

**VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES & PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Regular Meeting – October 8, 2026**  
**6:30pm**

At 6:15 the council held a public hearing to change the spelling of Carslile to Carlisle. There was no objection to the change.

Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call

Mayor Rick Walls called the regular meeting to order at 6:30pm and lead with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Rick Walls, Council Members: Eric West (arrived late), Dorance Thompson, Dylan Lauck, Stacey Cook, Cameron Lauck and Shaun Wenrick were present. Also present: James Hearn, Village Administrator Jarid Kohlrieser, Police Chief Donnie Chiles and Fiscal officer Darci Motter.

It was moved by Lauck and seconded by Wenrick to approve the meeting minutes from September 3, 2026. **Passed 5-0**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Committee of the Whole:** No Report

**Utilities & Surface Water:** Thompson stated our village crews dug and repaired a 12" water main break on Lavina and village crews dug and repaired a 3" water main break on N. Waverly Street. Our semi-annual fire hydrant flushing program will be October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> and lastly our village administrator has been able to negotiate and lock in a much cheaper disposal rate for our municipal wastewater sludge that will save the village on average over \$40,000 per year.

**Planning:** D. Lauck stated there were 5 zoning violations for the month. Most have been brought into compliance. There are a couple still outstanding that our village administrator is working on. A planning Commission Meeting was held on September 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss a rezoning amendment that was applied for by Blass Residential Services. Jarid stated Blass would be tearing down the 2 old lumber buildings and build two triplex's it would need to be changed from commercial to R2 with a variance. Jarid scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30

**Finance:** West stated they held a finance meeting to discuss the PD budget as well as cruiser purchase. With the PD being understaffed this year there will be a large carryover from the 2026 budget. Therefore, the finance committee recommends we reallocate 75K out of personal services to make the purchase of the cruiser, rewire the other cruise and leave 10k in the line for the next new cruiser in 3 years. It was motioned by West and seconded by Lauck. **Passed 6-0**

**Park:** C. Lauck stated Taylor Painting and Striping will be sealcoating and striping our basketball court within the next couple of weeks. This will be partially paid for through the Wapakoneta Eagles Grant that the Village received earlier this year. Village crews are nearing the completion of the Hinkle Park playground update. The playground equipment was funded through the county's CDBG program.

Cameron stated he had received quotes for Legacy Park leveling of the grass areas. Cameron had stated the quotes came back higher than expected and they believe it is not a project we will be able to accomplish this year. Next Cameron has been exploring our options for the splash pad. Cameron supplied some brochures from Aquatix he wants to set up an onsite visit with DWA to look into options and when this project could be started. Cameron stated the Wambats still have been hosting practices at Tower Park and helping maintain the ball diamonds this has been a great

partnership. Cridersville loves having ball diamonds in use and the Wambats appreciate being able to use the diamonds. Cameron mentioned that we may need to clean out the shed of the old baseball gloves, and helmets. Cameron stated he would find someplace to donate them to. This would allow the wambats to store a few items in the shed. The Wambats did purchase a door lock that will allow them to get into the shed without Jarid or any of the village crews having to unlock the shed but in the off season we can deadbolt it. Finally, D. Lauck motioned to follow through with the curbing at Legacy Park between the grass and basketball courts to help keep pea gravel out of the grass. It was seconded by Cook. **Passed 6-0**

**Streets:** No report

**Properties:** Cook stated Choice One Engineering has completed the surgery of S Waverly Street. We are just waiting for the final paperwork to be returned by the engineers when everything is finalized. One of our mowers was taken out to Steve Meyers Service for service and our Pioneer 900 golf cart was taken out to S-Tech for a transmission issue; both have been returned and back in service.

Mel's Decorating out of Minster will be replacing the flooring in the Police Department and Hallway areas. The Police department floor should be completed within the next month or so. Lastly, our leaf pick-up program will be from November 2<sup>nd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. Leaves must be bagged and sat near the curb of the street Only bagged leaves will be accepted. No garbage, yard waste, etc. will be picked up. Please be courteous of the weight of the bags.

### **Safety:**

**Fire: 73 EMS 8 Fire**

Chief Miller gave an update on Jamboree they are still waiting for a refund from an Alligator vendor his vehicle broke down on the way to jamboree, and the fire department had paid them in full prior to the jamboree. Chief Miller stated the Friday night profits were down due to weather. They also lost out on profits from the food tent out front. Chief Miller stated they will be bringing that back next year. The fire department also has thought about bringing the famous Bingo back in the spring for a couple of evenings along with having food there to keep everyone there for the evening.

