
Village of Cedarville



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Minutes of Cedarville Council **Held June 10th, 2024**

Council met in regular session on June 10th, 2024, with Mayor John Cody Jr. presiding. Council members present were Ms. Becknell, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Combs, Mr. Dawes, and Mr. Ruth. Ms. Jones was approved to be absent from the meeting. Fiscal Officer Howdysshell recorded the meeting minutes.

Andy Shroyer from Restoration Church led prayer to start the meeting.

Minutes from the May 13th meeting was approved.

Mayor Cody:

- Mayor Cody was encouraged as to the success of the Memorial Day event and thanked James and Andrea for putting the ceremony together. Much appreciation was shared in the room for the event.
- Mayor Cody was also pleased with “Sidewalk Saturday” and the overall turnout for the event. There is excitement building from the things coming out of the Revitalize Cedarville committee.
- Announced a new agreement between the village and Cedarville University bringing \$40 per hour to officers instead of \$30 for covering events on campus.

Police Chief Smith:

- 258 calls between 05/13/24 and 06/09/2024

Village Administrator James Kannedy:

- Mr. Kannedy gave further updates on several ongoing projects discussed by the finance committee. Mr. Kannedy added discussion about finding an original drain for the retention pond and his desire to continue exploration of draining the pond.
- Additionally, Mr. Kannedy discussed that the village made it through our annual fire and safety inspection with no issues, the geological inspection found no issues on site, paving is set to begin on Kyle Drive in the coming week, and the pickle ball court re-do would cost \$8,500. Council approved the pickle ball court adjustment. The Veterans Memorial bricks overall cost will be lower thanks to the donation of labor by one of our contractors.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

- Warrants: \$212,408.86 were submitted for approval. Mr. Dawes moved and Mr. Ruth seconded to approve the warrants. The motion passed with all ayes.

Committee Reports:

- Community Relations:
 - Looking forward to the meeting later this month.
- Finance/Utilities: Discussion was held on several projects to include:
 - The Alleyway and PD driveway project - current estimates will come in around 103k.
 - There is a Pickle ball courts sizing issue that the village would like to address.
 - Our new website install will be coming up and online soon.
 - Vets' memorial is running over budget and seeking alternative methods of raising funds and paying for the remaining items to be completed.
 - Fiscal officer Howdysshell is working on the 2025 budget draft and is encouraging council to come up with a plan for projects, etc. Members of Council also asked Mr. Howdysshell to confirm that our liability policy covers Cedar Fest.
- Fiscal Officer:
 - Fiscal Officer Howdysshell discussed the upcoming tax budget draft that will be looked at over the next 4-6 weeks.
- Solicitor:
 - Solicitor Bogenschutz issued congratulations to those present who had a hand in organizing the Sidewalk Saturdays event and discussed his enjoyment of the games held.
 - Solicitor Bogenschutz discussed ongoing conversations with St. Mary's lawyer John Hart surrounding zoning appeals and applications needed.

Comments:

- Council:
 - None.
- Guests:
 - Ms. Garrison offered her thanks to the community for such a wonderful first Sidewalk Saturdays event. Ms. Garrison also inquired if the Senior Lofts project had been approved. Council identified that it had not, and that St. Mary's is currently exploring variance requests and re-zoning applications to continue with their overall application. Council outlined that St. Mary's would have to follow all legal requirements in applications and hearings, votes, etc.
 - Mr. Strobridge was happy with the memorial event and the police department area getting spruced up. He inquired as to whether we could shut off Main Street during sidewalk Saturdays due to safety concerns. Others in the room identified their concerns for safety as well. Council identified that ODOT must be involved but Council will attempt to do so. Mr. Kannedy will seek to get a plan in place for this. General conversations as to the benefits of closing it down were held. Mr. Brookes moved and Mr. Combs seconded to effort to close Main Street during Sidewalk Saturday events. The motion passed with all ayes.
 - John Shrubsole gave an account that several times in the past month he has encountered a moving car that has narrowly missed him whilst on varying crosswalks in town. He has put together a list of suggestions and action items for the village to engage in to encourage safety. Additionally, he

suggested adding bike racks at both parks in town and moving the existing racks at the bike path restroom from the back to the front for easier visibility and use. His presentation included easy to install and implement signage and barriers along with associated cost. Council was appreciative of his effort and looks forward to discussing some of these actions in the coming weeks.

- Mr. Shrubsole also suggested looking at a bike lane where possible within town going north to south. Even though in the township, he suggested a crosswalk by the meadows. The League for American Bicyclists, Trail Town, and Great American Trail, possess standards and suggestions for making towns more tourist friendly and safer and suggested that the village could use these organizations as an identifier for key needs in the community. Xenia and Spring Valley have their certification.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm