

VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting –March 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, Dylan Lauck, 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.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee of the Whole:

Utilities & Surface Water: Thompson stated Global Electric was in to replace a check valve that was covered under warranty at the water plant.

On the evening of Feb. 9th, there was a report of a water leak located behind 324 W. Main Street and after our village administrator assessed the situation with other village crew members, it was determined that the water leak had to be addressed immediately. Village crews worked through the night and finally was able to get the water leak repaired by 10:00am the next morning. Our village administrator wants to thank all village crew members that worked so hard on this as well as thanking our village residents for their patients and understanding as this work was being conducted.

Village crews also were able to fix the National Road fire hydrant which is now back in service.

Crews also dug and repaired a water leak located at 301 Shawnee Rd. and was able to separate the connection from 303 Shawnee Rd. as well which corrected their water issue.

Finally, our village administrator continues to work with Wessler Engineering on our project paperwork for our wastewater project in replacing our lift pumps.

Jarid also wanted to congratulate Brandon Schimpf on passing his water license exam. He received a \$1.00 raise for this accomplishment.

Planning Lauck stated our village administrator has met again with our village engineer and with the Perry's, owners of 200 S. Waverly St., regarding the extension and right-of-way of S. Waverly Street. Our administrator has been trying to contact Sprucewood Apts. Management and currently are waiting for a return call from them to proceed further Lauck also stated that they have received many quotes for new flooring in the Police department, hallway, council chambers, and employee bathrooms. We will be working to schedule that work once we pick the best quote.

Finance: No report

Park: Bailey stated a community member had approached him and wanted to host “Food trucks for a cause” at the Legacy Park in late October. This event would have 3-4 local food trucks as well as local vendors. The money raised during this event would be to benefit the community. For example, a food pantry, a fund for coats and gloves for kids at the elementary school, etc.

Council said they would entertain this idea as the park is meant for the communities use but would like to know more logistics as the planning continues.

Cook stated the Historic society is looking to do something at the Legacy Park for the 250th anniversary of Cridersville maybe after Jamboree.

Streets: Wenrick stated we had an electrical issue last month that caused our 4-way flashing lights located at Main & Dixie Hwy to stop working temporarily. Global Electric was called in to assist our village administrator in troubleshooting and finding the issue. It was found that the light controller went bad, was replaced, and the lights have been back in operation.

Lauck asked if we owned these lights or if it was township Jarid confirmed they are the villages.

Properties: Cook stated update for the demolition project for 120 W. Main St., the asbestos remediation should start on March 16 and should take an estimated couple of weeks with demolition of the structure to follow by Ben’s Construction.

Safety:

Fire:

Chief Miller stated 55 EMS 8 Fire 63 runs for the month 145 YTD

Chief also stated he applied for a grant and was awarded 49,999.71 and with that they are going to be replacing their large fire hose about 35 sections 3,300 feet worth.

He has one more grant he has applied for that they are waiting to hear back with that grant they would also be finish replacing the hose as well as 2 inlet valves.

Police:

Chief Chiles stated 132 calls 24 stops 10 citations.

As far as training Officer Jones has been released on his own for 3rd shift Officer Williams also finished training on the 5th Officer Boyd has finished his 80 hours class for OPOTA and will be taking his pre-employment physical in the 16th.

Cook asked about the report of a suspicious person Chief chiles assured her it was nothing serious

Cook also stated her pet peeve is the people parking incorrectly or the wrong way on streets. Chief Chiles stated we do have an ordinance on parking and they will be watching for it.

Lauck asked Chief chiles about the trailer parks Chief Chiles stated our code enforcement officer has been back working on them to get them cleaned up.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance #1720, (3rd and final 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 Thompson and seconded by West. **Motion Passed 6-0**

NEW BUSINESS:

West had asked about an update on our health insurance coverage. Fiscal officer Motter stated that all employees re submitted their form fire application for the 90-day material modification plan and Stolly should be sending us new quotes in the upcoming month.

Patty 201 Wood Street; explained the need for a grocery store an Aldi or Rulers something not as overpriced as Community Market.

The council also confirmed they also would like to see a grocery store come back to the village we understand the need for it.

Lauck told the council he attended the Vorys conference in Columbus that was a day of learning about CRA's and what developments could benefit the village.

Wenrick asked if a CRA could be used to attract a grocery store?

Lauck explained that it is usually new construction but can also be used for extensive renovations.

Bailey stated that Lets back the Blue "AIM" Always Inspire Menta Wellness. Travis Howze will be performing September 26,2026 tickets are available to pre-sale and it will be a great event Bailey highly recommends every first responder to attend.

Wenrick asked Jarid about where we are at with hiring our additional maintenance worker. Jaidr stated he had 3 interviews and will be reaching out with an offer to a candidate next week.

March 21st is the Easter egg hunt on the 16th at 6:30 they will be stuffing eggs at the church if anyone wants to join. Lauck wanted to schedule a Parks meeting March 24th at 5:00pm

Jarid asked if council was okay with hiring 2 summer employees, they agreed that would hire back 2 summer help employees.

Safety meeting scheduled for March 26th at 6:30pm

Angela Knotts 313 Main Street could the village do advertising T-shirts for the 250th anniversary to help with the cost of the event.

Lauck stated that would be a good avenue to pay for the event but again would like to see more of the planning before committing to the idea.

Tod Laing 210 W Sugar has a tree in his back yard and wanted to know if it was his responsibility to get rid of since it was on the alley easement. The council agreed it was his responsibility and can remove the tree.

Mayor Walls also mentioned moving the monthly council meeting to Thursdays and starting an hour earlier to not be here as late. Meetings would be the second Thursday of each month moving forward. West motioned and seconded by Lauck Motion passed 6-0

Other:

Motion to adjourn was made by West and seconded by Lauck. Motion passed 6-0.

Meeting minutes were taken and recorded by Darci Motter.

Darci Motter, Village Fiscal Officer

Rick Walls, Mayor