
Village of Cedarville



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Minutes of Cedarville Council **Held August 28th, 2023**

Council met in regular session on August 28th, 2023, with Mayor John Cody, Jr. presiding. Council members present were Combs, Dawes, Jones and Ruth. Ms. Becknell and Mr. Brooks absences were both excused before the meeting. The Fiscal Officer recorded the minutes.

Council Meeting opened at 7:00pm and Minutes of the August 14th, 2023, regular meeting was approved as presented.

Cam Sardano from Grace Baptist Church led prayer prior to the start of the meeting.

Mayor Cody:

- Mayor Cody asked Chief Kyle Miller to attend the meeting to give further explanation into his request for free downtown parking for volunteer firefighters. Chief Miller discussed several advantages to volunteers having expedited access to their vehicles and asked if the village could use this as an intangible way to say thank you. Currently 6 or 7 volunteers live in or around the Business district. Council discussed pros and cons of alleviating the charge or passing out a simple placard allowing volunteers to park in discussed areas without having to issue a permit to them free of charge. Mr. Combs moved and Mr. Dawes seconded to allow volunteers to display a placard in their vehicle allowing parking downtown. Motion passed with all ayes.
- During 911 dispatch meeting held the prior week, the Mayor of Jamestown revealed a letter sent to them by the county articulating concern for their attempt to branch off with Cedarville and Yellow Springs for 911 monitoring services. There are future meetings scheduled between Cedarville and Jamestown, as well as Yellow Springs for discussion, and continued attempts are being made to meet with the county. A general discussion around challenges and benefits of breaking off to our own dispatch was held between council members while the cost of staying with the county is still a major concern.
- A call had been received from an employee at Dales Truck Parts identifying an alarm going off in the area for quite some time. An officer was dispatched to the location where the alarm was successfully turned off.

Police Chief Smith:

- 116 calls in the last two weeks.
- Officer Jason Robinson has submitted his resignation.
- A very busy weekend ahead with Cedarfest activities and additional taser training to be held.

Village Administrator Kannedy:

- Expressed thanks to Township employees for the aid on tree removal in front of the high school in such an expedited manner during the storm this past week.

- Ms. Kannedy gave updates on several projects to include street light repair, the Veterans memorial pavers, pickle ball court project start time on 08/31 and bridge paining.
- We have experienced a good pace of completion with the ongoing projects in town but have a couple of needs hanging out there such as the water fountains at the soccer fields needing turned on and the disrepair of alleyways in the village. Further discussion to be held on benefits and drawbacks of repair types moving forward.
- Wright Tree Service has been using the parking lots by the soccer fields by approval, but we have fielded continued concerns about the machinery, vehicles, trash, etc., around the area being used to park. It is believed that the benefits of the agreement with them are now being outweighed by the drawbacks and we would like to request them to discontinue parking on our lots. Council discussed and agreed to ask Wright Tree Service to vacate our lots by the soccer field and cease using them for parking.
- The Cedarville Soccer Association is asking if the village would donate \$1,551.00 for new soccer goals out at the soccer field. This amount would be half of the total expense for a pair of goals and is being matched by an anonymous donor to fulfil the ongoing need. Ms. Jones moved and Mr. Ruth seconded that the village make the donation. The motion was passed with all ayes.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- Ordinance 2023-09 Trash Billing was read. To allow the most time for village residents to pay their outstanding balances, the ordinance reading was delayed until the last point of time before outstanding balances need be referred to the county auditor's office and be added to the residents tax liability in the total amount outstanding to the village. Mr. Dawes moved and Ms. Jones seconded to suspend the three reading requirements before voting to approve an ordinance. The motion was passed with all ayes. Mr. Combs moved and Mr. Ruth seconded to approve Ordinance 2023-09. The motion was passed with all ayes.

Warrants: Warrants in the amount of \$34,786.15 were submitted.

Mr. Dawes moved and Ms. Jones seconded to approve the warrants as presented. Motion passed with all ayes.

Mr. Combs moved and Mr. Dawes seconded to amend the warrant totals to \$34,386.15 to give time for invoice validity before payment. Motion was passed with all ayes.

Mr. Combs moved and Mr. Dawes seconded to approve the new warrant total of \$34,386.15. Motion was passed with all ayes.

Committee Reports:

- Community Relations:
 - The village was able to save half the cost on porta potties this year for Cedarfest. Same quantities as last year.
 - The committee discussed several small questions and logistics questions around Cedarfest and solutions as to how to solve them.
- Finance/Utilities:

- Did not meet. Next meeting to be held on 09/05
- Fiscal Officer:
 - 300k transfer was made from general checking account to STAR Ohio investments.
 - Received the same letter from the county as Jamestown had regarding our 911 dispatch separation attempts. Letter will be forwarded to the Mayor.
- Solicitor:
 - Received a call and request for a 2-week extension in moving a Caboose off a residents property in town that had current time restrictions against removal. A plan for removal was also presented at that time. There have been some logistical issues in accomplishing his original plan but means and method to accomplishing a new plan for removal were expressed.
 - Council discussed the matter and were in favor of allowing the two week extension but forwarding any trailing property concerns over to NIC.

Comments:

- Council:
 - Ms. Jones questioned where we were at in terms of a job description for Village Administrator position, and when the role is going to be posted? No formal outline was presented, but continued progress is being made.
- Guests:
 - Mr. Randy Strowbridge – Presented a request for the village to assist with fall flower placements downtown. No final decision was made during the discussion.
 - Mr. Strobridge also suggested exploring the options of imposing a per student fee on each student at Cedarville University to assist with village administration in the downtown area and around town. Council expressed that this has been explored in the past and continued efforts have been made to determine the legality of issuing such a fee.
 - Mr. Jacob Garrison expressed thankfulness to the village for providing funds for soccer goals.
 - Mr. Garrison also inquired about various situation appropriateness in using the on call number for a local officer. Chief Combs expressed general opinions around when to use it, when not to use it, and when to call the formal office number.
 - Lastly, Mr. Garrison inquired about any additional local grant funds available to business owners in the community. Council responded that the funds are mostly all unavailable at this point.

Mr. Dawes moved and Mr. Ruth seconded to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and legal updates. Motion passed with all ayes.

Mr. Combs moved and Ms. Jones seconded to return from Executive Session. Motion passed with all ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm.