
Village of Cedarville



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Minutes of Cedarville Council **Held April 22nd, 2024**

Council met in regular session on April 8th, 2024, with Mayor pro tem Mr. Combs presiding. Mayor Cody had a planned absence for the meeting. Council members present were Ms. Becknell, Mr. Brooks, Ms. Jones, and Mr. Ruth. Mr. Dawes was approved to be late for the meeting. Fiscal Officer Howdysell recorded the minutes.

Mr. Combs led prayer to start the meeting.

Minutes from the April 8th meeting was approved.

Mr. Combs

- Provided an update that the planning and zoning appeals committee had identified approval for the conditional use application submitted by the Cedarville Learning Center. Mr. Kannedy presented the application for discussion. Ms. Jones moved and Mr. Brooks seconded to fully approve the application and grant conditional use for the property in question. The motion passed with all ayes.
- Mr. Jonathan Shrubsol presented for questioning by the council for appointment the planning and zoning appeals committee. Mr. Combs asked if Mr. Shrubsol would provide insight into his background. After providing information into his background, council approved his appointment to the committee.
- Mr. Combs requested an executive session for a legal and real estate purpose. No action was anticipated at the end of the meeting.
- Identified that Officer Summer Jenkins had received a commendation for going above and beyond duty in the care of another. The individual submitting the commendation is a police chief in Verginia.

Police Chief Smith:

- 148 calls between 04/08 and 04/21.
- Drug take back is scheduled for April 27th.
- Jamestown PD is donating a few tasers to our PD.
- Furnace needs potential repair at the PD.

Village Administrator James Kannedy:

- The village will begin working on the crosswalk on 72 North before the next scheduled meeting. The University has agreed to assist with a second crosswalk close the fuel station and Dollar General.
- Veterans memorial cannon tires have been delivered and installation is scheduled for Wednesday.
- Flyers will be going out to residents talking about the brick engraving program.
- The installer is coming within the week for pickle ball courts installation.
- The Millburn drain project is underway with pipe being delivered.
- Explored building permit fees - looking into changing our methods to be more transparent.
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Old Business: None

New Business: None

- Warrants: \$29,283.43 were submitted for approval. Mr. Brooks moved, and Mr. Ruth seconded to approve the warrants. The motion passed with all ayes.

Committee Reports:

- Community Relations:
 - The committee is still awaiting further information from St. Mary's regarding a request submitted by the village.
- Finance/Utilities:
 - Next scheduled meeting is 04/06/2024.
- Fiscal Officer:
 - Mr. Howdysshell provided an update on ARPA funds and suggested that the village seek to utilize funds available this summer on projects that qualify as opposed to further waiting. This would avoid the possibility of rushed encumbrances and expenditure in the next fiscal year as the funds near completion requirements. Council discussed and agreed.
- Solicitor:
 - Solicitor Bogenschutz identified that the lawyer for St. Mary's is set to provide further information that was requested within the next week.

Comments:

- Council:
 - Ms. Jones identified that she has had a few citizens express concerns with traffic speed on bridge street due to the pedestrian traffic and residents with children along the roadway going out of town. Council deliberated and discussed speed bumps, barriers, and other deterrent measures.
 - Ms. Jones asked if the village still had a CHS banner to put up for grads. Mr. Kannedy confirmed that we do and will be putting it up in the coming week.
- Guests:
 - Mr. Strowbridge - asked if the village could take a look at a hole on the bridge on 72 going north. Mr. Kannedy will look to identify if there are remedies that we can implement. Additionally, Mr. Strowbridge, on behalf of Beautify Cedarville, would like to request up to \$200 for the beautification of the downtown area. Council discussed and approved.
 - Mr. Strowbridge also stated that he appreciated an officer checking on him when he had a disabled vehicle. He would also like to see more officers on bike patrol as much as they are able.

- Ms. Sarah Garrison gave an update on the visit from Heritage Ohio. Their site visit occurred in our village just under 2 weeks ago where 92 residents attended the meeting. Ms. Garrison identified that much will be happening behind the scenes in the coming weeks and months, but that individual boards and committees have been formed. She is looking forward to the potential our community has in making meaningful change.
- Mr. Mike Wittby identified that the path between elm and north is nearly undrivable. He is asking if we can address the milling and repair of that area. Council discussed a few options and agreed that if we could afford to mill and pave, vs. chip and seal where possible that it would go a long way in strengthening our infrastructure.

Ms. Becknell moved to enter executive session at 7:41 pm and Mr. Ruth seconded. The motion was approved with all ayes.

Ms. Jones moved, and Mr. Dawes seconded to leave executive session. The motion passed with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.