

Minutes of Cedarville Village Council

Held December 13, 2021

Council met in regular session on December 13, 2021 with Mayor Pergram presiding. Council members present were Brooks, Chisholm, Dawes, Stancliff, Terrell and Ware. Fiscal Officer recorded the minutes.

Minutes: Minutes of the November 22, 2021 regular meeting were accepted as presented.

Mayor Pergram:

- Mayor Pergram presented the “Key to the Village” to both Councilmember Chisholm and Councilmember Ware on their retirements after serving on the Village Council for 26 and 20 years, respectively.
- Mr. Randy Melvin was there and the Village Administrator is recommending that legal action be postponed to allow the Solicitor, Administrator and Mayor to meet with him. Meeting to be 12/20 at 8:00 and is to address long-standing issues outlined in the September 18, 2021 notice. Council concurred with recommendation.
- Mrs. Bettina Lemaster was also on hand to address the notice she received regarding her property on W. Xenia Ave. The property is zoned “Light Industrial” but she has put a shed on it for storing tools used to work on the property. The Administrator recommends that she apply for a variance to retain the shed. Council concurred with recommendation.

Police Chief Combs:

- 369 calls in last three (3) weeks.
- Transported eight (8) students from CedarCliff School to the Legacy Center to pick out shoes for Christmas.
- Chief Combs will be out for several weeks following surgery scheduled for 12/14/21.
- Chief Combs is recommending that Mr. Brady Smith be hired as a FT officer and to be the interim chief during this time.

Mr. Terrell moved and Mr. Brooks seconded to hire Mr. Brady Smith as a FT police officer and as interim police chief during Chief Combs’ absence. Motion passed with all ayes and Officer Smith was sworn into office.

- Mr. Jason Lewis is returning as a PT police officer and he also was sworn during the meeting.

Village Administrator Porter:

- Presented Ordinance 2021-10: Flood Damage Reduction for first reading.
- ARPA funding approved for the following projects:
 - Park Restrooms
 - Village Offices (in the Opera House meeting room area)
 - Sidewalks and lights along Main St. (US RT 72)
 - Storm water repairs in the Village
 - Installation of a generator at the Police Department.

Old Business:

- Ordinance 2021-08: An Ordinance regarding storm water management systems – was submitted for a vote after being officially read in the required number of meetings.

Mr. Stancliff moved and Mr. Brooks seconded to approve Ordinance 2021-08. Motion passed with all ayes.

New Business:

- Resolution 2021-16: Transfer Remaining Funds from the Police Department Building fund to the General Fund – was presented by the Fiscal Officer.

Mr. Dawes moved and Mr. Chisholm seconded to approve Resolution 2021-16. Motion passed with all ayes.

- Resolution 2021-17: Funds Transfer to the Police Department Operating Fund – was presented by the Fiscal Officer.

Ms. Ware moved and Mr. Dawes seconded to approve Resolution 2021-17. Motion passed with all ayes.

- Ordinance 2021-09: Temporary Spending Ordinance for FY2022 (and declaring an emergency) – was presented by the Fiscal Officer.

Mr. Chisholm moved and Ms. Ware seconded to approve Ordinance 2021-09. Motion passed with all ayes.

Warrants: Warrants in the amount of \$98,859.86 were submitted. Ms. Ware moved and Mr. Chisholm seconded to approve the warrants for payment. The motion passed with all ayes.

Committee Reports:

- Community Relations – No report; meeting scheduled for 12/20 is cancelled.
- Finance/Utility – Met as scheduled; Fiscal Officer to presented preliminary budget for FY2022.
- Fiscal Officer – Presented preliminary FY22 budget updates. Final budget will be passed at the 1st meeting in January once all ending balances are known.
- Solicitor – Working on collections of past-due taxes based on information provided by RITA.
- Activities – None

Council Comments:

- Mr. Terrell expressed displeasure that action regarding the Melvin property on S. Miller St. is being delayed again.

Guests Comments:

- None

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.