

## Minutes of Cedarville Village Council

Held December 12, 2022

Council met in regular session on December 12, 2022 with Mayor Pergram presiding. Council members present were Brooks, Cody, Combs, Dawes, Jones and Ruth. Fiscal Officer excused. Administrator recorded the minutes. Peachy from Historical Society, and Jenna Webeck and Amy from Advocates 4 Animals present.

Minutes: Minutes of the November 28, 2022 regular meeting were accepted.

Mayor Pergram:

- Attended Fireman's Banquet Friday, December 9, 2022.
- Invited Peachy from Historical Society to speak regarding purchase and placement of old train depot to be used as memorial to railway workers. Council concerned about restoration and maintenance.
- Invited Jenna and Amy from Advocates 4 Animals to speak regarding feral cats in Cedarville. They have secured \$2,500 grant for 6 months of service – requesting equal match from the Village. Mayor will consult with fiscal officer.
- Discussed controversy over Christmas lights on cannon. Future military commemorations will include only spotlights and a wreath. Organizers of future public events will need to coordinate with Public Relations Committee and have Council's approval. Councilman Combs is looking into formal Village agreement for public event planners.
- Announced he will be stepping down as Mayor in the near future. Mayor Pro Tempore John Cody, Jr. will succeed.
- Discussion of raises for Mayor and Council before next election.

Police Chief Smith:

- 222 calls in the past two weeks.
- Officers took six students to Legacy for shoes, stuffed animals and books.
- Prepared and served approximately 480 hotdogs at Little Town of Lights.

Village Administrator Porter:

- Black top at park concession stand completed with \$5,000 Parks Grant.
- East St. relocation qualifies for Community Development Block Grant. Will apply early 2023.
- Purchased used Morbark 12" Chipper for farm at cost of \$47,730.
- Town Hall will be held in Opera House at no charge. Meeting is being advertised in the Intersection and through post card mailing.
- Requested approval to sell 2000 Ford 350 and attached Boss Salt Spreader and Boss Plow on GovDeals. Has not been used in over a year; Village has two additional plow/salt trucks. Council agreeable to part out and sell 350, Boss Spreader and Plow.
- Citizen request to replace discarded memorial bench for Mark Brown. Council declined – Village does not sponsor benches. Will recommend contacting Beautify Cedarville Committee or the University.

Old Business:

- Ordinance 2022-20: Temporary income tax increase (to 1.25%) to be made permanent – presented for third reading.

Mr. Dawes moved and Mr. Combs seconded to approve Ordinance 2022-20. Motion passed with all ayes.

#### New Business:

- Resolution 2022-14: Resolution allowing Fiscal Officer to close payroll account and transfer remaining balance to main checking account as soon as practical.

Mr. Brooks moved and Mr. Cody seconded to approve Resolution 2022-14. Motion passed with all ayes.

- Resolution 2022-15: Resolution authorizing the Village to affect a natural gas aggregation program with opt-out provisions and directing the Greene County Board of Elections to submit a ballot question to the electors.

Mr. Brooks moved and Mr. Combs seconded to approve Resolution 2022-15. Motion passed with all ayes.

- Resolution 2022-16: Resolution authorizing the Village to affect an electricity aggregation program with opt-out provisions and directing the Greene County Board of Elections to submit a ballot question to the electors.

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

Warrants: Warrants in the amount of \$106,055.92 were submitted.

Ms. Jones moved and Mr. Brooks seconded to approve the warrants for payment. Motion passed with all ayes.

#### Committee Reports:

- Community Relations – Met December 7, 2022 at 7 p.m. Coordinators of future public events must first meet with Community Relations and then get Council’s approval.
- Finance/Utility – Did not meet. Discussion with Fiscal Officer regarding Rumpke household trash fee increase to \$105 quarterly for a period of two years. Mayor will talk to Fiscal Officer regarding additional funds in Refuse Account for management of feral cats.
- Fiscal Officer – Excused.
- Solicitor –
  - Will meet with attorney for 23 S. Miller on December 13, 2022. Council agrees to extension on deadline if new court date is set in case of breach.
  - Suggested Village consider gifting Village employees with business membership to Costco.
- Activities – None

#### Comments:

- Guests – Spoke during Mayor’s floor time
- Council – None

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.