
Village of Cedarville



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Minutes of Cedarville Council **Held April 24, 2023**

Council met in regular session on April 24, 2023 with Mayor John Cody, Jr. presiding. Council members present were Becknell, Brooks, Dawes (late), Jones and Ruth. Councilmember Combs was excused. The Fiscal Officer recorded the minutes.

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

Minutes: Minutes of the April 10, 2023 regular meeting were approved as presented.

Mayor Cody:

- Reminder of the special election on Tuesday, May 5 with ballot initiatives to make the current 1.25% income tax rate permanent and allow for aggregation of electric and natural gas for Village residents.
- Diane Porter, Village Administrator, has resigned. Services will be impacted so please allow for patience.
- Ms. Andrea Kannedy has been appointed as PT, interim administrator.
- Mayor will post the Administrator position.
- Working to see what it would cost to have NIC do zoning administration work.
- Signs for the 50th anniversary of the Ohio Watershed District are being provided to the Village and will be installed.
- Mayor Cody and Councilmember Brooks met with outside council regarding property issues – no resolution yet.
- Proposal for Phase III of the work in the Village offices (in Opera House).

Mr. Brooks moved and Mr. Ruth seconded to accept the proposal for Phase III of the Village offices / Opera House renovations to be funded via ARPA funds. Motion passed with all ayes.

- Mr. Cope:
 - Being billed twice for trash at his residence from previous apartment at the house. No longer an apartment and only a single address. Council approves him receiving only one invoice for trash removal.
 - Provided an update on his grant application for Beans-N-Cream.

Mr. Ruth moved and Ms. Becknell seconded to accept Mr. Cope's grant request. Motion passed with all ayes.

- There will be a "Town Hall" meeting on June 12 to discuss the issues / handling of feral cats in the Village. Meeting will be in the Opera House at 7:00.

Police Chief Smith: Excused

Village Administrator Porter: No report

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Warrants: Warrants in the amount of \$30,008.92 were submitted.

Mr. Ruth moved and Ms. Jones seconded to approve the warrants as presented. Motion passed with all ayes.

Committee Reports:

- Community Relations: Met and discussed fireworks and events for Cedar Fest. Working on a complete schedule. Looking for volunteers to assist with the program for the day.
- Finance/Utilities: Will meet on May 1, 2023.
- Fiscal Officer: No report
- Solicitor: An annexation petition has been received by Township and Village to annex property at 259 Bridge St. This has been approved; further action required by property owner.

Comments:

- Council – None
- Guests:
 - Mr. Jeremy Butcher – suggests using ORC 505.08 as basis for dealing with cats/animals.
 - Mr. Mike Eckstein – read a personal statement to Council
 - Mrs. Betina Lemaster – Asked Council why her property is zoned light industrial and told she cannot build a house on it. Other houses in town are on property zoned light industrial. (?) Auditor shows property is zoned residential and she would like this discrepancy explained.
 - Ms. Emily Kaufman complained of chickens – and roosters – around her home (fence).
 - Ms. Carol Bliss – following up on sign at Regency Dr. (ODOT has been notified to pick up the sign.)

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.