

**VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting – February 9, 2026**  
**7:30 p.m.**

Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call

Mayor Rick Walls called the regular meeting to order and lead with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Rick Walls, Council Members: Eric West, Dorance Thompson, Shaun Wenrick, Stacey Cook, and Joe Bailey were present. Also present: Police Chief Donnie Chiles, Fire Chief Rick Miller, Village Administrator Jarid Kohlrieser, Fiscal officer Darci Motter and Solicitor James Hearn.

Bailey motioned to excuse council member Lauck it was seconded by West **Passed 5-0**

It was moved by Thompson and seconded by West to approve the meeting minutes from January 12, 2026. **Passed 5-0**

Mayor walls asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the committee of the whole and the parks meeting

It was moved by Cook and seconded by west to approve the committee minutes **Passed 5-0**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Committee of the Whole:** Meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm

**Utilities & Surface Water:** Thompson stated village crews dug and repaired a water leak located at 318 Parkview as well as performed maintenance on our blower and collector units at the wase water plant. Crews also dug and repaired another water leak located off Dixie Hwy. One of our blower units at the wastewater plant must be sent out for an overhaul. This is typical overhaul due to the age and hours on the blower. We had one rebuilt in 2024 and the time has come to where this is the cycle to get them all overhauled in time.

**Planning:** Mayor Walls stated there was a Committee of the Whole meeting on 1/21/26 to discuss the potential growth possibilities of the property located at 200 S Waverly Street. Brought forth by Tasha and Kyle Perry. Jarid also stated that he has since talked to engineers and Kyle Perry has talked to Spruce woods apartments and they are all in agreement that extending Waverly Street past the easement would be beneficial to both parties. Jarid stated that the engineer thought extending Waverly Street to the corporation line would be better for future development. Kyle and Tasha Perry said they could work something out with the village and the small parcel of land they would need from their property to make the road maybe the village is willing to pay for the survey to offset the cost of the land.

**Finance:** No report

**Park:** Bailey stated a parks meeting that took place on 2/3/2026 and discussed many park projects, ideas, and potential funding for future park projects. Bailey also stated that he felt everyone around the table had a good repour for what needed done at the parks He wanted to thanks council member Cook for all the years of service she put into the parks and admit he had been wrong in the past about what he thought needed to be done in the parks and for not listening to council member Cook in the past.

Wenrick asked if we had any luck on the full-time position that may help with some of the parks maintenance.

Fiscal officer Motter stated that we had two people come into the office for an application, she also sent the position to be posted on Ohio Jobs Website, and we have had great response from those postings in the past. They will keep the posting up for one month.

**Streets:** Wenrick stated our salt usage so far for this season is roughly 68 ton of salt we have approximately 29 tons left allocated. Jarid stated he usually orders 80 ton each year and normally have left over each year. He said we haven't used this much salt in several years.

Mayor Walls wanted to express his gratitude to the village crew for working so hard to get the streets cleared those are long days. Jarid stated the guys worked some long hours to get it done. The council also expressed their appreciation for working diligently to clear the streets for the community.

Thompson stated he had received calls from villagers who were walking dogs and many sidewalks were not shoveled. Mayor walls and Chief Chiles had stated that Ron Mertz the code enforcement officer had been out speaking to residents to please shovel their sidewalks.

**Properties:** Cook stated our village administrator attended the bid opening at the county commissioner's office on 2/5/2026 for the demolition project of the property located at 120 W Main Street (Bears Den.) There was a lot of interest in this project with the lowest bid being Ben's Construction at \$25,000.00. The estimated cost for the demo was \$75,000.00. Being that the bid came in so low, the village shouldn't have any expenses for this project. Jarid stated that there were over a dozen bids ranging from 25k-80k for the project. Council member Cook asked how much was the grant for? Jarid stated it only covers what the demolition bid was.

Bailey also asked the mayor if he wanted to mention the accident that had happened earlier in the day. Mayor walls stated on the back entrance of the building there is a part of the concrete that has heaved up and a lady fell leaving the library. Jarid stated it could be from the cold freeze they have some back at the water department that has also heaved up do to the freeze it will level back out once it thaws. But he stated they could get some cones to put over it to make people aware of the unlevel ground.

### **Safety:**

**Fire:**  
Chief Miller stated they had 74 EMS 8 Fire 82 YTD  
West asked Chief Miller to tell him about the online advertising applications they have been doing.  
Chief Miller stated they have been advertising their membership on Facebook and have had a great response. Last week they swore in five new members and have passed out another two applications since then. Chief Miller stated that members that have left and went to other organizations have also started returning to Cridersville Fire and EMS. Chief Miller expressed that this would help solidify their membership. They are hoping to have 8- 12 hour shifts filled on the weekends.

### **Police:**

Chief Chiles stated they had 96 Calls 8 Citations.  
Chief stated he had to terminate one part-time employee for not holding up to the department's standards. Chief Chiles Hired Gavin Jones as a full-time officer 3 weeks ago he is currently in training but has done a great job so far. Chief expects him to be training for another 4 weeks and then will be on the road on his own. Chief will also be swearing in another full-time officer next week, Mitchell Williams he is coming over from the Hardin County Sheriff's office. Mike Gaines has put in his resignation he will be going to Shawnee Township last day will be February 28<sup>th</sup>. Chief stated that he had someone to take this position but needs to take the 80 hour re certification class. He would sign a three-year contract once taking this training.

Chief chiles moved on to explain the repair work he had done on the cruisers. At the end of the last year he had received quotes for \$3,400.00 per cruiser to rewire. Chief had Millers do the re wiring and it was only 680.00 per cruiser. That saved the department a lot of money.

Chiles had stated he had been working a lot of weekends recently to cover shifts but will be getting back to his normal schedule now with new employees starting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance #1720, ( 2<sup>nd</sup> reading)** an ordinance establishing conditions for the extensions, modification, and expansion of municipal water and sanitary sewer services outside the corporate limits of the village of Cridersville, County of Auglaize, state of Ohio including annexation requirements. Motion to accept the ordinance as read was made by West and seconded by Wenrick. **Motion Passed 5-0**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Mayor Walls introduced Resolution 2509, a resolution authorizing the village mayor to enter a contract with the Duchouquet Township, declaring an emergency.** Mayor Walls read the resolution by title only. Motion to accept the resolution as read and declaring an emergency was made by Thompson and seconded by Bailey. **Motion passed 5-0.** The contracted amount is \$89,715.75

**Mayor Walls introduced Resolution 2510, a resolution authorizing the village mayor to enter a contract with Logan Township, declaring an emergency** Mayor Walls read the resolution by title only. Motion to accept the resolution as read and declaring an emergency was made by Thompson and seconded by West. **Motion passed 5-0.** The contracted amount is \$11,824.00.

**Other:**

Motion to adjourn was made by West and seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 5-0.  
Meeting minutes were taken and recorded by Darci Motter.

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Darci Motter, Village Fiscal Officer

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Rick Walls, Mayor