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# Village of Cedarville

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## **Minutes of Cedarville Council** **Held February 12th, 2024**

Council met in regular session on February 12th, 2024, with Mayor John Cody, Jr. presiding. Council members present were Ms. Becknell, Mr. Combs, Mr. Dawes, Ms. Jones, and Mr. Ruth. Fiscal Officer Howdysshell recorded the minutes.

Jim Chambers from Grace Baptist Church led prayer to start the meeting.

Minutes from the January 22nd meeting was approved.

Mayor Cody:

- PUD zoning request by Cedarville University has been temporarily tabled until additional information they had requested arrives.
- Representatives for the senior lofts project presented an update on the project. The Cedarville project was one of 25 awardees out of 750 applications for HUD funding. They identified that much of this was a result of community and council support. The project will be a multi-floor building containing 44 rooms for individuals 62 and older. The project will cost approximately 14 million dollars. The representatives reviewed external renderings of the property and project, along with internal floor plan layouts. Groundbreaking is to occur late fall to early 2025 and take 16 months or more to complete.
- Mr. Fox asked what type of strain this project would place on local emergency management systems. The representatives of St. Mary's identified that it would place some additional burden on the infrastructure, but not one that is out of the ordinary and should be marginal in nature. No detailed specifics were provided.
- Mr. Ayers asked several questions about the positioning of the building on the property, along with parking lot location, when developing the green space, proximity to Main street, and overall aesthetics to our downtown area. St. Mary's believes that given the restrictions of the property size they have positioned the building and parking lots well to maximize green space and functionality of the property and that the aesthetics of the exterior will continue to be evaluated for effort to match as best it can to our downtown colors and feel.
- Town Hall will be held in the opera house on 02/15 to discuss renovation of the opera house with Governor Dewine. This is a key opportunity for the community to discuss improvement ideas for the opera house.
- The 911 dispatch contract has been reviewed and amended by the county to provide further update and clarification to our requests. We will be billed quarterly throughout the duration of the agreement. The mayor opened Q+A to the council. Mr. Dawes moved and Mr. Ruth seconded to sign the agreement. The motion passed with all ayes.
- Mayor Cody would like to use part of the meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Johnson farm annexation into the village.

- An item of sad news to announce in that Mr. Dick Walker has passed away. Mayor Cody discussed many items of impact that he had over the years in the village, and that he was a true champion of community.

Police Chief Smith:

- 183 calls between 01/22/24 and 02/11/24
- Officer Wintersheimer has begun his full-time employment.

Village Administrator James Kannedy:

- The VFW that owns the cannon in our memorial park is being dissolved and Mr. Kannedy would like to request we take ownership of the cannon. General discussion was held amongst council members. Mr. Ruth moved and Mr. Dawes seconded to approve the ownership of the cannon. The motion passed with all ayes.
- Pickle ball fencing quote came in at \$34,000.
- We are receiving quotes for pump replacement at the lake property.
- Mr. Kannedy continues to make progress on the Millburn project.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Warrants: \$45,060.78 were submitted for approval.

Ms. Jones moved and Ms. Becknell seconded to approve the warrants. The motion passed with all ayes.

Committee Reports:

- Community Relations:
  - Did not meet.
- Finance/Utilities:
  - Met to discuss continued and on going projects, as well as continued stewardship of village resources. There are many on going projects in the community in progress and include everything from roadway projects to crosswalks.
  - The Finance Committee recommends to the Mayor the cost sharing of stakeholders within the community to fund an economic revitalization study by the Ohio Main Street Program. General discussion was held in the room amongst citizens, with Ms. Garrison presenting additional information about the organization, as well as desires to work within the structures of approval processes in the village. Council discussed with favorability to the project. Mr. Combs moved and Mr. Ruth seconded to support the project with a \$1,500 donation on behalf of the village. The motion was passed with all ayes. Cedarville University will also be contributing \$1,500 to the study, with the remainder coming from local stakeholders.
- Fiscal Officer:

- No update.
- Solicitor:
  - Filed the approved resolution identifying support from the village for the annexation of the Johnson farm into village property. The county met and approved the annexation on 02/08/24.

Comments:

- Council:
  - Council requested update on crosswalk progress on Main Street. Mayor Cody identified that Cedarville University has volunteered to assist in donating funds for additional signage and paint to place a crosswalk by their gravel lot.
  - Ms. Jones asked where we were in regard to any identified changes to cat related ordinances in town. Council discussed and nothing is set to change at the moment.
  - Mr. Cope presented information regarding the up-and-coming town hall neighborhood watch meeting. Council discussed the finances of procuring space and flyers for the event. Ms. Becknell moved and Mr. Combs seconded to approve the village to pay up to \$1,500 to get the ball rolling. The motion passed with all ayes.
- Guests:
  - Ms. Garrison provided additional information into prior projects that the Ohio Main Street Program had worked with, their efforts to receive donations for the project, and general excitement within the community to complete the project. Council was supportive of the idea and looks forward to a visit this spring.

Ms. Jones moved to enter executive session and Ms. Becknell seconded. The motion passed with all ayes.

Mr. Dawes moved, and Ms. Jones seconded to leave executive session and discuss action from the meeting. The motion passed with all ayes.

The meeting adjourned at 09:22 pm.