

## Minutes of Cedarville Village Council

### Held January 10, 2022

Council met in regular session on January 10, 2022 with Mayor Pergram presiding. Council members present were Brooks, and Terrell (prior to swearing-in ceremony). Fiscal Officer recorded the minutes.

Minutes: Minutes of the December 13, 2021 regular meeting were accepted as presented.

Mayor Pergram:

- Mayor Pergram performed swearing-in ceremony for three newly elected council members: Mr. John Cody, Jr., Mr. Guy Dawes, and Mr. Harold Stancliff.
- There are three (3) candidates for the open Council seat (Mr. Paul Cope, Ms. Karen Prince, and Ms. Roberta Jones) and each gave a statement regarding why they would like to fill the open seat.

Mr. Dawes moved and Mr. Stancliff seconded to adjourn to Executive Session so that Council could vote for one of these individuals to fill the open seat. Motion passed with all ayes.

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

- Ms. Roberta Jones was selected to fill the open Village Council seat and was sworn into office.
- A number of individuals are present to speak regarding Ordinances 2021-05 and 2021-06, including Dustin Hughes, Lisa Cole, John Tarwater, Larry Czerniak, Bob Czerniak, Linda Chrystal, Dave Ormsbee, Ken Clark, Paul Mitchell, Scott Baldwin, and a couple more. All spoke against these ordinances and most requested that they be rescinded. Mayor Pergram acknowledged each individual and suggested that Mr. Hughes (attorney representing numerous individuals) and Mr. Bogenschutz (Village Solicitor) meet to work through the legal issues presented.

Mr. Brooks moved and Mr. Dawes seconded to enact a stay on all fees related to Ordinance 2021-05 and 2021-06 while these ordinances are under review. Motion passed with all ayes.

- Mayor Pergram announced that Mr. Terrell has been appointed “Council Ombudsman” to handle complaints from Village residents. He is also looking for Council Members to work with the Fiscal Officer, with the Solicitor, with the Administrator, and with the Police Chief to better understand what each of these roles is responsible for and to bring issues affecting them to the Council. He would also like a Council Member to work with local businesses through the Chamber of Commerce.
- Mayor Pergram announced that there is a Zoning and Planning Review Committee and that they had met recently. Members include Mr. M Schurr, Mr. C Miller, Mr. D Howdysshell, Mr. J Crawford, and Mr. B Czerniak. No formal action was taken at this meeting.
- Mayor Pergram informed Council that Mr. Randy Melvin has hired an attorney regarding the notices sent pertaining to his property. His attorney will be meeting with Mr. Bogenschutz.
- He also announced that Chief Combs has tendered his resignation based on medical advice following his recent surgery.

Police Interim Chief Smith:

- 483 calls in last four (4) weeks.
- Introduced new part-time police officer Ms. Summer Jenkins

- Officer Whitby has been working on getting vehicles operational.
- Chief Smith made a recommendation to Council to purchase another new police vehicles as it will take several months to receive it.

Village Administrator Porter:

- Village has received a permit allowing for destroying goose eggs and using “bird banger” as a result of the nuisance they are creating.
- The Administrator and the Solicitor met with Greene County Sanitary Engineering regarding the pump house at the reservoir. It is the Village’s understanding that the County is responsible for the removal of these facilities as they are no longer in operation. Both entities are researching further.

Old Business:

- Resolutions 2021-18 and 2021-19, both dealing with funds transfers made in 2021 to close out books with positive balances in all funds, were presented for ratification.

Mr. Brooks moved and Mr. Terrell seconded to ratify Resolutions 2021-18 and 2021-19. Motion passed with four (4) ayes and two (2) abstentions (Mr. Cody and Ms. Jones as neither had reviewed them).

- Ordinance 2021-10 was presented for second reading.

New Business:

- Fiscal Officer presented the FY2022 operating budget for all Village funds. After discussion:

Mr. Stancliff moved and Mr. Brooks seconded to approve the FY2022 operating budget. Motion passed with all ayes.

Warrants: Warrants in the amount of \$122,250.19 (representing four (4) weeks) were submitted. Mr. Stancliff moved and Mr. Brooks seconded to approve the warrants for payment. The motion passed with five (5) ayes and one (1) abstention (Ms. Jones – who had not reviewed them).

Council proceeded to vote for the Mayor Pro-Tem position. Council Member Terrell will serve as the Mayor Pro-Tem for 2022.

Committee Reports:

- Community Relations – will meet on 1/17/22 as scheduled. Committee members: Mr. Brooks (chair), Mr. Dawes, and Mr. Stancliff
- Finance/Utility – Scheduled to meet 2/7/22. Committee members: Mr. Cody (chair), Ms. Jones, Mr. Terrell
- Fiscal Officer – Presented December 2021 financial reports.
- Solicitor –
- Activities – None

Council Comments: None

Guests Comments: None

Mr. Brooks moved and Mr. Dawes seconded to move to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. No action is expected after the meeting. Motion passed with all ayes.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.