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# Village of Cedarville

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## Minutes of Cedarville Council Held May 8, 2023

Council met in regular session on May 8, 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 Councilmember James Combs, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: Minutes of the April 24, 2023 regular meeting were approved as presented.

Mayor Cody:

- All three (3) of the election ballot measures passed.
- Requested that Council members review the job description for the Village Administrator
- 9-1-1 Dispatch Service costs scheduled to rise significantly – from ~\$6,000 this year to \$50,000 in 2024, \$75,000 in 2025, and \$100,000 in 2026.
  - This is not affordable for the Village.
  - Mayor to report further at next meeting.
- June 12 is the “Town Hall” meeting at the Opera House. Event will be held at 7:00.

Police Chief Smith:

- 268 calls in last 4 weeks
- Jason Robison is resigning to become Jamestown’s full-time Sargeant.
- Cody Smith will be at bicycle officer training next week.

Village Administrator Porter: No report

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Warrants: Warrants in the amount of \$63,842.81 were submitted.

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

Committee Reports:

- Community Relations:
  - Grace Baptist Church has numerous volunteers for CedarFest that are helping to develop the program.
  - Discussed fireworks for the event – funding, event to be identified.
- Finance/Utilities:
  - Met with Dr. David Rich on May 1, 2023.
  - Mayor looking at possibility of starting a Planning Committee.

- Fiscal Officer: Provided several updates
  - The annual SLFRF (“ARPA”) report has been filed.
  - The 2022 Local Tax Certification report has been filed.
  - The April financial reports have been submitted to Council.
  - The Financial Audit of FY2021 and FY2022 has begun. This year, the auditors will be doing an AUP (Agreed Upon Procedures) rather than an Audit Engagement. The differences are relatively minor primarily involving the level of testing completed and the resulting opinion. Both are fully acceptable to the State of Ohio’s Auditor.
  - Met with Greene County Engineer’s Office to finalize plans for road paving this summer.
- Solicitor: No report – but requests an Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

Comments:

- Council:
  - Councilmember Combs reports that Mr. Dick Walker would like to have a “Village Night Out” (modeled after the “National Night Out” in Cedarville with an emphasis on cancer survivors. Event will be July 18 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This would be a Village sponsored event. (Council concurs).
- Guests:
  - Ms. Emily Kaufman reported that she was offended by the public statement read at the last meeting and that she has been singled out for comments that she made during the meeting.
  - Ms. Emily Kastor requested approval for the Youth Soccer Association to have an event at the Massie Creek Fields on August 26, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Event would include food trucks, “bouncy houses”, etc. (Council concurs).

Ms. Jones moved and Ms. Becknell seconded to move to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. 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 7:55 p.m.