

Minutes of Cedarville Village Council

Held June 13, 2022

Council met in regular session on June 13, 2022 with Mayor Pergram presiding. Council members present were Brooks, Cody, Dawes, and Stancliff. Councilmembers Jones and Terrell were excused. Fiscal Officer recorded the minutes.

Minutes: Minutes of the May 23, 2022 regular meeting were accepted as presented.

Mayor Pergram:

- The girl's softball league would like to play a game "under the lights". Mayor approved – as did Council.
- Mayor Pergram expressed his thanks to Council for progress made through much hard work.

Police Chief Smith:

- 190 calls (2 weeks)
- Officer Whitby has resigned; will remain as a PT officer for the time being.
- Sgt. Fouts completed OTOA (Ohio Tactical Officer's Association) Training.
- The department has held a series of interviews for the two open FT police officer positions. Interviews were held and coordinated by Sgt. Fouts. Sgt. Fouts provided a summary of the interview process, the interview themselves and then made a recommendation that the following individuals be hired to fill these positions:
 - Mr. Jason Robison
 - Mr. Cody SmithOfficers will be introduced to Council and will be sworn in at the next Council meeting.

Village Administrator Porter:

- Mr. Brandon Sok has met with the Administrator to discuss a house that was converted to a duplex prior to his purchasing it although it is zoned for single family. Mr. Sok's situation will be covered by Ordinance 2022-15 (i.e., must be converted back to single family house prior to April, 2027).
- Village is seeing price increases for salt, fuel surcharges, stone, etc. Administrator was able to buy enough salt to fill the shed at last year's prices which will help to minimize the amount of salt needed at next year's prices.
- The Ohio House has passed a bill preventing local governments from regulating AirBnB's, although it has not passed the Senate due to concerns regarding the impact on local businesses and tax receipts. The Solicitor presented proposed Ordinance 2022-17 addressing AirBnB's based on an ordinance from Athens Ohio (home of Ohio University). This Ordinance was presented for first reading.
- Grants for the Splash Pad have been declined by both the Port Authority and the County Commissioners due to the anticipated cost of water.
- Administrator suggested that a 5-year plan is needed outlining Council's planned direction for the Village, zoning issues, etc.
- A request has been received to spray the playground to kill weeds. This will not happen due to concerns about kids, pets, etc. playing in the park.

- Feral cats are a significant problem in the Village and are destroying properties in town. Administrator plans to take \$1,000 from the “Lands and Buildings” budget and begin to address this issue.

Old Business:

- Ordinance 2022-16: An Ordinance to Amend Section 1105.02 of the Codified Ordinances to Update the Definition of Family. Presented for third reading.

Mr. Cody moved and Mr. Brooks seconded to approve Ordinance 2022-16. Motion passed with all ayes.

New Business:

- Resolution 2022-06 was presented by the fiscal officer to transfer \$10,000 from the General Fund to the Park Fund.

Mr. Cody moved and Mr. Stancliff seconded to approve Resolution 2022-06. Motion passed with all ayes.

Warrants: Warrants in the amount of \$72,250.46 were submitted.

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

Committee Reports:

- Community Relations – June 20 meeting is cancelled.
- Finance/Utility – Discussed the FY2023 Tax Budget.
- Fiscal Officer –
 - Presented the May financial reports
 - Provided an update on the upcoming FY2023 Tax Budget.
- Solicitor – Requested approval – and funds – to attend the Ohio Municipal Attorney’s Conference in Columbus at a cost of \$500 plus travel expenses.

Mr. Dawes moved and Mr. Brooks seconded to approve the Solicitor’s attendance and expenses for this conference. Motion passed with all ayes.

- Activities – None

Guests Comments: None

Council Comments:

- Mr. Cody asked for an update on the situation with the pumps at the “Sportsmen’s Lake”. (Administrator: The temporary pump is to be installed by the Village with a conversation pending with the attorney for Mr. Lake.)

Mr. Dawes moved and Mr. Brooks seconded to move to Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. No action anticipated at conclusion of session. Motion passed with all ayes.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:35.