

Village of Cedarville



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Minutes of Cedarville Council **Held October 23rd, 2023**

Council met in regular session on October 23rd, 2023, with Mayor John Cody, Jr. presiding. Council members present were Ms. Becknell, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Combs, and Ms. Jones. Mr. Ruth was excused. Mr. Dawes was excused from being at the start of the meeting. The Fiscal Officer recorded the minutes.

Mr. Tim Cochrell from Grace Baptist Church led the invocation to open the meeting.

Council Meeting opened at 7:00pm and the Minutes of the October 9th, 2023, regular meeting was approved as presented.

Mayor Cody:

- Two recommendations have been submitted for alteration to the 911 dispatch agreement without response from the county yet.
- The 911 committee is being formed and needs one nomination from our village. The village has chosen to nominate Councilman Kyle Calhoun from Jamestown.
- Attended the Mayor's prayer breakfast held annually in Xenia. Mention was made about spreading the cost of municipal court across the county municipalities; however, no further discussion was made.
- A reminder was given that Halloween will be on the 31st from 6:00 to 8:00 in the village and that election day is November 7th. The mayor encouraged all in attendance to vote.

Police Chief Smith:

- Excused absence. No report.

Village Administrator Kannedy:

- First round of salt for the year has been ordered.
- Leaf pickup will start on November 1st. Mr. Brian Nester will be heading up a community outreach project where college students rake leaves around town. The village will attempt to pick up leaves at a similar time to the projects being done to cut down on leaf blowing.
- Holiday decorations have been inventoried and are ready to place out in the village. Some additional items will be needed for order.
- Dr. Sherr has provided some quotes and information regarding the remaining projects needed to complete the pickle ball courts. The village is seeking grant funds for assistance in completing the projects.
- Ms. Kannedy is efforting to work with Mr. Fox and the state to correct a few handicap parking spaces in front of the senior center.
- The Milburn drainage project is still in progress.

- A veterans memorial dedication event is to be held November 11th at 10:00 am. There will be a formal ground-breaking at the event with select speakers honoring our veterans.
- We are continuing to take a look at needed paving projects within the community for future consideration.
- Continued discussion on camera placement within the community to assist in reducing vandalism.
- Morris Beam was given a week's notice to remedy property dereliction before continued action is taken against the property.
- There are continued meetings happening to get the light pole fixed by Mom and Dad's. Mr. Gillaugh provided additional information as to why there have been some discrepancies in pole numbering that could be causing delays.

Old Business:

New Business: Resolution 2023-13 was presented to council in voting to appoint Kyle Calhoun as representative to the 911 committee. Mr. Brooks moved, and Ms. Jones seconded to approve the nomination. The resolution passed with all ayes.

Warrants: \$75,396.61 were submitted for approval.

Mr. Combs moved, and Mr. Brooks seconded to approve the warrants. Motion was passed with all ayes.

Committee Reports:

- Community Relations:
 - Met to discuss the community watch program with good attendance. The program is in need of a volunteer to lead the program and we have a community member volunteer to head the program. At the next meeting there will be additional information and items to be presented in discussion towards the creation of a program. There looks to be a lot of community interest moving forward.
- Finance/Utilities:
 - Did not meet. Next meeting 11/06/2023
- Fiscal Officer: Mr. Howdyshell prepared and presented an employee wage analysis with further discussion to occur at the next finance committee meeting.
- Solicitor: No information or comment.

Comments:

- Council: None
- Guests:

- Mr. Cope spoke and stated that he is the one interested in leading the neighborhood watch for the community. He suggested that we try to be diligent in getting information out about the next meeting.
- Mrs. Ware spoke and addressed the sidewalks in the community and desired improvement needed in some areas of town. She felt that walking and daily activities are being prohibited by condition of the sidewalk in several areas around town. Mrs. Ware also had some concerns about a potentially abandoned structure in town. She asked if we could follow up with the property owner to see if there are tenants in the building.
- Mr. Gillaugh expressed concerns about the increasing number of skateboarders in town. Fast moving electric skateboarders traveling at high speed are operated through town with little caution for motorists. Mr. Gillaugh stated that he nearly hit a skateboarder in town. He also expressed concern with the number of runners in town that may not be obeying all roadway laws, and that there are increasing amounts of risk on those around and in town when this occurs.

Mr. Dawes moved to enter into executive session and Mr. Brooks seconded. The motion passed with all ayes.

Ms. Becknell moved, and Mr. Dawes seconded to leave executive session and adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with all ayes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:13PM.