**Police:**

Chief Chiles stated they had 105 calls with the radars being fixed, the department had made 31 stops, giving out 21 tickets. Chief stated they are sitting at 52.1% of their budget used.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance #1723-** 3rd reading, an ordinance to establish laws concerning the maintenance of Private roads in the Village of Cridersville. It was motioned by West to amend Exhibit A it was seconded by D. Lauck. **Passed 6-0** It was motioned by Thompson and seconded by West to approve the Final reading of Ordinance #1723 **Passed 6-0**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution #2540-** A resolution to approve the Budget Commission for the 2027 local government funding distribution. It was motioned by Cook and seconded by west. **Passed 6-0**

**Ordinance #1724:** 1<sup>st</sup> reading, an ordinance to change the name of a street from Carslile to Carlisle. It was motioned by West and seconded by Wenrick. **Passed 6-0**

**Ordinance #1725:** An ordinance establishing certain rates of pay, health and hospitalization insurance, sick leave, paid holidays and vacation for all non-elected village employees for the year 2027. Cameron had some wording issues he stated might be fixed but West motioned and seconded by Lauck to pass the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. **Passed 6-0**

**Resolution #2541:** A resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor and declaring an emergency. It was motioned by Thompson and seconded by West. **Passed 6-0**

**Other:**

**Allison Ring from WOCAP-** Allison Ring wanted to inform the public of the fatherhood incentive program. It is designed for all fathers with children under the age of 18. There is no income requirement. They are hosting 6 weeks of classes the classes focus on parenting tips, skill building workshops. WOCAP provides incentives such as \$200.00 if you can attend all 6 classes. Along with gas cards and onsite childcare. They will be held at the Celina library but have options to host at other If anyone has any questions they can contact WOCAP.

Joe Bailey was in attendance to tell council about the Back the Blue tickets. Tickets are \$50.00 each, all the money raised from Back the Blue goes to the Police Departments in Auglaize County. Joe stated that our Cridersville PD gets a good amount of money from Back the Blue to help supply our department with needed supplies. If you would like a ticket, you can see Joe Bailey or Shaun Wenrick. Joe thanks everyone that can purchase a ticket. He told Council funds from this helped bring Travis Howze to speak on PTSD to law enforcement, fire and EMT in the area. That event was a huge success, and they hope to do something like that in the future again.

Russ Hollar 315 W. North Street stated he has lived in Cridersville since 1971. Russ asked why does Cridersville have codes and not enforce them? He asked council if they as individuals drive through the village. For example, on Shawnee Road the 3<sup>rd</sup> house on the left as you enter into the village the landscaping is full of weeds that are half way up the house, Cars parking in their yard on sugar and Wyandot and with the rain we have had they drag mud on the sidewalks and the roads. But we are worried about grass clippings in the road. Mr. Hollar stated there are 2 houses for sale near him and he is concerned about what type of people will move into them. He stated he understands that the council cannot control that, but we can control how people maintain their houses. He also stated he would be concerned for his wife's safety if something happened when he passed as he hasn't seen a police officer drive their roads all summer. Russ stated that whatever the village is paying the code enforcement officer it is too much.

Cook stated that she and council takes everything to heart that you have stated. She stated he was correct there are things that need fixed and things that have been missed.

Lauck stated this is not a new topic our code enforcement officer has been dealing with some health issues but has used less than 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the house council appropriates for code enforcement.

Mr. Hollar stated when Larry Dray was the code enforcement officer, he saw him frequently but only seen Ron once. If the villagers do not come to the meetings and express their concern the council would think they are happy with everything happening in the village. Cridersville has been his home since he was 21 years old but would like help keeping Cridersville a safe and well-maintained community.

Council thanked Mr. Hollar for expressing his concerns.

West motioned to go into executive session at 8:22pm with action to be taken. Seconded by Cook. Passed 6-0  
Exited executive session at 9:23pm

D.Lauck motioned to increase Mitchell Williams pay to \$26.00 effective 9/28/26 and to initiate a pay progression with shift differential. Seconded by West. **Passed 6-0**

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

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