

VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting – October 13, 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, Police Chief Donnie Chiles, Village Administrator Jarid Kohlrieser, and Darci Motter Fiscal officer

It was moved by Thompson and seconded by West to accept the minutes from September 8, 2025, regular council meeting **Passed 6-0.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee of the Whole:

Utilities & Surface Water: Bailey stated our village crews dug and replaced a water shutoff valve 209 S. Carlisle Street. Also, village crews, along with EJ Prescott's, dug, repaired, and replaced an 8-inch water valve and 8-inch water tee connection on Ralieggh Creek Drive as the original tee had been leaking for quick some time. Crews also repaired water leaks located at 306 W. Sugar St. and one located at 303 Wyandot. Global Electric removed our lift pump #5 at our wastewater plant in hopes they can rebuild this pump as a replacement can't be found any longer. Our village administrator along with engineers have submitted a pre-application for funding in replacing all the lift pumps. No timetable is given for when we can expect to receive a status on that pre-application. We also had a sanitary sewer main line collapse on Water Street as you enter Tower Park. This was repaired and no services were impacted. Lastly, GH. Bierly Well Drilling was called in to remove our water well #1 in order for Barnt Excavation to make needed concrete repairs around the well casing as required per Ohio EPA.

Planning: No report

Finance: West scheduled a **finance meeting for October 23rd at 12:00pm**

Park: Cook stated Shane's Seal Coating completed the asphalt sealing of our tennis courts in Tower Park. Village crews removed the old tennis poles and new tennis poles and nets have been ordered but on backorder.

Cook informed council that there was more vandalism back at the shelter house concrete. Cook also made remarks about the Legacy pavilion has now been up for a year and we still have not been able to use the bathrooms. Cook would like to see the security cameras installed and working to have better eyes on the investments the village has made at the park along with being able to utilize the bathroom facilities.

Streets: Thompson stated our village administrator along with our village engineer conducted a pre-construction meeting with Bluffton Paving regarding the upcoming paving project. This project should be starting later this week

Thompson provided the streets committee with a list of signs that needed straightened, and or repaired.

Properties: Wenrick stated Apollo Career Center has completed the demo process of properties 113 and 115 W. Sugar Street. We are now in the process of getting fill dirt to backfill on those properties. Our big dump

truck had to be taken out to Miller Auto to have a hydraulic leak repaired. Truck is now back in service. Global Electric was called in to find and investigate some power/electrical issues that our library and P.D. have been experiencing. Our village administrator has been working with AEP as well to locate what issues could be causing the power disruptions. After further investigations, there has not been any disruptions for some weeks now. Lastly, we have received the Verizon Wireless routers for our camera project now. We had one last camera that we weren't aware about which had been installed at Sprucewood Apartments. Our village administrator had since uninstalled that camera and has taken that into our possession and has contacted Rhombus to get access to the camera dashboard in order to use and control the cameras once installed again.

Safety: Meeting **scheduled for November 5th at 12:00**

Fire: 57- EMS 5- Fire 707- YTD

Chief Miller stated that they would be going down to the elementary school for fire safety as the elementary students were taking test during fire safety week. The department is working on planning Pancake Day with Santa, December 13th. Pancakes will be served from 8am-11am Santa will be arriving at 11:00am drawings for prizes will start around 11:30am.

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: 185 calls 13 traffic tickets 9 warnings 1 arrest

Chief Chiles stated they took in just over \$2,500.00 in mayors court last month.

The department is now working on handling all felony arrests within the department. They have had 5 this month and 4 of them have already been solved and sent to the county prosecutors office. Chief Chiles told council what a great job his staff has been doing and how impressed he is with his officers right now. They are still training one new part-time officer but are looking to get him out on his own and increase their coverage. Furthermore, the new reporting system, Sundance has been installed, and the officers are currently being trained and should go live at the end of the month.

Bailey asked how the department's evidence room was. Chief Chiles assured him the evidence room was locked, and only one officer has access to it at the time. Chief Chiles would like an audit on the evidence room and some training to have a fresh start with the evidence room.

Chief Chiles asked the council to move appropriations from the training line to the personal services for his week of chief's training along with the few hours Mike Gaines had in training.

It was moved by Lauck and seconded by West to move appropriations from training to personal services.

Passed 6-0

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved by Lauck and seconded by West to add a line item into the police budget for the FOP insurance policy for the 2026 calendar year. **Passed 6-0**

Resolution #2522- A resolution in the matter of documenting the position of the Village of Cridersville regarding naming of addressing authority within the jurisdiction of the Village of Cridersville and declaring an emergency.

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

Jarid stated this was a 911 statewide update. This resolution gives authority to the county to give the exact address needed for 911 services to be the most accurate, instead of calling each village or city and them giving

an address that might be a 1/2 or a B for an apartment the county would give a more definite address that would allow the 911 services to locate the house quickly.

Ordinance #1715- An ordinance amending ordinance #1712 and establishing certain rates of pay, health and hospitalization insurance, sick leave, paid holidays, and vacations for all non-elected villages employees for the year 2026. (third reading)

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

Ordinance #1716- An ordinance to adopt the solid waste management plan update for the Auglaize County solid waste management district and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by West and seconded by Thompson **Passed 6-0**

Ordinance #1717- An ordinance establishing the position of auxiliary police officers within the Village of Cridersville police department and providing for related matters and declaring an emergency.

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

Ordinance #1718- An ordinance authorizing the execution of an annexation agreement by the Village of Cridersville with Duchouquet Township, Auglaize County, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

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

Jarid gave an update that our new website was live and looked very nice. It currently is all stock photos until we take new photos of upcoming events and the village that will be updated as we go. The event calendar did not transfer over all of the upcoming events he will have to update that.

Fire hydrants will be flushed October 24th and 25th

Bailey stated he would be at Steve Myers appreciation day on Saturday the 18th selling Back the Blue Raffle tickets. The event starts at 9am if anyone would like to help. He reminded everyone how much Back the Blue not only helps our police department but also many of the local police departments around this and this is a big fundraiser for them.

Cook gave us a list of upcoming events within the community:

Halloween at the Museum 7-9pm this is a non-scare walk through event

Also, the scarecrow trail is up at the park, make sure to check those out.

Fall Parade is October 27th line up is at 5:00pm parade starts at 5:30. The Fall festival will follow at the fire department. 6:30 will start the costume contest.

Quarter auction November 8th, it has now been renamed the Lori Bellman memorial auction. Doors open at 6:00pm auction starts at 7:00. They could still use volunteers for this event.

December 13th is Christmas on Main Street

Cridersville Lions Club will be celebrating 75 years with a dinner on November 3th at Casa Lu AL

Mayor Rick Walls informed the council that community market will be closing the 2nd week of November, and he hasn't heard if there are any plans for something else going it. Cook stated she wondered if they were closing due to lack of business or if it was something to do with the lease price. She stated this will be the first time the village has been without a grocery store and with a village of almost 2,000 that was a huge asset to have a grocery store, and she felt that set the Village of Cridersville apart from other villages in the area.

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