
Village of Cedarville



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Minutes of Cedarville Council Held May 22, 2023

Council met in regular session on May 22, 2023 with Mayor John Cody, Jr. presiding. Council members present were Becknell, Brooks, Combs, Dawes (late), Jones and Ruth. The Fiscal Officer recorded the minutes.

Meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Byron Shearer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: Minutes of the May 8, 2023, regular meeting were approved as presented.

Mayor Cody:

- Zoning Appeals Board will meet on Wednesday, May 10, 2023; however the Mayor cannot be there and requests that a Councilmember chair this. (Brooks or Combs will do so).
- Dispatch Charges from Xenia – are simply not doable on the Village budget (without an increased levy). Mayor is opening a dialogue with Jamestown and Yellow Springs to seek an alternative solution.
- Executive Session will be needed for personnel issues and legal concerns.
- NIC (National Inspection Corporation) has provided a proposal to provide zoning services to the Village. (NIC is currently contracted to provide building permits, inspections, etc.) Council concurs that this is the appropriate action and a resolution will be presented at the next meeting.
- Mayor had previously requested that Council review the current job description for the Village Administrator position. Council concurs that the current one is appropriate and should be used when posting the position.

Police Chief Smith:

- 122 calls in last 2 weeks
- Officer Cody Smith attended bicycle officer training last week. He is now certified to perform police bicycle patrols.
- A candidate is available to meet with Council regarding the filling of Officer Jason Robison's position.

Village Administrator Kannedy:

- Some construction changes in the building regarding the Council Chambers:
 - Only 1 restroom to be installed as the plumbing system will not handle two additional restrooms.
 - There is a question regarding the planned removal of one wall as the builder is not willing to do this for safety reasons.
- Working pole light issues raised at the last meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business: Resolution 2023-09: Agreement Between the Greene County Engineer and the Village of Cedarville Council Regarding Participation in the 2023 Pavement Markings Program.
Note: Resolution wording provided by Greene County Engineer's Office.

Mr. Brooks moved and Mr. Combs seconded to approve Resolution 2023-09. Motion passed with all ayes. (Mr. Dawes not present)

Warrants: Warrants in the amount of \$96,529.62 were submitted.

Mr. Combs moved and Mr. Ruth seconded to approve the warrants as presented. Motion passed with all ayes. (Mr. Dawes not present)

Committee Reports:

- Community Relations:
 - No new business; however, continued work on CedarFest planning.
- Finance/Utilities:
 - No meeting. Will meet on June 5, 2023.
- Fiscal Officer: Provided several updates
 - Greene County Auditor is requesting a 2024 Tax Budget. This will have to be completed and submitted prior to the second meeting in July.
 - OEPA has raised concerns with the landfill. Village Administrator is working to adjust processes to address these concerns.
- Solicitor:
 - Requests approval and coverage of expenses to attend the annual solicitor's conference in Columbus. Council approves this expenditure.
 - Noted that he met with Mr. Randy Melvin and was surprised at the amount of work that has been accomplished at the property. Two (2) of the cabooses are gone and there is a buyer for the remaining railcar. Two (2) of the buildings have also been removed.

Comments:

- Council: None
- Guests:
 - "Ray and Karen" are buying the remaining railcar from Mr. Melvin but need 60-90 days to prepare the property and move the car.
 - Mr. Melvin informed Council that he has made significant progress in cleaning the property. He also requests that the current charges against the trust owner (his daughter) be dropped. Council appreciates that work that has been and is being done. The court date is after the next meeting and a decision will be made at that time.
- Mr. Randy Strobridge informed Council that an additional parking spot could be added now that the alley has been closed to through traffic. Council will consider this. He also noted that three (3) of the five (5) black street lamps in town are not working.
- Ms. Marilyn Ware requests up to \$250.00 from the Council for the annual planting of flowers throughout the Village. Council approves this expenditure.
- Mr. Tony Gillaugh publicly thanked the "Beautification Committee" for their work on this alley and other projects in town. He also offered his help in planning for Cedar Fest and he has helped in the past – especially with lining up music for the weekend.

Ms. Jones moved and Ms. Becknell seconded to move to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and legal updates. No action is expected afterward. Motion passed with all ayes.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.