

VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting – June 11, 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, Eric West, Tony Zuppardo, Paul Lynch and Stacey Cook.

It was moved by West, seconded by Walls to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2012 regular meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole- Mayor Myers reported on the topics discussed at the May 31st meeting: John McDonald reported that the sign for the Village Hall yard was completed and in place, concrete pad reset and canon placed on Main Street, flag poles completed, seeding complete at the old playground site in Tower Park and other areas, the ball diamonds are completed but could use more dirt, the last stumps on Main Street were removed, working with the County to remove dirt piles left from new school construction, rolled park grounds, repainted the canon.

John McDonald talked about future projects: Looking at the cost of a parking facility at Pioneer Park; things are underway to get an estimate from Choice One on the paving project for 2013, which will be Reichelderfer Road; that information needs to be into the OPWC by late September in order for us to be eligible for the funds next year. The drain at the Fire Department won't be taken care of until the Department finishes the planned work on their parking area. Town Pond is clean, and the pump is working. We are battling the weeds. John McDonald and Jarid Kohlreiser shared that the sign out front was not very costly to the Village as they utilized the services of Apollo. We appreciate the school for helping us out.

John Drake advised he had interviewed five candidates for part time police officers.

Jarid Kohlreiser asked Council to take a look at the new website link and bring any updates back to the Council meeting. He also asked that a photo of Council be taken for the website.

The Garden Club is sprucing up the Village; the large pots have been planted.

The Board of Appeals needs to have a new member appointed.

Utilities & Surface Water: Jarid Kohlreiser successfully passed his Class 3 operators exam for the wastewater plant.

Planning: Two zoning permits were issued in the past month for fences.

Finance: Committee met May 31st – three topics were discussed.

1. Clarified a Chart of Accounts that the Clerk had given Council to go over the monthly budget statements. 2. How the Finance Committee and Council of the Whole wanted to monitor monthly hours of all Village employees. The Police Chief advised he has a new overtime pay sheet he will be using. The Village Administrator reported that his employees fill out their overtime on the current time sheet. Everyone agreed they can use the monthly sheet the Clerk prints off for Council. The Public Works Department also provided another sheet for Council members. 3. Started discussion of the 2013 pay package. The goal was to read through the entire pay package page by page and to receive recommendations and proposed changes so the Finance Committee can forward them on to Council for approve. After open discussion it was decided the Committee would read through the pay package once before making any recommendations. They read though page 3. On page 2: does not clarify once a person receives a water or wastewater license if they would get an increase in pay.

The question was raised if someone passed a license that was not required would that person receive that class pay. The answer that night was yes. It was suggested that the Village consider putting step raises in the pay package on a per year basis to perhaps a 5-year max and at that time go to a longevity type of scenario once they reach the top pay scale in their category. Also suggested the pay package does not state clearly what a basic work week is. The answer was yes - at the end of wastewater and police sections on page 2 and 3. Also discussed having a separate section to clarify what a basic work week would be.

On page 3, the question was asked if we have a Village Superintendent; the answer was yes, Danny Yoakam. Also on page 3 it was asked if we should consider doing away with shift differential. At that time it was asked if we could do a cost analysis for what this would be for the Village if we do such a thing. It was also asked if we could get figures on what the change would be if physically working a forty-hour week before receiving overtime or vacation pay. It was also asked if we are going to consider switching the police chief to a salary position. Information was given at that time by the Village Solicitor, based upon his current studies of changes to the law in 2004 and a section from the Federal code of regulations, he recommended that we do not make that change at this time. He also advised that this is not an area of his expertise, and that if we want to pursue this further that we allow him to invest \$1000-\$1500 to seek counsel from an employment lawyer as that would be their specialty. The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Park: Michael Greer completed his Eagle Scout project at Tower Park with three flag poles and plaques. Anderson attended the dedication and ceremony.

Streets: Preliminary engineering work has begun on the Reichelderfer Road project.

Properties: No report.

Safety:

Police- Council received the May Police report, which shows 179 total calls for service and 4 arrests. He would like a **Safety Committee meeting as part of the Committee of the Whole meeting**, to discuss if the Village wants to pass a local pit bull ordinance. He will invite the Dog Warden to the **June 28th meeting at 7 p.m.** Our current ordinance wording is "vicious animal".

On May 29th five applicants were interviewed. Chief Drake presented two candidates to Council for part time officers. It was moved by Walls, seconded by Zuppardo to approve hiring Brian Parker of St. Marys and Corey Miller of Wapakoneta as part time police officers. Motion passed 6-0. Both men were sworn in by Mayor Myers.

