

**VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting – July 14, 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, Eric West, Stacey Cook, Joe Bailey and Shaun Wenrick were present. Also present: Village solicitor James Hearn, Police Chief Donnie Chiles, Village Administrator Jarid Kohrieser, and Darci Motter Fiscal officer

Bailey moved to excuse Thompson seconded by West . 5-0 passed

It was moved by Lauck and seconded by Cook to accept the minutes from June 2, 2025, regular council meeting passed 5-0.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Committee of the Whole:**

**Utilities & Surface Water:** Bailey stated Global Electric was called in to replace and clean up disconnect switches for our lift pumps at the wastewater plant caused by water damage as well as replaced our wet well level sensor at our lift station. Village crews replaced the impeller and other parts on one of our lift station pumps that was having issues. That pump is now up and running and back in service. We have been having multiple alarm calls at our lift station of the past month or so and we are currently working with the system programmer to review system settings along with another vendor in looking at possible upgrade to the lift station controller

**Planning:**

**Finance:** West motioned to hire lieutenant Falke at \$28.00 an hour seconded by Wenrick. Passed 5-0

**Park:** Cook stated village crews back filled and leveled out Legacy Park from all the excavation work that was down for the Legacy Park Pavilion and Ricker Lawn Service was then called in to hydro-seed all those areas.

The Legacy Park Pavilion inside tables and shelves that was delivered damaged the first time arrived again and still were damaged in this new shipment. We have since returned them, requested a refund, and have ordered elsewhere which arrived in better shape and have been installed.

Our village administrator received a \$2,000 grant through the Wapakoneta Community Foundation Fund (Wapakoneta Eagles Grant) to go towards the ordering of two new picnic tables for Legacy Park Pavilion

**Streets:** Mayor Walls stated our village administrator met with Spieles Nursery and discussed the replanting/replacing of Main Street trees. Locations were discussed along with like species of which we have currently and looking at a possible fall time frame for some of them to be replanted.

**Properties:**

**Safety:**

**Fire: 68 EMS 3 Fire (71 for the year) 477 TYD**

**Police: 68 calls 2 traffic 6 misdemeanor and currently sitting at 49.6 % of the yearly budget**

Chief Chiles stated that we will be fully staffed as of August 4<sup>th</sup> with our new hires of Ted Falke and Keith Barry and they are working hard to achieve the council, and communities request to be full time coverage.

**OLD BUSINESS:****NEW BUSINESS:**

Bailey motioned to give Ron Mertz a salary increase to \$15.00 an hour. This was briefly discussed and the council decided to put a cap of 400 hours on Rons hours for the year. Seconded by Lauck. Passed 5-0

**Camera update:**

Jarid stated the camera project has been dropped in his lap since Nathan Fried left the village before the project was completed. Jarid has spoke with turnkey and they had stated once Chief left they had closed our ticket assuming our job was complete. Furthermore, Jarid had looked through the inventory of cameras and thought we were missing a camera but then learned Fried had temporarily installed it at the funeral home back in December for a trail run. Angela Knotts informed the council that it is very poorly installed, and they can come to remove it any time to install it at the park where it was supposed to go. The council discussed many options with the cameras but ultimately decided to table the discussion to a safety meeting to figure it out.

McElroy Property update: Jarid stated we have closed on the two properties (Bears Den and the trailer) as of July 14<sup>th</sup>. Darci wired the payment today to finalize everything. We are just waiting on deeds and keys hoping to have possession this week. Our village administrator met with Spieles Nursery and discussed the replanting/replacing of Main Street trees. Locations were discussed along with like species of which we have currently and looking at a possible fall time frame for some of them to be replanted.

Fiscal officer Taylor West has completed her contracted training of new fiscal officer Darci Motter.

A council of the whole meeting was scheduled for July 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm

Matt Baer with Global life insurance, attended the meeting to offer a extra benefit package to the employees of the village.

Bailey wanted to thank Dylan Lauck for helping Chief Chiles with the Police Department budget as he settles into his new position.

Angela Knotts 313 W Main: asked about a small curb area in front of the funeral home if the village could make it a no parking area as no one can see when they pull out from the parking lot. Jarid stated he would have to look at the dimensions of the spot to see if it is big enough to be considered a parking spot. If it fits the dimensions, he is unable to make it no parking for private property.

Motion to adjourn was made by Lauck and seconded by West. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting minutes were taken and recorded by Darci Motter

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Darci Motter, Village Fiscal Officer

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Rick Walls, Mayor