

Minutes of Cedarville Village Council

Held January 9, 2023

Prior to the regular session, a “Town Hall” meeting was held to inform residents about three issues:

1. The May ballot will include a request from the Council to make the current 1.25% payroll income tax permanent. This has been the income tax for several years on a temporary basis but these funds are permanently needed going forward.
2. The rates for trash pickup will be going up for the first time since January, 2019. The increase for residential rates will be from \$80/quarter to \$110/quarter; however, a \$5/quarter discount will be given to residents paying via direct/scheduled ACH. Commercial and dumpster rates are increasing by a similar amount. This increase is primarily being driven by costs being incurred by Rumpke in the current inflationary environment.
3. A representative from Palmer Energy presented information regarding a May ballot initiative to allow Village residents the opportunity to “aggregate” their utility costs for natural gas and electric at rates negotiated by the County.

Following the Town Hall meeting:

Council met in regular session on January 9, 2023 with Mayor Pergram presiding. Council members present were Brooks, Cody, Dawes, and Jones. Councilmembers Combs and Ruth were excused.

Minutes: Minutes of the December 12, 2022 regular meeting were accepted.

Mayor Pergram:

- Representative of Advocates for Animals were on-hand to request additional funds from the Village to maintain the TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return) program to deal with feral cats. Thus far, 96 cats have been neutered in Cedarville. (This same program was able to handle 1,366 cates in the Dayton region since its inception.)
- Peachy (from the Historical Society) was on-hand to request that Council consider helping to move the Train Depot building to Village property.
- Mayor Pro Tem: Councilmember Cody was unanimously elected Mayor Pro Tem.
- Mayor Pergram announced that this would be his last meeting as Mayor and that, at the end of the meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Cody will take over as Interim Mayor.

Police Chief Smith:

- 460 calls in the past four weeks.

Village Administrator Porter:

- Administrator Porter informed Council that installation of a splash pad with self-circulating pump (vs. on-demand water supply) would cost \$300,000. Council approved the Administrator to pursue a grant for this project at the Community Park.
- Administrator Porter requested to repair or replace broken benches. Precedent s that the Village maintains benches that are on Village / public property. Approved.
- An updated letter – similar to the one previously signed by members of Council – was presented to amend the previous letter. This will be give to Council member for signatures if they concur.

- Mr. Paul Cope was on-hand to discuss the Business Improvement Grant that he had previously received from Council (ARPA funds). The project that was part of the grant has been turned down by the inspector; he will return the \$5,000 grant and re-apply if there is another project for which he would use these funds.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Resolution 2023-02: Resolution Declaring the Necessity of an Election on the Question of Approving the Passage of Ordinance 2022-20 as it relates to amending Code Section 181.03 and Code 181.035 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Cedarville, Ohio wherein the Ordinance shall Extend the Present Income Tax rate of one and one-quarter percent (1.25%) for a Period Beginning January 1, 2024, Onward Until Revised by Later Ordinance by the Council of the Village of Cedarville.

Mr. Brooks moved and Mr. Dawes seconded to approve Resolution 2023-02. Motion passed with all ayes.

- Resolution 2023-03: Resolution to Proceed to the Taxing Authority. (Making the temporary 1.25% income tax permanent.)

Mr. Dawes moved and Mr. Brooks seconded to approve Resolution 2023-03. Motion passed with all ayes.

- Resolution 2023-04: Resolution Authorizing All Actions Necessary to Affect a Governmental Natural Gas Aggregation Program with Opt-Out Provisions Pursuant to Section 4929.26 of the ORC, Directing the Greene County Board of Elections to Submit a Ballot Question to the Electors.

Mr. Dawes moved and Mr. Brooks seconded to approve Resolution 2023-04. Motion passed with all ayes.

- Resolution 2023-05: Resolution Authorizing All Actions Necessary to Affect a Governmental Electricity Aggregation Program with Opt-Out Provisions Pursuant to Section 4929.26 of the ORC, Directing the Greene County Board of Elections to Submit a Ballot Question to the Electors.

Mr. Cody moved and Ms. Jones seconded to approve Resolution 2023-05. Motion passed with all ayes.

- Fiscal Officer presented the Final Budget for FY2023.

Mr. Cody moved and Mr. Brooks seconded to approve the FY 2023 Budget for the Village of Cedarville. Motion passed with all ayes.

- Ordinance 2023-01: Declaring an Emergency and Presenting the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the Village of Cedarville – for 2023.

Mr. Brooks moved and Mr. Dawes seconded to approve Ordinance 2023-01. Motion passed with all ayes.

- Resolution 2022-17: This resolution was previously approved by Council via email vote and presents Resource and Appropriations changes for 2022 necessary to have each fund balanced at the end of the year. Resolution being formally presented for ratification.

Ms. Jones moved and Mr. Brooks seconded to ratify Resolution 2022-17. Motion passed with all ayes.

- Resolution 2023-01: Resolution to Approve a Monthly Transfer of \$45,000 from the General Fund to the Police Fund for the Months of January – December, 2023. (If, at any time, the monthly transfer is not sufficient to maintain a positive balance in the Police Fund, an additional Resolution will be created to correct this situation.)

Mr. Dawes moved and Mr. Brooks seconded to approve Resolution 2023-01. Motion passed with all ayes.

Warrants: Warrants in the amount of \$112,108.51 were submitted.

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

Committee Reports:

- Community Relations – Will meet 1/18 at 7:00. (Note date change)
- Finance/Utility – Will meet on 2/6.
- Fiscal Officer – Presented the December Financial Reports
- Solicitor – A review hearing regarding the Miller St. property is scheduled for 1/25/23.
- Activities – No report

Comments:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.