
Village of Cedarville



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Minutes of Cedarville Council **Held April 10, 2023**

Council met in regular session on April 10, 2023 with Mayor John Cody, Jr. presiding. Council members present were Becknell, Brooks, Combs, Dawes (late), Jones and Ruth. The Fiscal Officer recorded the minutes.

Meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Adam Hammet of Grace Baptist Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: Minutes of the March 13, 2023, regular meeting and the March 27, 2023 regular meeting were presented and approved.

Mayor Cody:

- Mayor Cody asked for a motion to indefinitely table Ordinances 2023-06, 2023-07, and 2023-08.

Mr. Combs moved and Mr. Brooks seconded a motion to indefinitely suspend Ordinances 2023-06, 2023-07, and 2023-08. Motion passed with all ayes (Dawes absent).

Police Chief Smith:

- 179 calls in the past two (2) weeks
- The next drug takeback is scheduled for Saturday, April 22 from 10:00-2:00.
- Sgt. Fouts has been medically cleared to return to duty.

Village Administrator Porter:

- Paul Cope:
 - Mr. Cope is currently paying two full trash bills for a single address because part of the house is being used as an AirBNB. He requests relief from the second bill as it is a single house, there is no second address to the house, and the AirBNB use is not constant. The Council will consider and provide answer at the next meeting.
 - Mr. Cope also provided a grant update regarding the work at Beans-N-Cream after the original work was not approved by permit. The Council requests that Mr. Cope submit the grant request in writing. He will do so.
- The results of the soil boring at the park for both the (potential) stage project and for the (potential) splash pad project have both come back 'unfavorable'. Either of these projects would require significant site/soil work in order to implement them.
- Administrator Porter requests a short Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Warrants: Warrants in the amount of \$74,648.05 were submitted.

Mr. Brooks moved and Mr. Combs seconded to approve the warrants as presented.
Motion passed with all ayes.

Committee Reports:

- Community Relations: To meet April 17, 2023, at 7:00.
- Finance/Utilities: Did not meet as scheduled; will meet on May 1, 2023.
- Fiscal Officer:
 - Presented March financial reports.
 - The Star Ohio account has been established and the approved funds are being transferred.
- Solicitor: No report

Comments:

- Council – None
- Guests:
 - Mrs. Bettina Lemaster informed Council she has filed a complaint with the State Attorney General's office regarding Administrator Porter.
 - Ms. Carol Bliss noted that road signs on Regency Drive have been taken down due to road work and requests that they be reinstalled. This will be taken care of.
 - Ms. Charmain(?) Miller expressed support for the TNR program.
 - Ms. Maggie Arment expressed support for the TNR program.
 - Mr. Joe Schoom (?) expressed support for the TNR program as well as for Mr. Larry Sparks (employee who recently resigned).
 - Mr. Randy Melvin expressed doubt that the number of feral cats being tossed around is accurate.
 - Ms. Rebecca Liston asked why the TNR program has been rejected. (Council: It has not been rejected.)
 - Ms. Jenna Mullins noted again the discrepancies in the current ordinances regarding feral cats. (This was attempted to be addressed by the previous ordinances which have now been tabled.)
 - Ms. Rose Botto noted that the TNR program seems to have been successful at the apartments at Lyndon Court. She also expressed appreciation for the work done on the dog park at the Community Park.
 - Mrs. Bettina Lemaster noted a complaint against Administrator Porter.
 - Mr. Randy Melvin noted a complaint against Administrator Porter.

Executive Session:

Mr. Combs moved and Mr. Dawes seconded to move to Executive Session to discuss legal matters. No action is anticipated afterwards. Motion passed with all ayes.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.