
Village of Cedarville



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Minutes of Cedarville Council **Held January 22nd, 2024**

Council met in regular session on January 22nd, 2024, with Mayor John Cody, Jr. presiding. Council members present were Ms. Becknell, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Combs, Mr. Dawes, Ms. Jones, and Mr. Ruth. Fiscal Officer Howdyshell recorded the minutes.

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

Minutes from the January 8th meeting was approved.

The first order of business from the mayor was identifying the letter from the planning and zoning appeals committee recommending approval of Cedarville University's re-zoning request. The village is required to give a 15-day notice of public hearings. As a result, given the timing of the notices sent out to the public, the February 12th, 2024 regularly scheduled council meeting will hold all Q+A from the public related to the rezoning matter. Each resident wishing to speak will be allotted three minutes.

Mayor Cody:

- No other update
- Executive session requested at the end of the meeting.

Police Chief Smith:

- 75 calls between 01/08/24 and 01/21/24
- New landline phone system installed at the police station.
- Chief requested the approval for one of his part time officers – Caleb Winterscheimer – to be approved as a full time officer. Mr. Brooks moved and Mr. Combs seconded to approve Mr. Winterscheimer. The motion passed with all ayes.

Village Administrator James Kannedy:

- The first snow of significance was handled well by the village staff.
- All materials are in for the memorial and ready to be installed once the weather breaks.
- Pickle ball nets are in our possession and ready to be installed.
- The village currently plans to pave Kyle Drive and College Hill this summer with an eye for other areas in town as well. Quotes are being evaluated throughout the rest of town to see if we have the capacity to include additional areas in town.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Warrants: \$46,690.26 were submitted for approval.

Mr. Dawes moved, and Mr. Ruth seconded to approve the warrants. The motion passed with all ayes.

Committee Reports:

- Community Relations:
 - Met on the 17th with minimal attendance. Looking forward to February 19th meeting.
- Finance/Utilities:
 - Next meeting to be held on 02/05/24.
- Fiscal Officer:
 - The 2024 budget has been submitted to the Greene County Auditor for certification.
 - Currently completing W2's and 1099's.
 - Urged continued fiscal conservatism in our spending.
- Solicitor:
 - Brought Resolution 2024-2 to the meeting for council approval. The resolution identifies council support of the village annexing the Johnson farm property on Bridge Street into the village. Mr. Brooks moved and Mr. Ruth seconded to approve resolution 2024-2. The motion passed with all ayes.

Comments:

- Council:
 - None
- Guests:
 - Mrs Sarah Garrison spoke to the desire of many community members to develop a community plan for development. Most all residents have passionate ideas about what they think is best for the community, but many feel we could use assistance with providing a focus on how development could occur most successfully within our community. Mrs. Garrison suggested the use of an organization called Ohio Main Street Program – part of Heritage Ohio. They would come to our town and meet with stakeholders to begin working through a strategic plan for the community that focuses on our unique needs and wants within the community. Mrs. Garrison recommended the formation of a local committee comprised of a wide range in stakeholders from local businesses, the university, private citizens, and local government. Mrs. Garrison asked for the support of council, which was given by council whole heartedly to continue moving towards a partnership in this endeavor.

- Mr. Preston Freeman inquired as to who is responsible for clearing sidewalks of snow inside of the village. Council identified that it was the property holder's responsibility, with the county holding responsibility for the bike path.
- Mr. Garrison requested that the village consider social media presence for public notifications. Mr. Garrison articulated that many of the individuals present at the meeting tonight were there for the rezoning discussion but were not aware that it wouldn't get discussed until 02/12/2024. Mayor Cody identified that the village notifies the public in the ways we do, in part, because of legal requirements. Mr. Combs discussed the challenges the village has had in the past with the negative aspects of social media security.

Mr. Dawes moved to enter executive session and Mr. Combs seconded. The motion passed with all ayes.

Mr. Dawes moved, and Ms. Becknell seconded to leave executive session and discuss action from the meeting. The motion passed with all ayes.

The meeting adjourned at 08:45 pm.