

Minutes of Cedarville Village Council

Held January 11, 2021

Council met in regular session on January 11, 2021 with Mayor Pergram presiding. Council members present were Brooks, Chisholm, Dawes, Stancliff, Terrell and Ware.

Minutes: Minutes of the December 11, 2020 meeting were accepted as submitted.

Mayor Pergram:

- Work has begun on the new Council meeting room.
- Voting held for Mayor Pro-Tem: Councilmember Terrell elected for 2021.

Police Chief Combs:

- 5 arrests and 637 calls in last four (4) weeks.
- Officer Whitby was in an accident in Kentucky (working with another department while he was on vacation).
- PT officer M. Marshall was in an accident and is temporarily unable to work.
- Officer Ruth is also out sick so PT officers are working several FT slots at this time.
- Currently working on three (3) warrants
- Chief Combs notes that there is an extreme workload on the department both ‘temporarily’ as FT officers have been out but also ‘permanently’ due to increased caseload, increased compliance and reporting requirements, etc. Chief is asking Council to approve hiring a 5th FT officer (as has existed in the past) to help with the workload. This can be re-evaluated each time there is an opening for a FT officer.

Mr. Dawes moved and Mr. Brooks seconded the hiring of a fifth FT officer to the department. Fiscal Officer provided an estimated budgetary impact of \$65,000 for wages and benefits. This can be funded by increasing the transfer amount from General Fund to the Police Fund by \$25,000 and reducing the amount of budget equipment (vehicle) expense by \$40,000. Motion passed with all ayes.

Village Administrator Furay:

- Working on street signs – attempting to get old ones replaced.
- Need to trim a few trees around town.
- Working on the compost pile.
- Helping to maintain / service the police vehicles.
- Need to grade the dirt along the new path at the park to remove the ‘drop-off’.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Warrants: Warrants in the amount of \$97,922.88 were submitted. Mr. Stancliff moved and Ms. Ware seconded to approve the warrants for payment. The motion passed with all ayes.

Committee Reports:

- Community Relations: No report – will meet 2/1/21
- Finance/Utility – No report – scheduled to meet 2/1/21
- Fiscal Officer –
 - Presented budget (to be adjusted for hiring decision) for 2021.
 - Presented the December 2020, year-end financial reports.
 - Noted that there were some salary issues that needed to be clarified in the handbook during the on-going Employee Handbook review.
- Solicitor:
 - Worker’s Compensation hearing for Mr. Aaron Smith scheduled. No action needed by Council at this time.
 - Request that Council keep David and Marcia Bates in prayers as both are rcovering from illness and their son just passed from Covid.
- Zoning – received request to expand garage and apartment but there are several concerns including parking. Administrator will deny permit and Council concurs.
- Parks director – No report.

Council Comments:

- None

Guests Comments:

- None

The next Council meeting will be held on January 25, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.