

VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting – December 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 Administrator, Jarid Kohlrieser and Darci Motter, Fiscal officer

It was moved by Thompson and seconded by Cook to accept the minutes from November 10, 2025, regular council meeting **Passed 6-0.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee of the Whole:

Utilities & Surface Water: Bailey stated Village crews started working on replacing the fire hydrant on W. High Street but ran into issues while doing so. We are currently waiting on parts that had to be manufactures to be delivered to us in order to complete the job. The fire hydrant on National Road that has been out of service, those parts were received last week and we hope to get that hydrant back in service in the next week or so.

Planning: Lauck stated there were two zoning violations for the month. Both are in the process of being brought into compliance.

Finance: West stated we had a meeting on November 25th to discuss employee healthcare for 2026. The rate increased by about 26% West stated our options were not great due to low number of employees and health conditions. He stated we are going to do a 60-day material modification that will allow us to re-shop in May for hopefully a better rate. Going forward we will do a better job of shopping providers before our open enrollment process, we didn't expect this high of rate increase.

Park: Cook stated it is cold and the ground is frozen. They had a better turn out for the Christmas tree lighting this year it began to snow as they were singing Christmas carols like it was out of a hallmark movie.

Streets: Thompson stated village crews installed some new street signs throughout the village as well as straightened many sign posts as well.

Properties: Wenrick stated our village administrator did receive notice that we were awarded funding for the demolition of the 120 W. Main Street (Bears Den) buildings. The bid opening for the project is scheduled for February 5, 2026. The site will be backfilled and seeded when completed until future development for the site progresses. Lastly, village crews collected roughly 40 cubic yards of bagged leaves for the month of November for our leaf collection program. Jarid stated this was in the normal range for what they had collected in the years prior.

Safety: No Report

Fire: 58- EMS 6- Fire 835- YTD

Chief Miller stated their annual pancake day is Saturday December 13th this runs alongside Christmas on Main Street.

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 canned 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: 21 traffic stops 10 tickets 130 calls

Chief Chiles stated they started Sundance in the beginning of October. They are still learning the system. In the month of November, they were still working on a couple felony arrest. As many people know Ted Falke left our department, Chief stated it was no fault to our department he had built up many years of retirement in OPERS and transferred to an organization that continues to invest into OPERS and not OP&F. Chief Chiles stated they are working on hiring 2 new full-time officers, one being a 16-year veteran in the police force. With these hires we will have 5 full-time and 2 part time officers.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Fiscal officer, Darci Motter explained her bank reconciliation was currently off \$32.77 and she has gone through all efforts to balance; to close her year she must have a zero balance.

It was moved by Thompson and seconded by Bailey to allow Darci to write off the \$32.77 to close the year 2025. **Passed 6-0**

Mayor Walls stated we will have two open seats for council in January. We will place an ad in the Wapak newspaper and on our village sign we will accept letters of interest until December 22nd and interviews will be on December 29th.

Resolution #2524- A Resolution to make 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 West seconded by Bailey **Passed 6-0**

Resolution #2525- A resolution to approve the necessary transfer of funds for the village of Cridersville and declaring an emergency.

Motter stated this is just to pay the loans for the 2nd half of the year.

It was moved by Bailey and seconded by Cook **Passed 6-0**

Resolution # 2526- A resolution to release certain easements and declaring an emergency.

Jarid stated these are two old easements we let go off years ago due to a villager's garage being built on. The pipes under the ground are filled with concrete and will never be of use to us we already have new easements on the current property this is just officially releasing them back to the property.

It was moved by Wenrick and seconded by Lauck **Passed 6-0**

Resolution #2527- A resolution to amend resolution #2506, #2517 to increase the 2025 contracted payment amount by \$15,000.00 to the Cridersville Volunteer Fire Department for current expenses and other expenditures of the Cridersville Volunteer Fire Department, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025, and declaring an emergency.

Chief Rick Miller stated they had to switch to a new reporting system because the old one went dead. Due to this switch they have 2 months of billing tied up with the insurance company and they are asking for this money to pay the employees who sit station for the end of the year and into the first quarter of 2026. West asked if all the organizations bills were paid up currently. Chief Miller stated yes, they do not let bills go unpaid. West also asked if the village did not approve this resolution tonight would they have enough money to pay the employee. Chief Miller stated it would be tight.

It was motioned by west and seconded by Bailey **Passed 6-0**

Cook stated Christmas on Main Street would be Saturday December 13th. There will be 9 passport stops. Santa arrives at the fire station by firetruck at 11am. The drawing will start at 11:45 for prizes.

Bailey stated that Lets Back the blue would be hosting a PTSD speaker for first responders his name is Travis Howze. He is an excellent speaker and really put on a good show. It will be a three-hour show and tickets will be 20.00

back the blue would like to host a car show and food trucks at Midwest Shooting Center in August also. This year they sold 1600/2000 of their raffle tickets.

Chief Chiles also wanted to express how thankful he is for Back the Blue and all of the equipment they have helped to provide for the Cridersville Police department.

West thanked the employees, administrators, police chief and council. He stated we have a great group working to improve Cridersville right now and that goes a long way.

Mayor Walls reiterated that we have great employees, Chief and council.

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

Meeting minutes were taken and recorded by Darci Motter

Darci Motter, Village Fiscal Officer

Rick Walls, Mayor