

Minutes of Cedarville Village Council

Held February 27, 2023

Council met in regular session on February 27, 2023 with Mayor Cody presiding. Council members present were Becknell, Brooks, Combs, Dawes, Jones and Ruth. Fiscal Officer recorded the minutes.

Note: Mr. Dawes was late due to work schedule.

Minutes: Minutes of the February 13, 2022 regular meeting were accepted as presented.

Mayor Cody:

- Working with Solicitor on plan to open future meetings with prayer.
- Opened meeting with Pledge of Allegiance.
- Still working on getting a quote for the next phase of the Council area renovations.
- Splash pad – will need to make a final decision on this soon. Currently pending soil test results and a final cost estimate.

Police Chief Smith:

- 194 calls in the past two (2) weeks.

Village Administrator Porter:

- Working on issues at 52 W. Elm St. – a vacant house
- Held inspection of 154 W. Xenia Ave along with the building inspector and the fire chief.
- While performing electrical work in the Village offices, a room was ‘discovered’ and will be used as a storage room.
- 141 W. Xenia Ave. – the next step is to file a motion regarding this property.

Old Business:

- Ordinance 2023-03: An Ordinance to Amend Sections 137.03(c), (c)(1), (c)(2), (c)(3), and (c)(4) of the Codified Ordinances to Remove Specific Powers of the Village Administrator Which Are No Longer Applicable. Ordinance presented for second reading.
- Ordinance 2023-04: An Ordinance to Amend Section 121.02 of the Codified Ordinances to Amend the Monetary Compensation for Council Members. Ordinance presented for second reading.
- Ordinance 2023-05: An Ordinance to Amend Section 149.05 of the Codified Ordinances to Update Designated Employee Holidays to Agree with Section 12 of the Village of Cedarville Employee Handbook. Ordinances presented for second reading.

New Business: None

Warrants: Warrants in the amount of \$52,356.96 were submitted.

Mr. Brooks moved and Mr. Ruth seconded to approve the warrants for payment. Motion passed with all ayes. (Mr. Dawes not present.)

Committee Reports:

- Community Relations – met February 20, 2023.
 - Question: Should ordinances regarding feeding feral cats be enforced? A: Yes
 - Fines for non-compliance should be issued (after warnings, etc.).
- Finance/Utility – to meet February 6, 2023.
- Fiscal Officer – the Annual Financial Report has been filed and the financial audit for FY2021 and FY2022 should start in a few weeks.
- Solicitor – Suit regarding the Miller Street property expected to go to trial in June under Judge McNamee.
- Activities – No report

Comments:

- Council – None
- Guests:
 - Mr. Michael Schurr requested that Council consider upgrades at the Community Park to include 6 pickle ball courts (instead of the splash pad).
 - Mr. Michael Eckstein requested better communication regarding the agendas for upcoming meetings, updated minutes from meetings, etc. Also asked where to find Village ordinances on line (at the Village website).
 - Mr. Jeremy (?) requested that Council consider replacing the ‘group’ mailboxes in town. A: This is a post office problem and Council has tried to have this addressed previously. Suggestion was made that residents impacted create a petition to have this done and Mayor Cody would take this to the Postmaster for consideration.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.