

Minutes of Cedarville Village Council

Held March 13, 2023

Council met in regular session on March 13, 2023 with Mayor Cody presiding. Council members present were Becknell, Brooks, Combs, Dawes, Jones and Ruth. Fiscal Officer recorded the minutes. Note: Mr. Dawes was late due to work schedule.

Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: Minutes of the February 27, 2022 regular meeting were accepted as presented.

Mayor Cody:

- Waiting for quote on Phase 3 of Council space proposal.

Police Chief Smith:

- 199 calls in the past two (2) weeks.
- “Night Shoot” training held last week.
- Sgt. Fouts having surgery and will be out for a couple of weeks.

Village Administrator Porter:

- Guest Mrs. Bettina Lemaster attempting to sell property and have been told it is not zoned correctly for building a house on it. Process is to submit a request for rezoning of the property to the Zoning Appeals Board and they will make a recommendation to the Council. Council then has 30 days to act on the recommendation. Mrs. Kelly Lemaster also raised a complaint against Ms. Porter (Village Administrator).
- Ms. Porter presented pricing for several projects for Council to consider:
 - A cement slab for the dumpster at the Community Park: \$3,190.
 - Replacing 17 garbage cans at the Community Park: \$11,475.
 - Adding a garage door opener to the large overhead door at the farm: \$1,750
- Who should CedarFest questions be directed to? (A: Community Relations Committee)
- Suggested that the Village have a Facebook page listing/showing events only. It would not be a page for comments, etc.; it would only be for announcements / information.
- Requests approval to sign an agreement for the PSIN Network. (This is an annual agreement). Approval given.
- Requests Executive Session at end of meeting to address personnel concerns.

Old Business:

- Ordinance 2023-03: An Ordinance to Amend Sections 137.03(c), (c)(1), (c)(2), (c)(3), and (c)(4) of the Codified Ordinances to Remove Specific Powers of the Village Administrator Which Are No Longer Applicable. Ordinance presented for third reading.

Mr. Brooks moved and Mr. Ruth seconded to approve Ordinance 2023-03. Motion passed with all ayes. (Mr. Dawes not present.)

- Ordinance 2023-04: An Ordinance to Amend Section 121.02 of the Codified Ordinances to Amend the Monetary Compensation for Council Members. Ordinance presented for third reading.

Ms. Jones moved and Mr. Brooks seconded to approve Ordinance 2023-04. Motion passed with all ayes. (Mr. Dawes not present.)

- Ordinance 2023-05: An Ordinance to Amend Section 149.05 of the Codified Ordinances to Update Designated Employee Holidays to Agree with Section 12 of the Village of Cedarville Employee Handbook. Ordinances presented for third reading.

Mr. Combs moved and Mr. Ruth seconded to approve Ordinance 2023-05. Motion passed with all ayes. (Mr. Dawes not present.)

New Business:

- Resolution 2023-08: Resolution approve the transfer of \$20,000 from the General Fund to the Park Fund (as budgeted).

Mr. Brooks moved and Mr. Combs seconded to approve Resolution 2023-08. Motion passed with all ayes. (Mr. Dawes not present.)

- Ordinance 2023-06: Ordinance to Amend Section 505.01(b) of the Codified Ordinances to Clarify and Add Definition to the Prohibition of Animals Running At Large Within the Village. Ordinance presented for first reading.
- Ordinance 2023-07: Ordinance to Amend Section 505.08 of the Codified Ordinances to Expand the Definition of Nuisance Conditions and the Scope of the Prohibition of Nuisance Conditions as they Pertain to Animals Within the Village. Ordinance presented for first reading.
- Ordinance 2023-08: Ordinance to Add Section 505.081 to the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Cedarville to Allow for a Localized Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) Program for the Purpose of Controlled Management of Stray and Feral Cats Within the Village Limits. Ordinance presented for first reading.

Warrants: Warrants in the amount of \$47,680.85 were submitted.

Mr. Brooks moved and Mr. Dawes seconded to approve the warrants for payment. Motion passed with all ayes.

Committee Reports:

- Community Relations – to meet March 20, 2023.
- Finance/Utility:
 - Presented / Recommended several paving options to Council:
 - The police department lot at the north end of the Community Park lot
 - The basketball court at the Park
 - Municipal Lot “A”These three areas can be paved for a total of \$72,000.

Ms. Jones moved and Mr. Ruth seconded to encumber \$72,000 to pave the three areas presented by the Finance Committee using APRA funds. Motion passed with all ayes.

- Recommended to Council that the ARPA funds previously approved for the purchase of a stage at the Community Park be reallocated to purchase the 17 trash cans that need to be replaced there.

Ms. Jones moved and Mr. Brooks seconded to approve reallocate funds for the purchase of the trash cans. Motion passed with all ayes.

- Fiscal Officer – presented the February financial report
- Solicitor – Update on Mayor Cody’s desire to open meetings with invocation (and pledge).
- Activities – No report

Comments:

- Council – None
- Guests:
 - Mr. Michael Schmidt – owns apartments by Mom & Dad’s Dairy Bar and is wondering what the penalty will be for breaking the proposed ordinances (i.e., feeding stray and feral cats). A: Individuals can be charged with a misdemeanor.
 - Mr. Randy Melvin – had additional comments regarding the cat situation.
 - Mr. Mike Eckstein – “Do cats need to be tagged?” (Yes) Mr. Eckstein also commented on the amount of truck traffic on Main St. (State Rt. 72)

Executive Session:

- Mr. Brooks moved and Mr. Dawes seconded to move to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. No action is anticipated afterwards.
- Mr. Brooks moved and Mr. Dawes seconded to return from Executive Session.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.