

# Village of Cedarville



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## **Minutes of Cedarville Council** **Held July 24th, 2023**

Council met in regular session on July 24, 2023 with Mayor John Cody, Jr. presiding. Council members present were: Brooks, Dawes, Jones and Ruth. The Fiscal Officer recorded the minutes.

Council Meeting opened at 7:00pm and Minutes of the July 12th, 2023, regular meeting was approved as presented.

Pastor Warren from Grace Baptist Church led prayer and thanked each member of Council for their service.

Mayor Cody:

- Requested Mr. Johnson receive ½ salary for assisting the new Fiscal Officer in August and Mr. Howdyshell to receive full salary starting August 1<sup>st</sup> for the transition to Fiscal Officer. Mr. Dawes moved and Mr. Ruth seconded. The motion was passed with all ayes.
- The community night out on town was a big success. Thanks was given to Dick Walker for his help in organizing the event.
- Lease to temporary pump is expiring in July and questions whether or not we should continue use. A general discussion was had regarding the rental of the pump and ending the rental at end of term seems favorable. Motion made to discontinue rental by Mr. Dawes and seconded by Ms. Jones. The motion passed with all ayes.
- He and Mr. Bogenschutz met with Yellow Springs village leadership regarding the MOU and dispatch service. Solicitor Bogenschutz outlined that the meeting was very successful and that he would seek minor changes be made to the MOU. Cody outlined that a letter will be sent to the county commissioners to notify of our intent to leave existing county dispatch service in favor of the Yellow Springs partnership.
- Asked for continued vigilance in keeping geese out of the Community Park around the time of Cedarfest. Police Chief Smith identified that there are humane methods to removing geese, but they are ineffective on adolescent birds. Continued attempts are to be made to find a positive solution.

Police Chief Smith:

- 88 calls in the last two weeks.
- David Martin was sworn in as a part time officer.
- Presented Cody Lyle as a potential PT officer hire after a completed application is submitted.

Village Administrator Kannedy:

- All the existing projects in process are moving forward to include pickle ball, park bench projects for veterans, and a meeting with architects regarding village office renovation.
- Presented future ideas for discussion related to park bench donations and the process to procure them.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Warrants: Warrants in the amount of 27,774.56 were submitted.

Mr. Ruth moved and Mr. Brooks seconded to approve the warrants as presented. Motion passed with all ayes.

Committee Reports:

- Community Relations:
  - The community relations committee noted that a best pie contest will be held at Cedarfest this year and that approval was given to allow a contestant to pass out free pieces of pie. Consideration was given to ensure that overlapping of judging and free samples was not present.
  - Thanks expressed to Grace Baptist Church and their role in the event and all the work they are doing to ensure a successful event.
  - Discussion was held on some minor challenges in procuring food vendors for our Cedarfest event. One of the challenges presented was uncertainty in our overall volume of patronage at the event and is causing some vendors to not want to commit until closer to the event day. Ms. Kannedy is working on communication with the vendors to get a good turnout.
  - Tony Gillaugh is working on entertainment for the event.
- Finance/Utilities:
  - Did not meet. Next meeting will be held on August 7th.
- Fiscal Officer:
  - Discussed progress related to the transition of the Fiscal Officer position between Mr. Johnson and himself.
- Solicitor:
  - Attended the Municipal Attorney conference in Dublin and felt that there was valuable information pertaining to our village. Mr. Bogenschutz discussed topics that ranged from definitions of liability insurance coverage, facility rentals and liability release, officer liability coverage while volunteering, and short term rental registration, fees, and liability.
  - Mr. Bogenschutz also raised awareness of bills being introduced that could have a potential impact on our community in the future if passed.

Comments:

- Council:
  - Mr. Dawes presented concerns from citizens that the old Morris Beam property has not been caring for their old parking lot area effectively. A general discussion was held amongst Council related to what courses of action could be taken to get the property in appropriate repair. Mr. Bogenschutz will research

which ordinances can be applied to assist in gaining compliance. Council discussed identifying the issue to NIC and allowing them to proceed with their newly contracted functions.

- Guests:
  - Mr. Cope gave an update on grant usage on repairs of beans and cream over the past couple weeks and discussed potential new uses of remaining funds in the coming weeks at his establishment.
  - Mayor Cody assigned Mr. Ruth to inspect progress updates for work related to Community grants funded by ARPA.
  - Barb Stuart inquired on the cat situation in the village. Ms. Kannedy stated that we are still organizing ordinances in the best manner possible to change as needed or add to ordinances language as needed to manage the problem.
  - Ms. Stuart inquired if the public could trap animals that are unwanted. Ms. Kannedy identified that we can only trap cats if they are on the property of the property owner, or if given permission by landowner that they are on.

Mr. Dawes moved and Mr. Brooks seconded to move to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and legal updates. No action is expected afterwards. Motion passed with all ayes.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.