

Minutes of Cedarville Village Council

Held February 7, 2022

Council met in regular session on February 7, 2022 with Mayor Pergram presiding. Council members present were Brooks, Dawes, Jones, Stancliff, and Terrell. Councilmember Cody was excused. Fiscal Officer recorded the minutes.

Minutes: Minutes of the January 24, 2021 regular meeting were accepted as presented.

Mayor Pergram:

- Individual has expressed interest in re-starting an adult softball league in Cedarville
- Council Assignments for 2022:

Role:	Councilmember:	Supporting
○ Ombudsman	Mr. Terrell	Village constituents
○ Zoning / Planning	Mr. Cody	Fiscal Officer
○ Police / Legal	Mr. Brooks	Solicitor / Police Chief
○ Parks / Activities	Mr. Dawes	Parks Director
○ Local Businesses	Mr. Stancliff	Chamber of Commerce
○ Business / Admin	Ms. Jones	Administrator

Police Interim Chief Smith:

- Attended funeral in town on Tuesday
- Marijuana / THC bust in town.
- Officer Slone has submitted his resignation effective 2/28. Going to the Sheriff's Office.

After discussion and recommendation from Mayor Pergram: Councilmember Terrell moved and Councilmember Brooks seconded to hire Acting Chief Brady Smith as Chief of Police. Motion passed with all ayes and Officer Brady Smith was sworn in as the Chief of Police for Cedarville.

Village Administrator Porter:

- Met with Mr. Walker Mitchell regarding the housing project on S. Main St.:
 - The developer is requesting that some areas be vacated by the Village
 - Financing on pace to be approved in May
 - Project will start late summer or early fall
 - If the restroom facility needs to be moved, this will be done at developer's expense
 - The first house on the property has been razed
 - Zoning process to be completed
- Proposed changes to several ordinances and reviewed these with Council. These will be voted on in a future meeting. UPDATE: Ordinances 2022-02 – 2022-08.
- Variance request received to use right-of-way for off-street parking at 55 Mill St. (vacant)

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Fiscal Officer presented Resolution 2022-02: Ratify action and transfer \$5,000 from General Fund to Police Fund.

Mr. Brooks moved and Mr. Stancliff seconded to approve Resolution 2022-02. Motion passed with all ayes.

Warrants: Warrants in the amount of \$53,820.69 were submitted.

Mr. Stancliff moved and Mr. Dawes seconded to approve the warrants for payment. The motion passed with all ayes.

Committee Reports:

- Community Relations – no report
- Finance/Utility – no report
- Fiscal Officer –
 - Presented January Financial Report
 - Provided update on pending insurance renewal
 - Provided update on landfill filing with Auditor Of State
- Solicitor –
 - Reviewing MOU with Cedarville University (Mr. John Hart)
 - Several calls to attorney representing Mr. Randy Melvin regarding the well-known property issues on property on S. Miller St. No return call received.
 - Met with Attorney Dustin Hughes and coming to agreement with most of the issues raised regarding Ordinances 2021-05 and -06.
- Activities – None

Council Comments:

- Mr. Brooks is disturbed by further delays in communication from Mr. Randy Melvin and his attorney. “Stalling” seems to be the strategy and action needs to be taken by / at the next Council meeting.

Guests Comments:

- Mr. David Ormsbee was interested in the timetable for decisions and implementation of Ordinances 2021-05 and -06. (Previously provided by Solicitor)
- Mr. Tony Gillaugh expressed appreciation to Village employees for snow-removal efforts after latest storm as well as complementing the new lights on the emergency vehicles.

Mr. Brooks moved and Mr. Dawes seconded to move to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Action is possible after the meeting. Motion passed with all ayes.

Mr. Brooks moved and Mr. Dawes seconded to return from Executive Session. Motion passed with all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28.