

VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting – August 11, 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: Dylan Lauck, Dorrance Thompson, Eric West, Stacey Cook, Joe Bailey, and Shaun Wenrick were present. Also present: Village solicitor James Hearn, Police Lieutenant Ted Falke, Village Administrator Jarid Kohlrieser, and Darci Motter Fiscal officer

It was moved by Bailey and seconded by Wenrick to accept the minutes from July 14, 2025, regular council meeting
Passed and July 28, 2025 Committee of the whole 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee of the Whole:

Utilities & Surface Water: Bailey stated our village administrator requested for Ohio Rural Water to come in and conduct a water leak survey in hopes in finding some of the water loss that we cannot account for, per EPA request. That survey did not result in many findings but we are continuing to monitor and address this request that is needed. Also, our administrator went to Village of Pandora to look at their SCADA system they utilize for their water plant to potentially upgrade our SCADA system in the future. Village crews also conducted routine maintenance on the water plant by cleaning out the wet well. Jarid stated this would be a pricey upgrade but our system will need it eventually.

Planning: Lauck stated We had four zoning violations for the month which all have been brought into compliance.

Finance: No Report

Park: Cook stated Our village administrator has contacted many state representatives and congressional leaders regarding next year capital improvement funding for a future splashpad project for Legacy Park. We have heard back from some with thoughts and ideas as well as putting this project on their projects list for when they start discussing funding next year. Council also discussed adding two more pickleball courts onto the basketball court at Legacy Park, but unfortunately, two more courts will not fit onto the basketball court and leave enough room for players.

Mayor Walls stated he had spoken to someone who looked at the tennis courts and said he could repair them at tower park for around \$6,500.00 The mayor said that would get us a few more years of use out of them and not spend the extra money to tear out and replace which would be a substantially higher cost.

Streets: Thompson stated our village administrator conducted a bid opening for our 2025 Paving Project. The winning bid was for \$133,386 from Bluffton Paving. Timeline for this project is still to be determined but should be sometime this fall. This project will include Thomas, Clayton, E. Sugar, & Elizabeth. Funding for this project is through OPWC.

Dorance also stated there would be a few areas on main street to patch to get the village by until they can do something with main street.

Properties: Wenrick stated our John Deere skid steer had to be towed up to the dealer for maintenance due to a blown internal hydraulic line. The village has now taken full ownership of both properties, 115 W. Sugar St. & 120 W. Main St.

Jarid stated that the skid steer was back in service but is now having another issue and will go back to the dealership on Monday for electrical/ wiring issue. Mayor walls asked if Jarid had looked into replacement, Jarid said it isn't that old and had low hours so they wanted to just fix the little issues it has.

Safety:

Fire: 69 EMS 4 Fire 550 YTD

Chief Miller stated they have a lot done from jamboree still waiting on a few bills but seemed to be a great turn out until the rain on the parade. He stated that was the first time it had rained on the parade since 1987. Chief Miller said he had a good response about the trash can band and they were looking to bring them back next year.

Police: 138 calls 14 traffic 11 warnings

Falke stated they were able to get police Cruiser 409 up and running. As of 8/11/25 the police department is 24/7. Falke also stated the county has had some hiccups with the Sundance system hoping to get those ironed out and be back on track for the new reporting system. He also reported that they were able to contact Otterbein about the camera project and they said their donation was just to the camera project not to have a camera at their location.

It was also discussed about a police auxiliary and Solicitor Jim Hearn said he would put together a resolution for that.

West told Falke what a great job the Police department is doing

Cook asked about a Shawnee property 308 Shawnee Road. Ron Mertz stated that they have been cited she then cleaned it up but now will be getting another citation for letting it go back to the original state. Ron Mertz has been keeping busy with many citations lately he said the Chief has been great at writing citations after he provides need documents it has been a great partnership.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Camera update:

Jarid stated they looked at a few locations for the cameras if they were able to get an antenna on the water tower. All locations had issues with the line of site, trees would need cut down and maintained and they were going to go another route. Verizon offered a solution of a router at each location for \$30.00 a month per location. This would offer quicker installation, less money upfront but would be more expensive overtime with the monthly payment indefinitely. It also would allow us to expand to how ever many cameras we may see the need for in the future.

Lauck asked if maybe first net would offer the same thing.

Oaks Update:

Jarid stated per our 2014 agreement of a flat rate not per gallon 250 gallon per user, 58,500 gallons per day they should be paying 15,552.90 per month or 186,634.80 based on our outside rate. They are roughly paying 102,000 currently.

Lauck asked if maybe first net would offer the same thing.

Properties update: Jarid said we now has keys to both properties. He has someone interested in the trailer but it could be 3-4 weeks before he is able to pull it out. They can start clean up immediately but wanted to see if the village would entertain the idea to rent a dumpster to clean up around the trailer.

West motioned to rent a dumpster for trailer clean up seconded by cook 6-0

We did not receive a grant to tear down the bears den told Brownfield would not be coming back Jarid did receive a quote for 55,000 to tear it down.

Thompson brought up Pioneer Delong Park, he mentioned maybe setting up a meeting with heritage trails to see if they have any suggestions on how we can utilize that park better.

Thompson also mentioned the Lions Club blood clinic on September 13, 2025 from 6:30-9:30am at Cridersville Elementary School 501 Reichelderfer Road

Angela Knotts 313 W Main: asked how long can a Camper/ RV sit in your driveway. Jarid answered 72 hours then must be out for 72 hours before it can come back. Angela stated that main street is public parking and can the camper be parked on main street. Jarid also answered no there is an ordinance stating no RV/campers may be parked on street right-of-way, and they are not allowed to be parked in the front yard.

Cook asked what the kids' curfew is for kids? Lauck stated 15 years of age 10pm-6am and 16-18 is 11pm-6am

Cook reminded everyone about the Garden club Mum sale is September 6th at village hall. She also stated they were making an update to the Historical society's bean soup meal it will now be called soup supper with additional options such as chili and vegetable soup. This event will be held September 18th at the Westview church.

Chief Miller informed council the fire department is holding a big-ticket raffle in between their events. Tickets are \$25.00 each, only 400 tickets are sold. Top prize is \$1,500.00 last prize is \$150.00 drawing will be held once all tickets are sold.

West Motioned to enter executive session for personnel seconded by Wenrick 6-0
enter executive session at 8:57

Thompson motioned exit executive session seconded by Wernick 6-0
10:00pm

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

Darci Motter, Village Fiscal Officer

Rick Walls, Mayor