Chief Drake received application letters from five part time officers for the fulltime officer position. He and the Mayor went over the letters. The Chief presented the name of Doug Huston, a part time officer with the department for five years, to fill the vacant fulltime 2nd shift position. It was moved by Cook, seconded by Anderson to approve hiring Doug Huston as the fulltime second shift police officer. Motion passed 6-0.

Fire- There were fire 52 runs in May; this makes 249 for the year. In his report, Chief Mertz included pictures of the new grass truck which is about ready to be put into service. The cost for the truck will be approximately \$26,000. He had asked for \$17,000 from Council at the beginning of the year and the department has already put back \$5000 from the sale of their old pick-up truck. The Department received a \$5,000 grant, and the Fire Department will cover the remaining cost. They are also ready to get rid of the 1978 GMC grass fire truck. Cridersville has an ISO rating of 4, just like the larger towns around us; this is due to the equipment we have and the water supply. This all means lower insurance rates. In order to keep this rating, equipment has to be up to date, as there are age limits on equipment.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Firemen's Jamboree will be held July 13 & 14. The Chief advised there will be a car show (flyers are available at different locations), entertainment tent (they have gotten some good sponsors for the tent), 5K run Saturday morning (entry forms on FaceBook), Parade at 1 p.m. (contact the Department to participate), grand prize drawing, and great food. The 50th year will be in 2014.

Council needs to replace Rick Walls on the Zoning Board of Appeals. John McDonald informed the Mayor that Jeremy Stahler would like to be a member of the Board. It was moved by Walls, seconded by Zuppardo to accept the 2012 Zoning Board of Appeal members: Jim Bauman, Mark Wehner, Ralph Tippie and Jeremy Stahler. Motion passed 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Mayor asked for a motion to pay the necessary bills for June. Cook asked about several bills, to understand exactly what they were for. It was moved by West, seconded by Walls to pay the necessary bills for June 2012. Motion passed 5-1: Walls-yes, Anderson-yes, West-yes, Zuppardo-no, Lynch-yes, Cook-yes.

The Mayor informed people that Cridersville does not contract with a trash hauler, and that each resident has the right to choose their trash hauler. Fort Shawnee has made a change and requires specific haulers.

Anderson has heard that Jerry Rains has dumpsters available. John McDonald will check with Mr. Rains about the cost of a dumpster to be placed in Tower Park for brush.

The next Committee of the Whole meeting will be June 28, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

The Finance Committee will set up a separate meeting to look further into the pay package. West will notify the members and newspaper of the date and time.

Council Discussion –

Cook spoke of a paper placed in the Village box which had a negative message. She expressed her feeling that something like that which does not have a name on it has no validity. If a resident has a concern then he or she should speak to a Council person and openly express their ideas and concerns. She asked residents to give Council time to look into their concerns. She wants to bring the community back together again, and with that comes financial responsibility and understanding. She asked for time for Council to streamline things so that revenues can be used as best suited for the entire community.

Cook asked that articles for the next Village newsletter be given to her no later than June 13. She thanked the Fire Department for watering the big flower pots in the Village.

Chief Mertz asked if the sale of the GMC 1978 will require a resolution. Zuppardo advised that the Springbrook Auction is no longer in business. The matter was tabled until research can be conducted for locations where for the vehicle can be sold.

John McDonald asked if Jarid Kohlreiser will receive a raise in pay since he now has his Class 3 Wastewater license. There was discussion about the matter and if the Village Administrator has the discretion to handle the matter.

Tammy Bush, 312 W. North Street, questioned the motion to pay the bills for June and why that was done before Council can see them. Explanation was given to her questions.

Bob Conner, 213 Oak Street, thanked the Garden Club for their work to beautify the Village. The Club began in 2008. Funds received from their fund raisers helps purchase additional items to enhance the Village, such as more plants, a bench, statue, etc.

Police Chief John Drake advised Council that police overtime so on the Council table so each Council member can see it. If they ever have a question, the information is always available to them.

It was moved by West, seconded by Lynch to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, with no action to be taken afterward. Motion passed 6-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel matters were discussed.

It was moved by West, seconded by Zuppardo to go out of Executive Session. Motion passed 6-0.

It was moved by Walls, seconded by West to adjourn the June 11, 2012 regular meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

Candace Stevely, Clerk-Treasurer

Lorali Myers, Mayor