

VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting – July 9, 2012

Mayor Lorali Myers called the regular meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Lorali Myers, Solicitor James Hearn, Clerk-Treasurer Candace Stevely, Village Administrator John McDonald, and all six Council members: Rick Walls, Shirley Anderson, Tony Zuppardo, Paul Lynch and Stacey Cook. Eric West arrived at the meeting during the Committee of the Whole report.

It was moved by Walls, seconded by Cook to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2012 regular meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole- Mayor Myers reported on the discussions at the June 28th meeting. Solicitor James Hearn advised there would be no problem with advertisements on the Village's website. Council agreed to participate in the Jamboree parade. Rick Walls will arrange for transportation. Chief Drake reported that the new police officers are doing well. There have been complaints of cars playing loud music recently; the police are cracking down. Chief Drake had sent out letters concerning cutting grass, gutters coming down, cars, and trimming weeds. West reported the baseball/softball season is finished. The numbers were up and everything went well. The diamonds looked great. Now they just need to be maintained. Zuppardo reported there was a zoning meeting and approval was given for a large garage on Elizabeth Street. Chief Drake advised that the Village curfew is the same all year long. Cook advised that the Village newsletter was mailed June 28th, and mentioned that the Historic Society will be selling chicken dinners at the Jamboree and are looking for volunteers to help. Chief Drake advised that officers have been scheduled for Jamboree weekend, and that that no full-time officers will be working the weekend to avoid overtime for these individuals. The Property Committee is looking into an issue concerning a property on Main Street, which may be brought back to the Committee of the Whole. There was a property with water running into the alley. Zuppardo checked with the maintenance group and it was determined that there is no problem there. There have been a lot of semis going through town, especially during early morning hours; the Police are working to manage the situation. Anderson inquired if there will be handicapped parking at the church on E. Main for the Jamboree.

Utilities & Surface Water: A crew repaired two water leaks: one on Marcella and one on North St. Lynch thanked the Village crew for their hard work during the power outage.

Planning: A variance hearing was held on June 26th for an accessory building. Variance was approved. Three zoning permits were issued in the past months: 2 accessory buildings and a deck.

Finance: Utility Department employee overtime information was supplied to Council. West scheduled a Committee meeting on Monday, July 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Park: Grass is growing on all the ball diamonds now. John McDonald advised that the Village employees will take care of the problem.

Streets: Crews were out after the wind storm picking up brush. Brush is to be chipped and disposed of. A couple of damaged signs were repaired. The employees did a great job.

Properties: An area approximately 5'x5' of the Library roof was damaged and has been repaired. The insurance company was notified.

Safety:

Police- They had 210 calls for service in June, and \$5,860 brought into Mayor's Court, with 48 citations written into Mayor's Court. Chief Drake reminded residents that there is a fireworks ordinance. There have been fireworks set off since July 4th, even 3:30 a.m. Complaints have been received. If this continues, the Police will take fireworks if they are found. He is contacting the pastor of the church on E. Main to get approval for handicapped parking during the Jamboree. We will be issuing special permits for golf carts during the Jamboree. There was only 4.5 hours of overtime for the Police Department due to the recent storms. The Chief thanked the Fire Department for their assistance in moving and cutting up trees, getting them off the roadways.

The Mayor reported that as the Safety Committee meeting the Village's legislation regarding vicious animals, especially pit bulls, was reviewed. Chief Drake presented an ordinance which the City of St. Marys adopted. After reviewing the ordinance, the Safety Committee is recommending that the ordinance be adopted by the Village of Cridersville. It is not ready for tonight's meeting, but will be presented at the August Council meeting. It will be read three times. This will give Council time to review it and be ready for any discussion.

Fire- There were 84 runs in June; only 4 runs were storm related. The Department follows EPA regulations on the open burn policy. The department may put these on their website for residents to read. Even if contained, if a fire smokes and gets into a neighbor's house it must be put out. The law also states that it pertains to anywhere within a mile of a village or city. Chief Mertz expressed appreciation for our Police officers help on runs, especially locating residences at night. He and Mayor Myers are concerned about fireworks being set off in these dry conditions.

OLD BUSINESS:

The 48th Volunteer Fire Fighters Cridersville Jamboree is July 13 and 14. The Department is expecting a good crowd. They did something different this year by purchasing television ads on all four major stations. It kicks off with Classic Car Show registration at 4 p.m. Friday, and the midway opens at 5:30 with food, rides and games. Chief Mertz thanked Village employees for all their help in preparing for the event, and they are always ready to take care of details as needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved by West, seconded by Walls to pay the necessary bills for July 2012. Motion passed 5-1: Walls-yes, Anderson-yes, West-yes, Zuppardo-no, Lynch-yes. Cook commented that based on returned deposits, people are using the shelter house more, that a couple trees were taken down; and she asked John McDonald about a bill on sidewalk soil and grass seed. He advised that it was due to an Engineer error and they will be reimbursing the Village for this expense. Cook voted yes. Motion passed 5-1.

West talked about the Garden Club's contribution to the Village and their work to beautify the Village. He recommended that the Village donate \$500 to the club this year, as they did last year. Zuppardo moved, Walls seconded that the Village donate \$500 to the Garden Club in 2012. Vote: Walls-yes,

Anderson-yes, West-yes, Zuppardo-yes, Lynch-yes, Cook-abstained since she is the president of the Garden Club. Motion passed 5 yes, 1 abstained.

The Clerk presented Resolution #2188 to amend the Permanent Appropriations for 2012, and answered questions from Council. It was moved by West, seconded by Lynch to read Resolution #2188 by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 6-0. **RESOLUTION #2188 – A Resolution to amend Resolution #2179, passed December 12, 2011, which made permanent appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Cridersville, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2012; and Resolution #2186 passed March 12, 2012, and declaring an emergency,** was read by Mayor Myers by title only. It was moved by Walls, seconded by Zuppardo to accept Resolution #2188 as read by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 6-0.

Fire Chief Mertz asked when the fire grass truck will be sold. It was decided that it will be handled as the other vehicles have been handled, displayed in the parking lot for two weeks. If there are no bids received, it will be taken to an auction. Walls and Zuppardo will work out the details.

Cook advised that the Lions Club is helping the Bluffton Lions Club by selling tickets for a corvette raffle. The Cridersville club will receive 25% of the tickets they sell, and that 25% will be given to the food bank.

Mayor Myers thanked everyone who worked to keep the water and sewer plants running, to those who helped neighbors in need.

Reverend Charles Martindale is the new minister at the Cridersville United Methodist Church. She welcomed the Martindale family to the community.

It was moved by West, seconded by Cook to adjourn the regular July 9, 2012 Council meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

Candace Stevely, Clerk-Treasurer

Lorali Myers, Mayor