

VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting – November 10, 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: Dorance Thompson, Eric West, Dylan Lauck, Stacey Cook, Joe Bailey, and Shaun Wenrick were present. Also present: Village solicitor James Hearn, and Darci Motter Fiscal officer

It was moved by Thompson and seconded by West to accept the minutes from October 13, 2025, regular council meeting **Passed 6-0.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee of the Whole:

Utilities & Surface Water: Bailey stated Global Electric installed the rebuilt lift pump as well as inlet and outlet valves for that pump at the wastewater plant and GH Bierly Well Drilling reinstalled well #1 pump and motor due to the repairs needed around the well from last month. Village crews dug and replaced a meter pit at 208 E. High Street. Village crews also conducted our annual fall fire hydrant flushing program and did find two hydrants that needed to be repaired. Repairs on those hydrants are in process.

Planning: Lauck stated there was one zoning violation for the month and that has been brought into compliance.

Finance: West our village administrator, after our Finance Committee Meeting last month, did speak with the Allen County Engineer regarding the Shawnee Oaks rates and terms and waiting to hear back from them on any further discussions

Park: Cook stated our village administrator met with our village engineer and looked at the newly sealed tennis courts to see if a new asphalt overlay could be installed over the existing asphalt to create a new smooth surface. Our engineer stated that a 1.25" overlay could be installed over the existing and roughly cost between \$11,000-\$20,000 based on which type of asphalt we choose. The better type of asphalt being on the higher range, would be better suited for the current condition of the existing asphalt and have a better longevity than a lower type asphalt that wouldn't last as long but would still provide many years of good use. Those prices are based on this years past bid prices. Decision to move forward anymore with this project is up to village council.

Streets: Thompson stated Bluffton Paving completed our 2025 paving project which included the roads of Thomas, Clayton, Richard, Elizabeth, and E. Sugar Streets. Crews will be back in though to finish up with crack sealing.

Properties: Wenrick stated our village administrator attended a meeting at the county commissioner's office regarding another round of demolition monies that became available from the state. Our administrator then contacted Rosewood Mobile Home Park management as well as the family that owns 201 ½ S. Water Street regarding the same matter. Waiting to hear back from both parties. Deadline for submittal is Nov. 14th.

Safety: West stated that Ted Falke would be leaving the police department to go to Auglaize County, his last day would be November 6th, 2025. He will stay on as a Part time officer as needed. Chief Chiles has recommended moving William Welch to full-time officer and Barry would become the Lieutenant. Chief Chiles also expressed he would like to hire a 5th full time officer. Chief Chiles explained that their current cruisers have some wiring issues that need to be fixed the estimate was \$3,400.00 per cruiser. Furthermore, all the old, outdated uniforms were inventoried and destroyed as signed off by the Mayor. Chief Chiles also stated that there has not been a full audit of the evidence room, and he would like to have one, he has contacted BCI to see if they would help with this if they cannot help, he will reach out to the county.

Fire: 57- EMS 5- Fire 707- YTD

Chief Miller stated

Chief Miller also stated they are accepting donations for Helping Hand for Christmas any monetary donation or nonperishable food items are accepted. The elementary school is accepting can goods for this event. Chief Miller wanted to extend his gratitude to the residents who have already donated, they expect to be able to help 30-40 families in need.

Police: No Report

Fire: 6 Fire 58 EMS 771 YTD

Chief Miller shared again they are still taking donations for helping hands they help between 35-40 families each year with this event. Any donation is appreciated.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Kristina Moris spoke to the council and residents about the election on May 5th, 2026. She is running for the Auglaize County Common Pleas Judge (Judge Spees has aged out and will not be able to run.)

Crystal Przekop 19795 Reichelderfer Road: Stated she was just following up on the vicious dog complaint after her dogs had been attacked by another dog in the village. The Mayor told her they had sent a letter to the dog owners letting them know the dogs had to be removed from the Village of Cridersville by November 10, 2025.

It was motioned by Wenrick and seconded by Thompson to have the dogs removed from the village of Cridersville. **Passed 6-0**

West motioned to enter executive session for personnel matters, with action to be taken after seconded by Thompson **Passed 6-0**

Resolution 2523: a resolution establishing employee compensation adjustments for the Village of Cridersville effective January 1, 2026, and declaring an emergency.

Motioned by West seconded by Wenrick **Passed 6-0**

Ordinance #1719: An ordinance amending ordinance #1712, #1715 and establishing certain rates of pay, Health and hospitalization insurance, sick leave, paid holidays and vacation for all non-elected village employees for the year 2026, and passed as an emergency.

Motioned by West seconded by Bailey **Passed 6-0**

It was moved by Lauck and seconded by West to adjourn the meeting **Passed 6-0**

Meeting minutes were taken and recorded by Darci Motter

Darci Motter, Village Fiscal Officer

Rick Walls, Mayor