
Village of Cedarville



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Minutes of Cedarville Council **Held January 8th, 2024**

Council met in regular session on January 8th, 2024, with Mayor John Cody, Jr. presiding. Council members present were Mr. Brooks, Mr. Combs, Mr. Dawes, Ms. Jones, and Mr. Ruth. Fiscal Officer Howdysshell recorded the minutes. Ms. Becknell was excused from the meeting.

Fiscal Officer Daniel Howdysshell led prayer to start the meeting.

The first order of business was the swearing-in of newly elected officers. Mr. Cody was sworn in as Mayor while Mr. Brooks and Mr. Combs were sworn in as council members. In addition to swearing in newly elected individuals, council committees were re-formed. Mr. Brooks will continue serving as the Community Relations Committee chair and Mr. Combs will continue serving as the Finance Committee chair. Additionally, Mr. Combs was selected by his fellow council members to serve as Deputy Mayor.

Minutes from the December 11th meeting was approved as presented.

Mayor Cody:

- We continue to not receive any feedback or information pertaining to the 911 services contract questions communicated with the city of Xenia.
- Public hearing will be held on 01/09/24 at the library to consider the rezoning of Cedarville University property along 72 going north of Kyle Drive to PUD, as well as a variance request presented by a local property owner. The meeting will be held at 6:00pm
- Mr. Kannedy and Mayor Cody met with Brentwood concerning the Senior Lofts project. Paperwork is being completed with HUD and an eye for groundbreaking in October to commence.
- Ms. Becknell and Mayor Cody both volunteered their time at the Cedar Cliff Elementary school to discuss their roles in the local government.
- Executive session was requested.

Police Chief Smith:

- 186 calls between 12/11/23 and 01/07/24
- As an update - new cellphones are in place via eligible upgrades, as well as a quote for a landline upgrade inside the station. Council discussed the landline upgrade with Chief Brady and were favorable of moving forward with the project. The existing landline and internal phones have been used past their effective lifecycle and need replacement.

Village Administrator James Kannedy:

- The first week on the job for Mr. Kannedy went well. Mr. Kannedy is catching up to speed and learning the ropes.
- Deans Landscape is set to start the Veterans Memorial project within the next 6 weeks.

- Roadway locations to include in the county collective paving project are due on 01/12/24. Mr. Kennedy will be driving known locations within the village for recommendations for inclusion on the 2024 project list.

Old Business: None

New Business: Ordinance 2024-1 (annual appropriations) and Resolution 2024-01 (2024 Police fund transfer)

- Ordinance 2024-01 is an annual appropriations ordinance granting the Village and fiscal officer to expend village resources. Mr. Ruth moved, and Mr. Brooks seconded to suspend the three reading rules and vote on the ordinance as an emergency order. The motion passed with all ayes. Mr. Dawes then moved, and Mr. Brooks seconded to approve the ordinance. The motion passed with all ayes.
- Resolution 2024-01 is the annual resolution presented to determine the monthly resources approved for transfer from the Village general fund to the Police fund. Mr. Brooks moved, and Mr. Dawes seconded to approve a \$45,000 per month transfer to the Police fund. The motion passed with all ayes.

Warrants: \$99,623.98 were submitted for approval.

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

Committee Reports:

- Community Relations:
 - Next meeting is 01/17/2024 at 7:00pm.
- Finance/Utilities:
 - Provided update that the Finance Committee had discussed the ongoing projects carried out throughout the year, as well as projects that need completed in the upcoming year. A list was made and provided to the new Village Administrator for record.
- Fiscal Officer:
 - The 2024 budget has been completed and will be submitted along with the ordinance and resolution passed at the present meeting to the Greene County Auditor for certification.
 - Working to roll the fiscal year with our accounting software partner. More work is needed to set up new PO's, etc.
 - Advised continued fiscal diligence in 2024.
- Solicitor:
 - Updated Council on the paperwork received and subsequent conversations with Stephanie Stephens regarding the village annexation of the Johnson farm on Bridge Street. More information to update at the next meeting.

Comments:

- Council:
 - None
- Guests:
 - Mr. Randy Strowbridge was very appreciative of the village for providing towards winter decorations around the village. Mr. Strowbridge provided information on a small town government grant through T-Mobile that could potentially used for local improvements in way finding, signing, parklets, etc. Council expressed their appreciation for the suggestion and looks forward to reviewing in the future.
 - Mr. Preston Freeman requested insight into who is responsible for sidewalk repair around the community. Council identified that the property owner is responsible and that the village is actively working with NIC to help drive action around the community. He asked if there was any grant money to assist with sidewalk repair. Mr. Freeman expressed concern about the status of sidewalks in several areas of the village and the danger being posed to individuals on wheeled transportation. Council expressed the desire to see improvement as well as active commitment to continue seeking grant funding to assist with repair. No current grant has been received to assist with sidewalk repair.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 08:23pm.