
Village of Cedarville



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Minutes of Cedarville Council **Held March 27, 2023**

Council met in regular session on March 27, 2023 with Mayor John Cody, Jr. presiding. Council members present were Becknell, Brooks, Jones and Ruth. Council members Combs and Dawes, along with Fiscal Officer and Police Chief, were late due to work related issues. Administrator recorded the minutes.

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

Minutes: Minutes of the March 13, 2023 regular meeting need revision and will be presented again at the April 10, 2023 meeting.

Mayor Cody:

- Phase 3 quote for Council space has been received and will be presented to the Finance Committee for recommendation.
- The Red Line Running Club will be using the soccer fields each Monday from 4-5:30 pm for the next six weeks.
- The Xenia Gazette published a Washington Post article entitled “Cedarville is the Collegiest Town in Ohio”. Copies have been posted around town.
- Addressing concern over pickleball being a fad – New York City has installed 14 pickleball courts.

Police Chief Smith:

- Mayor read the Police Chief’s report in his absence:
 - 179 calls in the past two (2) weeks
 - Received resignation letter from Officer Jason McIntosh
 - Sgt. Fouts will remain out from surgery until April 5th

Village Administrator Porter:

- Randy and Deb Strobridge present to request funds for flower planters in town.
 - Mr. Brooks motioned and Mr. Ruth seconded to approve \$200 for the planters on a reimbursement basis. Motion passed with all ayes.
- Complaint for Declaratory Judgement regarding ownership of pumps at Sportsman’s Lake/141 W. Xenia Ave. was filed on March 24, 2023.
- Violation Notice and Condemnation/Demolition Order was sent certified mail on March 24, 2023 to property owner of 154 W. Xenia Ave.
- Opioid Settlement Agreements for Alergan, Teva, CVS, Walgreen and Walmart due April 18. Possibility that funds will stay at the county level. Council approved the Mayor signing Participation Agreements.
- Had discussion with Mr. Pergram in regard to heading Cedarfest this year. He is unable to do so. Suggestion that each Council member host an event.
- We have need of a Parks Manager. Consideration of adding this to Maintenance Supervisor role with adequate compensation.

Old Business:

- Ordinance 2023-06: Ordinance to Amend Section 505.01(b) of the Codified Ordinances to Clarify and Add Definition to the Prohibition of Animals Running Large Within the Village. Ordinance presented for second reading.

- Ordinance 2023-07: Ordinance to Amend Section 505.08 of the Codified Ordinances to Expand the Definition of Nuisance Conditions and the Scope of the Prohibition of Nuisance Conditions as they Pertain to Animals Within the Village. Ordinance presented for second reading.
- Ordinance 2023-08: Ordinance to Add Section 505.081 to the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Cedarville to Allow for a Localized Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) Program for the Purpose of Controlled Management of Stray and Feral Cats Within the Village Limits. Ordinance presented for second reading.
 - Solicitor presented Administrator with proposed revisions to Ordinances 2023-06, 2023-07 and 2023-08 as amended by DanaMarie Pannella, Attorney for Alley Cat Allies.
 - Several guests spoke regarding the advantages of a TNR program including:
 - Jessie Sullivan, SICSA Pet Adoption and Wellness Center
 - Samuel Belcher, Village resident
 - Randy Melvin, Village resident
 - Jeff Proctor, Alley Cat Allies
 - Cathi Tschirhart, Vice President, Greene County Humane Society
 - Leslie Batta, Batta Cats
 - Rob Mullins, Township resident
 - Debbie Holmes, owner of Mom & Dad’s Dairy Bar & Grill
 - Mike Schmidt, manager of Lyndon Ct. apartments
 - Mike Eckstein, Village resident

New Business:

- Jewel Harkleroad, village resident, raised concern about growing Airbnbs in Cedarville resulting in the loss of single-family homes. She would like to see an ordinance regulating Airbnbs.
- Jackie Pyles, township resident, suggested that each Councilmember take a lead in running an event at Cedarfest. She feels more people will volunteer when they see Council involved.

Warrants: Warrants in the amount of \$35,962.47 were submitted.

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

Committee Reports:

- Community Relations: Met Monday, March 20, 2023
 - Agreed that Cedarfest will be a one-day event. Mr. Dawes spoke to Ken Wagner of the Chamber of Commerce – they will not be running park events this year, however, they will organize the parade.
 - Discussion of need for Park Manager. Possibility of incorporating into Maintenance Supervisor role with additional compensation.
 - Recommend moving forward with pickleball courts once park boring report is in.
- Finance/Utilities: Will meet Monday, April 3, 2023
- Fiscal Officer: Excused
- Solicitor:
 - Talked with attorney for Alley Cat Allies
 - Complimented Randy Melvin on clean-up at 23 S. Miller property

Comments:

- Council – None
- Guests:
 - Mr. Randy Melvin asked if the Village had plans to address problems with the storm water system. He indicated that his neighbor’s property flooded, and while the owner was pumping out water, some spilled onto Mr. Melvin’s property creating a problem. Council advised that plans for storm water updates are in the process.

Executive Session:

- Mrs. Jones moved and Mrs. Becknell seconded to move to Executive Session to discuss legal matters. No action is anticipated afterwards. Motion passed with all ayes.

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

Fiscal Officer, Police Chief Smith and Councilmember Combs arrived late from work related issues.

Police Chief: No questions for Chief

Fiscal Officer:

- Indicated that the Village monies at US Bank are not fully protected by the FDIC. Recommended that the Village open an account with STAR Ohio and transfer a minimum of \$500,000 to short-term money market funds. These funds generally offer higher yields.
- Mr. Dawes moved and Mr. Ruth seconded to create an account with STAR Ohio and transfer up to \$1,000,000 from US Bank to STAR Ohio. Motion passed with all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.