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# Village of Cedarville

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## **Minutes of Cedarville Council** **Held April 8th, 2024**

Council met in regular session on April 8th, 2024, with Mayor John Cody, Jr. presiding. Council members present were Ms. Becknell, Mr. Combs, Mr. Brooks, Ms. Jones, and Mr. Ruth. Mr. Dawes was approved to be late for the meeting. Fiscal Officer Howdyshell recorded the minutes.

Pastor Adam Hammett from Grace Baptist Church led prayer to start the meeting.

Minutes from the March 25th meeting was approved.

Mayor Cody

- Provided a reminder to all present of the D.A.R.T visit April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.
- A zoning appeals committee meeting scheduled for Thursday at 7:00 – Cedarville Learning center is seeking a zoning modification to a property being considered for their business.
- The village received the quote for the Labor Day fireworks and the total is the same as 2023. The township agreed to pay for half of the \$7,250. Mr. Brooks moved and Mr. Ruth seconded to approve the split amount. The motion passed with all ayes.
- April 22nd meeting Mayor Cody will be out of town and council member Combs will run the meeting in his absence.

Police Chief Smith:

- 104 calls from 03/26/24 to 04/07/2024.
- Drug take back is scheduled for April 27th.

Village Administrator James Kannedy:

- Crosswalk parts have been ordered and anticipated to come in the second week in June. The village is checking to see if the University would be willing to assist in the installation of a second crosswalk on 72 closer to Faith Hall.
- Provided many project updates to include pickle ball court fence installation beginning later this month, completed park restroom repairs, anticipated repair of the park water fountain, listing the village Dodge Charger for sale in the near future, and the upcoming dam inspection occurring on May the 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Updated council on continued exploration of a village webpage upgrade.
- Provided update on the collective paving project coming in less than originally quoted at 97,338.55 for Kyle and College Hill. The project will begin later this summer.
- Identified that the Milburn Street project has come in 10k higher than originally anticipated, but that the drainage problem at Elm and Walnut ended up being caused by removable trash and debris without major cost.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

- Warrants: \$33,940.72 were submitted for approval. Mr. Brooks moved, and Mr. Ruth seconded to approve the warrants. The motion passed with all ayes.

Committee Reports:

- Community Relations:
  - Will meet on the 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Finance/Utilities:
  - The finance committee met and discussed ongoing projects within the village identified in the administrator report.
  - We continue to seek alternatives to the ongoing pump rental at the reservoir on 72N.
  - Looking into upgrading our village web page.
  - Continue eying ongoing infrastructure improvements within the village.
- Fiscal Officer:
  - No update.
- Solicitor:
  - Solicitor Bogenschutz requested executive session for a real estate matter. No action anticipated.

Comments:

- Council:
  - Mr. Ruth asked if we are able relocate a pair of nesting geese. General discussion was held around what to do and conformed that an ODNR permit would need to be applied for to consider relocation. Administrator Kannedy will apply for a permit as needed.
  - Guests:
    - Nathan Fox requested additional information regarding landlord and residential zoning within the village. Mr. Fox attempted to go through the ordinances and cannot find where it cites the timeline of action, and the definitions of what a family is related to the last two ordinances created in 2021. The village webpage does not definitively address what the ordinances are, and administrator Kannedy will seek to update the webpage where able. Council and the mayor will gather information in attempts to provide update for Mr. Fox.
    - Mr. Fox also asked for clarification on where the historical district ended on 72 moving south of the traffic light. There are confusing definitions and locations identified. Mr. Fox cited the village ordinance which defines the business district location having been updated in 2021 but the map on the website is from 2008. Mr. fox respectfully identified that the village has turn of the century buildings south of existing defined line not included in what our ordinances currently state and that an update to our ordinances to provide clarity would be helpful. Council identified

that Mr. Fox is correct in that there are indeed confusing definitions, and that the village should re-visit this in the near future to address to problem.

- Jacob Garrison asked if any of the requested information from St. Mary's has become available to us related to questions asked at prior council meetings. Mr. Brooks identified that the village received some information from St. Mary's but has not received the total information requested. The village cannot comment until additional information has been received.
- Mr. Garrison stated that he became aware that former mayor Phipps sent some form of a letter on behalf of Colonials Pizza to assist them in reducing premiums for flood insurance. Mr. Garrison is requesting the current Mayor try to do the same for Cedarville Hardware if possible. Solicitor Bogenschutz will inquire with former mayor Phipps as to what occurred and if we can attempt to mitigate on Cedarville Hardware's behalf.
- Paul Mitchell inquired as to the status of the University's zoning request on their intramural area along 72 N. Mayor Cody cited that the PUD request for rezoning on behalf of the university is on hold at the request of the university. The university is awaiting a response from Greene County regarding water infrastructure capability to assist in understanding if they can conduct property development. Mr. Mitchell cited an unofficial conversation with a responsible individual in the know that Wendy's has pulled out because the wastewater removal infrastructure would need improved and that the cost to do so would be too high.
- Mr. Mitchell asked if we could improve the lighting and voice amplification in the room for those who need assistance if we were going to continue meeting in the back area. Mayor Cody responded that he will explore options for improving the room, or moving back into the primary room if attendance stays at a level capable of fitting there.
- Ms. Garrison - community meeting on Wednesday night, 6:00, at high school cafeteria.

Mr. Combs moved to enter executive session at 8:02pm and Ms. Becknell seconded. The motion was approved with all ayes.

Mr. Dawes moved, and Ms. Jones seconded to leave executive session. The motion passed with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.