate in the cost. Council needs to discuss the details and have legislation ready for the April council meeting. A Planning Committee meeting will be scheduled before the end of the month.

Mayor Walls stated he would like to give a raise of \$2.00 per hour to Village maintenance/water/sewer employees Corey Bassitt and Jeff McKenzie. The increase is being offered in efforts to keep the employees from taking employment elsewhere at higher wages. It has been very difficult keeping the third full time position filled in the past two (2) years. Rick Allen asked the employees if the increase was enough to keep them from leaving. Both of them said it would. Jeff McKenzie explained how water and sewer licenses work and how the state requires licensed operators at all water and sewer plants. Jeff also stated the job isn't just about the money. Jeff and Corey agreed they like working in the Village and the variety of their responsibilities and would prefer to remain here. Motion to give the \$2.00 per hour raise was made by West and seconded by Allen. Motion passed 5-0.

Dorance Thompson would like to urge residents to participate in the 2020 Census. The information gathered by the census determines the amount of money the state receives from the federal government.

Stacey Cook gave upcoming events in the Village:

Lion's Club Spaghetti Dinner will be March 19, 2020. From 4:30 to 6:30 at the Cridersville Methodist Church. The cost is \$8.50, the spaghetti is made by CJ's Pizza. Proceeds go to the local food pantry and Lion's Club projects.

The Easter Egg Hunt is April 4th at 10:30a.m. It is held at Cridersville United Methodist Church.

The Circus will be back in town on May 15th with shows at 5:00 and 7:30p.m.

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

Susan Bassitt, Village Fiscal Officer

Rick Walls, Mayor