

Minutes of Cedarville Village Council

Held April 11, 2022

Council met in regular session on April 11, 2022 with Mayor Pergram presiding. Council members present were Brooks, Cody, Dawes, Stancliff, and Terrell. Councilmember Jones was excused. Fiscal Officer recorded the minutes.

Minutes: Minutes of the March 28, 2022 regular meeting were accepted as presented.

Mayor Pergram:

- Mayor Pergram asked that several actions taken in previous meetings “by consensus” be noted for the permanent record:

Mr. Brooks moved and Mr. Stancliff seconded to approve \$27,000 of ARPA funds to build two (2) ADA-restrooms in the Opera House (section occupied by Village offices). Motion passed with all ayes.

Mr. Dawes moved and Mr. Stancliff seconded to approve the final version of the revised Employee Handbook. Motion passed with all ayes.

Mr. Brooks moved and Mr. Terrell seconded approving a timeline for all Non-Conforming Rental Properties to revert to their original use within five (5) years (April 11, 2027) or at the date of sale of the property – whichever comes first. Motion passed with all ayes.

- Mayor Pergram has been in contact with the company that has provided the fireworks display for the Village CedarFest celebration for several years. As with most things, the price for the display is increasing from \$5,000 to \$7,250 for an equivalent show.

Mr. Dawes moved and Mr. Stancliff seconded to approve \$7250 for fireworks for CedarFest 22 for an equivalent display as in preceding years. Motion passed with all ayes.

- After discussion about Council’s involvement in hiring PT police officers,

Mr. Terrell moved and Mr. Brooks seconded that Council be provided with resume and work background for any candidate being considered as a PT police officer a minimum of 24 hours before they are sworn in. Motion passed with all ayes.

Police Chief Smith:

- 219 calls (2 weeks)
- Chief Smith provided an update on current roster of PT police officers.
- Chief Smith is recommending that Mr. Timothy Fouts be hired to replace Officer Jayson Ruth and that Mr. Fouts be hired with the rank of Sergeant at a rate of \$22/hr.

Mr. Stancliff moved and Mr. Terrell seconded the hiring of Mr. Fouts as Sergeant at \$22/hr. Motion passed with all ayes.

Village Administrator Porter:

- Provided additional information regarding the approved Business Improvement Grant funded by ARPA funds along with the recommendation that it be changed from a reimbursement grant to an

incremental disbursement grant as some local businesses may not be able to afford to do the work up front.

Mr. Brooks moved and Mr. Terrell seconded to change the Business Improvement Grant from a reimbursement grant to an incremental disbursement grant. Motion passed with all ayes.

- There was a previous adjudication order presented to Village Council regarding the property at 25 N. Main St. Action is now being taken on his property and the fire chief and an inspector will be performing an inspection on the property this week. One possible outcome is an immediate notice to evict if the property is deemed unsafe. There are currently 8 people living in this 2-bedroom house.
- Administrator Porter provided information regarding a potential grant by AES Ohio to install electric vehicle charging stations in town. These have to meet certain criteria – and there is no guarantee that the grant will be awarded even after the funds are spent to install them. Council passes on this grant opportunity.

Old Business:

- Ordinance 2022-10: An Ordinance Add Section 1117.34 to Part Eleven – Planning and Zoning Code – of the Codified Ordinances to Adopt the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) As Attached Herein – presented for third reading.

Mr. Dawes moved and Mr. Brooks seconded to approve Ordinance 2022-10: An Ordinance to Adopt the International Property Maintenance Code. Motion passed with all ayes.

- Ordinance 2022-11: An Ordinance to Amend Section 1105.02 of the Codified Ordinances to Include the Definition of a Rental Unit – presented for third reading.

Mr. Terrell moved and Mr. Brooks seconded to approve Ordinance 2022-11: An Ordinance to Amend Section 1105.02 of the Codified Ordinances. Motion passed with all ayes.

- Ordinance 2022-12: An Ordinance to Amend Section 1117.33 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Cedarville to Extend the Time Frame in which Additional Fines Shall be Imposed for Failure to Submit and/or Update Information on the Landlord Registration Form; and to Characterize the Unit Registration Fee as a One-time Fee Per Rental Per Owner – presented for third reading.

Mr. Brooks moved and Mr. Dawes seconded to approve Ordinance 2022-12: An Ordinance to Amend Section 1117.33 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Cedarville. Motion passed with all ayes.

New Business:

Warrants: Warrants in the amount of \$34,418.27 were submitted.

Mr. Terrell moved and Mr. Stancliff seconded to approve the warrants for payment. The motion passed with all ayes.

Committee Reports:

- Community Relations – no report
- Finance/Utility – no report
- Fiscal Officer – presented the March Financial Report
- Solicitor –
 - Need for Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. No action anticipated.
- Activities – None

Council Comments:

- Mr. Terrell noted that the new Greene County Sheriff has stated that he is willing for their new armored vehicle to be on display in venues around the County and suggested that Cedarville make a request to have the vehicle on display at an upcoming event.

Guests Comments:

Mr. Terrell moved and Mr. Stancliff seconded to move to Executive Session to discuss legal matters. Action is not anticipated after the meeting. Motion passed with all ayes.

Mr. Stancliff moved and Mr. Brooks seconded to return from Executive Session. Motion passed with all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34.