
Village of Cedarville



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Minutes of Cedarville Council **Held June 24th, 2024**

Council met in regular session on June 24th, 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 Howdyshell recorded the meeting minutes.

Fiscal officer Howdyshell led prayer to start the meeting.

Minutes from the June 10th meeting was approved.

Mayor Cody:

- Mayor Cody discussed Mr. Stancliff and his mark on the village. Mayor Cody made a public proclamation for the memory of his service to the community.
- Sidewalk Saturday is going to be an exciting time, please come to see exciting changes.

Police Chief Smith:

- 129 calls were made between 06/10/2024 and 06/23/2024
- Sgt. Fouts completed OTOA training during the week prior to the meeting.

Village Administrator James Kannedy:

- Mr. Kannedy identified that the first of two crosswalks across SR 72N have been installed and are operational.
- Veterans memorial bricks are on sale – info due to the vendor completing our order by July 19th.
- Rearranging the pickle ball courts at the community park to include net/post realignment and re-painting of court boundaries to meet size requirements. There will be a total of four courts.
- Curb painting to occur in the coming weeks, along with compost site inspection.
- The Sinkhole which developed during the paving process on Kyle Drive will be repaired.
- Progress is still being made on the new village website.
- Revitalize Cedarville is requesting police presence at Sidewalk Saturdays. Police Chief Smith identified that he would seek to make that possible.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

- Warrants: \$44,707.99 were submitted for approval. Mr. Combs moved and Ms. Becknell seconded to approve the warrants. The motion passed with all ayes.

Committee Reports:

- Community Relations:
 - Met to discuss CedarFest. They are looking to do a pickle ball tournament. Mr. Gillaugh will be doing sound again and efforts to attract food vendors is underway. No charge for food trucks except for a \$5 inspection fee. If a vendor has already been through the inspection process no additional fee will be charged.
- Finance/Utilities: Discussion was held on several projects to include:
 - Did not meet.
- Fiscal Officer:
 - Fiscal Officer Howdyshell discussed the prepared tax budget. The next council meeting on July the 8th will be a decision point for the FY2025 tax budget submitted to the county. Mr. Howdyshell encouraged continued fiscal prudence, stewardship, and planning of the village resources through a sound and solid budget. Mr. Howdyshell also discussed village liability insurance coverages and limitations. Council agreed that Sidewalk Saturdays is operating under its own event status and should seek to carry the liability of the event. The next council meeting on July the 8th will be a decision point for the FY2025 tax budget submitted to the county.
- Solicitor:
 - Solicitor Bogenschutz requested the ability to attend the Law Institute annual conference and council agreed that he should attend.

Comments:

- Council:
 - None.
- Guests:
 - Mr. Cappetto identified that he has been traveling to and from Cedarville for many years but has recently moved to the village. Over the years he has become close to PD and FD. He has concerns about the overall safety of crossing streets in town due to unsafe motorists. He is seeking to have an empty officer's patrol car parked closer to the downtown four-way intersection so that passing motorists see the car and use additional caution. Council discussed general safety in the downtown area and agreed that additional measures are needed but were also concerned that the strategy of placing an empty police vehicle wouldn't meet the intent. No action was taken but all parties identified that safer roadways are needed. Continued discussion was held around signage, pedestrian crosswalks, and enforcement in town.
 - Mr. Gillaugh stated that many vehicles are flowing into the wrong way by US bank. Mr. Gillaugh also issued a thank you to administrator Kannedy for his and his crews' efforts around town. Mr. Gillaugh stated that there is a house in town that is still trying to add on to bring additional residents outside of zoning allowances. Council discussed no plans brought to Council and encouraged plans to be submitted through the appropriate channels to seek approval.
 - Ms. Garrison Identified that Revitalize Cedarville has been strategizing various projects and discussed early communication for making action around the village. Ms. Garrison is asking for the formation of a bike path committee. This committee will assist in ensuring that

communication opportunities are leveraged around the community and in publications around Ohio. Ms. Garrison recommended running trails around the village to see what may, or may not work, within the community. Revitalize Cedarville will be forming their own LLC and stepping out from Greene Giving.

- Ms. Garrison also inquired about the senior lofts project. Administrator Kannedy gave update that the county investigated and surveyed the property for on-site drainage condition and capacity. New drainage calculations are being drawn up and have found some of the infrastructure that is supposed to be present is in fact missing or in inoperable condition. In addition, the county has been investigating manhole covers, drainage, and doing smoke tests.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm