

VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting – August 13, 2026
6:30pm

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

Mayor Rick Walls called the regular meeting to order at 6:31pm and lead with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

It was moved by D. Lauck and seconded by Wenrick to approve the meeting minutes from July 9, 2026. **Passed 4-0**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee of the Whole: No Report

Utilities & Surface Water: Mayor Walls stated there was an issue with our water plant aerator fan which village crews diagnosed it being a bad bearing as well as a belt issue. Both were replaced and the unit is back in service.

Our village administrator spoke with Wapakoneta's Wastewater Superintendent, Justin Waid, to discuss a potential process that could help save the village in expenses when disposing of our wastewater sludge. This potential process is in its early stages, but Wapakoneta will be receiving a demo unit that our village administrator will access when it's in operation. Our village administrator is continuing to look at different ways to dispose of our sludge to save on costs as this is one of the costliest expenses for the wastewater plant.

Village crews conducted routine maintenance on our water plants wet well by cleaning and flushing it out. Crews also dug and fixed a broken storm tile along Dixie Hwy. as well as also reinstalling one of our blower units at the wastewater plant that had been overhauled and is now back in service.

Planning: D. Lauck stated there were 4 zoning violations for the month. Three out of the four have been resolved. The fourth is being handled by our village administrator to bring that into compliance as well.

Finance: Mayor Walls stated through the second quarter of this year, we are up 4% in income tax receipts compared to the same time last year.

Park: C. Lauck stated our village administrator was able to get the villages ATV running which has been used and can be used now to drag the baseball fields back at Tower Park. There was also an issue with one of the women's bathroom sinks at Legacy Park, after troubleshooting, the faucet was replaced and the issue has been resolved

Streets: Wenrick stated Timeline for our street patch paving and other projects are slated to be around mid-October per Buehler Asphalt.

Properties: Cook stated our village administrator has received two quotes to replace the roof on the water plant as it needs a new roof due to many issues and has been patched numerous times. Quotes were received by Cotterman & Company and Frost Roofing. Frost Roofing came in with a lower quote at \$27,500 for replacement.

Paint-By-Numbers also completed the painting of many doors, inside and out, around the Village Hall and library. Our village administrator is also waiting to hear back from the county's library director about which direction they want to go with the flooring replacement project which we should hear back from them within the next week or so.

Safety:

Fire: EMS Fire YTD

Chief Miller was absent, No Report

Police:

Chief Chiles stated 159 calls, 12 traffic tickets and 9 citations

We currently have one officer off on medical injury, 1 officer has resigned from full time and has stated he would remain part time and 1 officer off on paternity leave.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance #1722- 2nd reading, an ordinance to change the name of a street from Onolee to Onalee. It was motioned by Thompson and seconded by Wenrick **Passed 6-0**

Ordinance #1723- 1st reading, an ordinance to establish laws concerning the maintenance of Private roads in the Village of Cridersville. It was motioned by D. Lauck and seconded by Thompson **Passed 6-0**

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution #2538- A resolution to authorize the mayor to enter into a contract with Sprucewood Commons Apartments LCC, Kyle Allen Perry and Tasha Helen Perry concerning the expansion of Waverly Street and declaring an emergency. It was motioned by West and seconded by Wenrick **Passed 6-0**

Resolution #2539- A resolution to authorize the mayor to enter into contract with Kyle Allen Perry and Tasha Helen Perry concerning the first right to purchase Cridersville property and declaring an emergency. It was motioned by West and seconded by Thompson **Passed 6-0**

It was moved by West and seconded by Cook to table approving the new line item for the tree commission **Passed 6-0**

Ron Mertz, the village code enforcement officer, brought 65 violations on the Rosewood trailer courts on 45 total trailers. He will be working with Chief Chiles, Chief Miller and Village administrator to get the documentation needed to be sent to the management company in Florida.

Village council moved the September council meeting to September 3rd at 6:30. Council also discussed the meetings being on Thursdays now, many council members were in favor of moving from Monday at 7:30 to Thursday at 6:30 but feel like they have more things conflicting on their Thursday schedules. Council wants to continue meetings on Thursdays throughout the rest of 2026 then reevaluate in January.

Other:

Thompson stated the Lions Club annual Lions Club blood drive will be September 12th from 6:30am- 9am at the Cridersville Elementary School. Thompson encourages all residents to come out and support the cause.

Cook stated that their annual soup supper will be held on September 17th at the church from 4:30-6:30pm dinner tickets will be \$12.00 and will include Soup, hot dog, cornbread, dessert and drink. There will be a variety of soups offered. If anyone needs tickets they may see a historical society member.

Motion to adjourn was made by West and seconded by D. Lauck. Motion **passed 6-0**.
Meeting minutes were taken and recorded by Darci Motter.

Darci Motter, Village Fiscal Officer

Rick Walls, Mayor