
Village of Cedarville



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Minutes of Cedarville Council **Held May 13th, 2024**

Council met in regular session on May 13th, 2024, with Mayor John Cody Jr. presiding. Council members present were Ms. Becknell, Mr. Brooks, Ms. Jones, Mr. Combs, and Mr. Dawes. Mr. Ruth was approved to be absent from the meeting. Fiscal Officer Howdyshell was approved to be late for the meeting. Mr. Kannedy recorded the minutes until Mr. Howdyshell's arrival.

Mr. Jeff Burr from Grace Baptist Church led prayer to start the meeting.

Minutes from the April 22nd meeting was approved.

Mayor Cody:

- Announced that there will be no meeting on Memorial Day.

Police Chief Smith:

- 173 calls from 04/22 to 05/12.
- Drug take back on 04/27 had no participants this time.

Village Administrator James Kannedy:

- Mr. Kannedy gave updates on several ongoing projects to include maintenance work around town, drainage projects, pickle ball, veterans memorial, and paving around town. The council discussed and agreed to move forward with the addition of alley paving in high need areas around town. The cost will be approximately 100k. Mr. Dawes moved and Mr. Combs seconded to approve the project. The motion passed with all ayes.

Old Business: None

New Business: Resolution to 2024-03 was presented to accept the countywide 911 steering committee formation. Mr. Dawes moved and Ms. Becknell seconded to approve the resolution. The resolution passed with all ayes.

- Warrants: \$58,605.38 were submitted for approval. Ms. Jones moved and Mr. Brooks seconded to approve the warrants. The motion passed with all ayes.

Committee Reports:

- Community Relations:
 - Did not meet.
- Finance/Utilities:

- Met to discuss ongoing projects . and village finances. The finance committee is recommending the formation and prioritization of projects so that appropriate budget and financing considerations can be made. Council agreed and will discuss further moving into the remainder of the year. Progress of the crosswalks was discussed were it was noted that Cedarville University is donating to the cost of adding a second crosswalk leading from the west side of 72 to the sidewalk in front of the Village Market and Dollar General.
- Other projects that are on going were discussed in relation to overall progress and status of completion.
- Fiscal Officer:
 - Provided further discussion on the master project list and updated council on potential rate savings for workers compensation premiums.
- Solicitor:
 - Solicitor Bogenschutz identified further communication with the lawyer for St. Mary’s and anticipates ongoing discussion on the senior lofts project in the coming weeks.

Comments:

- Council:
 - None.
- Guests:
 - Mr. Strobridge – asked for approval for up to \$200 of additional funds to beautify the downtown area prior to the sidewalk Saturday’s event downtown. Ms. Jones moved and Mr. Brooks seconded to approve the request. The motion passed with all ayes.
 - Mr. Vaughn Williams inquired as to whether he needs to pay for gravel he puts on his parking areas within his property boundaries for tenant parking. Council identified that yes he does, and Mr. Willaims identified that he just wanted to verify that he controls the spots on his property and that others cannot use them. Council agreed that he does control the spaces.
 - Mr. Rod Johnson presented on behalf of Cedarville University. Rod identified that after the Village approved the “Johnson farm” property on bridge street to be annexed into the village, the village had not applied a zoning code to the property. Mr. Johnson requested that the village apply the most similar zoning designation to the property as it had in the township. Mr. Johnson will send a formal letter on the University’s behalf to the village requesting the property maintain the most similar zoning designation that the village has in correlation to the township designation it possessed prior to annexation.
 - Emily Kauffman inquired as to whether or not the village has the authority to address the derelict nature of properties around town. Council encouraged her to identify the property in question so that the administrator could drive by and assess the property.

Mr. Dawes moved and Mr. Combs seconded to move to enter executive session at 7:45 pm. The motion was approved with all ayes.

Mr. Combs moved, and Mr. Brooks seconded to leave executive session. The motion passed with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.