

VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting – September 8, 2025
7:30 pm

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: Dorrance Thompson, Eric West, Stacey Cook, Joe Bailey, and Shaun Wenrick were present. Also present: Village solicitor James Hearn, Police Chief Donnie Chiles, Village Administrator Jarid Kohlrieser, and Darci Motter Fiscal officer

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

It was moved by Thompson and seconded by West to accept the minutes from August 11, 2025, regular council meeting and minutes from August 20, 2025, special council meeting
Passed 5-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee of the Whole:

Utilities & Surface Water: Bailey stated our village crews made repairs to a fire hydrant on Woodridge Drive. That hydrant is now back in service. Crews also rebuilt both lift pumps out at our lift station. Those pumps are performing much better since the rebuild. We also had a water line in the Meadowbrook Condo area that was struck by a contractor for MidWest Electric. Repairs were made by a private contractor and residents were only out of water for a few hours. A week later, a water service for a single residence in Meadowbrook was also struck but village crews made those repairs.

Ohio EPA was in and camered our observation well. Preliminary report showed a few areas that would need to be addressed within the casing before the well could be developed. Our administrator is currently working with the EPA for what steps to take next.

Planning: No report

Finance: West stated our village administrator along with the fiscal officer reviewed our next investment terms through Minster Bank and decided to renew that investment on a 17-month basis which full-term should generate an estimated \$101,000. Also, our village administrator changed our Verizon Wireless plan for our cell phone contract and by doing so was able to save the village roughly \$500/year and upgrade our service to first-priority service.

Park: Cook stated our village administrator met with Shane's Seal-Coating to discuss the tennis court repairs. It was stated that repairs could be made to the court and then asphalt sealed overtop and this would make the tennis court area usable again. We could then be able to provide tennis as well as many more pickleball courts as well. The existing tennis net poles need to be replaced which will add to the cost. The estimate from Shane's Seal Coating was \$6,800. Our village administrator thinks that an additional \$2,000 for new tennis net system. Also, our village crews built and installed three bench shelters at Delong-Pioneer Park. These shelters are to provide shade and a resting area for those utilizing that park. These shelters were paid for through The Eagles Wapakoneta Community Foundation Grant.

It was moved by West and seconded by Wenrick to pay Shane's Seal-Coating to refinish the tennis courts passed 5-0

Cook also asked about the park cameras. Jarid Stated he talked to Verizon again about routers to get service and he would be ordering them to get the cameras up.

Streets: Thompson stated our village administrator was able to utilize the county's contractor, to save on cost, to restripe our centerlines on Shawnee Rd and as well as on Sugar Street. Also, Blass Residential Services accidentally seal coated and then restriped our road right-of-way area on Gay Street thinking that they owned that area. Our village administrator spoke with them and advised them on where the property line location was.

Properties: Wenrick stated as many have seen, the house trailer that was located at 115 W. Sugar has been removed and Apollo Career Center has been working on cleaning up that lot as well as knocking down and cleaning up the house that was located at 113 W. Sugar.

Safety:

Fire: 88 EMS 7 Fire 645 YTD

Police: 155 calls 7 traffic 7 warnings

Chief Chiles stated they received a donation from the Lima Eagles for \$5,000 to pay for flooring and paint in the Police department. They stated there may be a possibility for another donation to supply new tasers to the department.

Chief informed the council that the new part time officer, William Welch is still training but is doing really well and will be a great asset to the department. Ted Falke contacted the North Baltimore Police Department as they had just bought Keith Barry a new vest since it was custom fit for Barry they would sell it to us for \$375.00. Ted also was working with Bayliffs Funeral home to help dispose of their old expired uniform and vest. Chief Chiles asked council to offer another insurance to the full time officers from the FOP the yearly membership is \$120.00 per officer this policy includes life insurance, accidental insurance as well as legal attorneys for any work incidents.

It was moved by Thompson seconded by Bailey to reallocate \$1,500.00 into the police uniform as well as \$500.00 for the FOP policy from the Golf Cart fund passed 5-0

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution #2518- A Resolution to amend Resolution #2511 #2508 #2501 #2513 #2516 Making permanent appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Cridersville, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025, and declaring an emergency.
It was moved by Thompson and seconded by West passed 5-0

Resolution #2519- A resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor, and declaring an emergency.
It was moved by West and seconded by Bailey passed 5-0

Resolution #2520- A resolution that the 2026 alternate plan of distribution of Local Government Funds for the Auglaize County, Ohio as proposed by the Auglaize County Budget Commission, and declaring an emergency
It was moved by Thompson and seconded by Bailey passed 5-0

Resolution #2521- A resolution to establish a cybersecurity policy and to mandate certain rules concerning ransomware and declaring an emergency

It was moved by West and seconded by Wenrick passed 5-0

Ordinance #1715- An Ordinance amending ordinance #1712 allowing the Village to hire auxiliary police officers and setting pay ranged for new hires of the Police Department – 3rd reading

It was moved by West and seconded by Bailey passed 5-0

Crystal Przekop 19795 Reichelderfer Road- She was out walking her dogs when they were attacked by hybrid wolf dogs, She expressed her concerns for safety for other citizens and other dogs. Upon this incident the Chief contacted the Dog warden and gave the dog owners about 8 citations for the incident.

Wenrick stated the same dogs also broke the chain they were connected to and attacked his dogs in June.

Bailey asked about a vicious dog ordinance, Chief Chiles explained about how many villages do have ordinances about Pit bulls and other vicious dogs due to the nature of how their bite is so dangerous. Bailey suggested we do our own investigation with other villages such as New Knoxville he knew they limited the number of dogs in a household to two, and were not allowed to have any pit bulls.

Council assured Crystal they were going to take a look at their existing ordinances to see if this incident falls under a current ordinance or if they would need to amend an ordinance to make it compliant.

Jarid stated that the village would be seeing a workman comp claim come through as one of the workers broke their toe while making bench shelters for the park.

Bailey stated he had Back the Blue raffle tickets for sale each ticket is \$50.00 they are giving away \$50,000 in prizes.

There will be tickets available at the village office during office hours.

Thompson wanted to thank residents for attending the meeting with the commissions about the 1% tax continuation. Thompson also brought up the signs at the entrances of our villages and how he thought they could be presented better. Jarid stated he would take time with Thompson to look at the existing signs to see what they could do in the future.

Chief Miller brought attention to the fire department lights and said they would be changing colors as the fire department was honoring cancer survivors.

Reminder next Council meeting October 13th would be pictures taken for council members.

Cook also stated Soup Supper would be held September 18th 4:30-6:30 at the Westview Church tickets were \$10.00 each vegetable soup or chili served with a ¼ pound hot dog, cornbread and dessert. Cook is seeking volunteers for all organizations throughout the village. She stated if we do not find more volunteers, or get the younger generations involved the fun activities will soon no longer be offered due to the lack of help with the events.

Thompson informed the council and public about the blood drive at the Cridersville elementary school on September 13th from 6:30-9:30am

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

Meeting minutes were taken and recorded by Darci Motter

Darci Motter, Village Fiscal Officer

Rick Walls, Mayor