
Village of Cedarville



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Minutes of Cedarville Council **Held August 14th, 2023**

Council met in regular session on July 24, 2023 with Mayor John Cody, Jr. presiding. Council members present were: Becknell, Brooks, Combs, Dawes, Jones and Ruth. The Fiscal Officer recorded the minutes.

Council Meeting opened at 7:00pm and Minutes of the July 24th, 2023, regular meeting was approved as presented.

Council member Combs led prayer prior to the start of the meeting.

Mayor Cody:

- Honored outgoing Fiscal Officer Rod Johnson for his service with a proclamation admonishing his efforts as Fiscal Officer and making Monday August, 14th 2023 Rod Johnson Day. Ms. Jones made cupcakes in his honor and a gift was presented to him on behalf of the village for his service. Rod gave a speech expressing appreciation for others during his tenure, for support, and aid during his time as Fiscal Officer.
- Requested executive session after regular council meeting.
- A request has been fielded in which a group would like to do CPR training in the council room. It is recommended that we allow the non-profit group to use the council room free of charge.
- There has been no official action taken towards a new MOU yet with Yellow Springs, but a draft is anticipated in the next week or two. The county is aware of our plans to move forward with Yellow Springs but would like to meet with us to discuss our intentions further.

Police Chief Smith:

- 176 calls in the last two weeks.
- Cody Lyle was sworn in as a part time officer.
- Cody Smith completed Taser Instructor certification.

Village Administrator Kannedy:

- We have received information that AT&T will be doing away with the internet service we currently have at the Village offices. We will need to work on selecting a new carrier.
- We have received allowance to go back to detection monitoring at the Village farm.
- She and Dan Howdyshell attended the collective paving meeting held in Xenia. We have received updated contact information and provided ours. The resurfacing project will start in the next few weeks.
- Provided an update on pickle ball courts (70k estimate), several community requests, previous drainage concerns, and information pertaining to the zoning map upload on our village website and NIC contract progress.

- Identified a request form a senior group to involve Cedarville on their 2024 bike ride that would bring potential revenue to the village.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Warrants: Warrants in the amount of 80,714.81 were submitted.

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

Committee Reports:

- Community Relations:
 - With the Labor day festivities upcoming, a list for the maintenance staff and community township partners to care for the property ahead festivities has been made.
 - Increasing our food vendor total for the event.
 - Tony Preston (Grand Marshall) asked if we could include a rider to the village liability policy to cover his group associated with the parade. The village has had similar activities previously covered under our existing policy. We need to contact our policy holder to see if it is covered under the existing policy. We could get quote to see what a rider would cost.
 - Pharmacy, PTO, and other areas have expressed interest to add events to the existing schedule in areas like the municipal lot behind the Pharmacy. A meeting will be held on 08/22 to discuss Cedarfest and all members were asked to attend.
- Finance/Utilities:
 - Met on August 17th.
 - Request to Dr. Ayers for assistance with scope of work to include bike path to parklet, parklet, and traffic circle.
 - Bids taken in the next week for 6 pickle ball courts.
 - Fiscal Officer to transfer additional funds in our general checking account to an interest bearing account in our STAR Ohio account. Ms. Jones moved and Mr. Ruth seconded to approve the transfer as presented. Motion passed with all ayes.
 - Update for zoning price sheet will be completed in the next few weeks.
 - Encouraged council to look at encumbering ARPA funds for up coming projects.
 - Detailed that we are unable to paint the bridge on Main Street as it is the states responsibility.
 - Discussed at length a great need for a 72 hour call back policy for our residents. General discussion was made around this topic and Council agreed to explore a plan of action to include a functionally appropriate method of collecting service requests, questions, concerns, and shelter house rentals. The process would elicit a plan of action on behalf of Village leadership to respond within 72 hours to the citizen request.
- Fiscal Officer:
 - Suggested a change of the next Finance Committee meeting to a future date. September 5th at 7:00 was approved as a reschedule date.
 - Gave an update on the remaining \$121,500 unencumbered ARPA funds available.

- Discussed the move of available resources to our STAR Ohio interest bearing accounts, along with current budget expenditure averages, months of cash on hand available after transfer, and the timing of transfer back to general checking as needed.
- Solicitor:
 - No report.

Comments:

- Council:
 - No additional comments beyond general discussion around previously documented conversation at the meeting.
- Guests:
 - Mr. Randy Strowbridge - Concerned about street lamps in the village and some not working and council identified that we were trying to narrow down the responsible company for their maintenance. He also Suggested that we develop some form of online report card related to our suggested 72 hour call back policy and what is being worked in the village. Additionally, Randy thanked Chief Brady on reporting of his numbers but asked if we could develop some context as to the nature of calls, norms compared to other villages, and if any updates would help reduce some of the activity.
 - Mr. Bill Jones stated that we had already addressed some of the cat questions through the meeting but wanted some additional input as to what is happening ongoing with the cats. He also asked if we were receiving any numbers by month being TNR'd, and asked if we had access for revised code for the village. Council responded that the village has electronic access to all city codes online through the village website. Additionally, the village stated that we do not currently have readily available information pertaining to the TNR numbers in the village.
 - Mr. Tom Sizer - Presenting on behalf of beautify Cedarville. He gave an account of the positive influence that social media had on their efforts within the village and suggested that the Village would benefit from increased efforts to post activity online. He suggested possibly reaching out to the University population for an internship with village to assist in maintaining social media presence. Additionally, Tom volunteered to assist in developing reports for the police site pro bono.
 - Mr. Kenny is all set and ready to go for the entertainment from 7 to 9 at the Cedarfest. He would like to do a dance after fireworks for one hour. He also expressed concerns that the light poles and streetlights that have been taken out (crashed into) over the past year or two have not been replaced are causing dead zones in areas of higher population foot traffic.
 - Mr. Jacob Garrison thanked Andrea Kennedy for approving mowing the soccer fields more than once per week (2x). Mr. Garrison suggested Monday.com as a system to track 72 hour call back policy and organize it professionally. He also dovetailed off Mr. Sizer's suggestion of social media presence increase for Village communication and updates. He requested information related to alley way care and who could be responsible for it. He also asked about sidewalks and who is responsible for repair. Council identified that it is the homeowner and business responsibility to repair sidewalks and addressed that an increase focus will be applied with our new NIC contract.

Mr. Dawes moved and Ms. Jones seconded to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and legal updates. Motion passed with all ayes.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54pm.