

Minutes of Cedarville Village Council

Held November 14, 2022

Council met in regular session on November 14, 2022 with Mayor Pergram presiding. Council members present were Brooks, Cody, Combs, Dawes, Jones and Ruth. Fiscal Officer recorded the minutes.

Minutes: Minutes of the October 24, 2022 regular meeting were accepted as amended.

Mayor Pergram:

- Ms. Amy Hoffman of Palmer Energy was present to discuss *electric and natural gas aggregation*, how this might benefit the Village residents, and what steps are needed to put it on the spring 2023 ballot.
- Halloween – “Success!”
- Mayor has received a proposal to build (vs. buy) a stage for the Community Park. This will be larger than the one quoted for purchase and is within budget. Project will move forward.
- The Council meeting scheduled for December 26 is cancelled.
- Mayor has a letter written in response to the proposed increase in the 911 dispatch fees – Council member are welcome to sign it if they’d like. Mayor also contacted the governor’s office to discuss this.
- Mayor Pergram and Councilmember Jones met with the 3rd graders at CedarCliff school.
- Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shanahan presented Council with a plan for their property which includes a guard rail at the corner of their property. Council is reluctant to move forward with this as there have been no incidents in the past.

Police Chief Smith:

- 307 calls in the past three weeks.
- “Drug Takeback” was 10/29/22.
- Department will be providing support for CU this week as Mr. Forbes will be speaking there and his contract requires police presence.

Village Administrator Porter:

- Paving work on Main St. is ongoing.
- Update on vacant houses in the Village – several have sold and two (2) remain unsold
- Working on junk vehicles (as defined by ordinance) in the Village as well.
- Grant for security cameras in the Park was denied. Quote from Buckeye Camera received to install cameras in the Park to address issues occurring there – price is \$9,900. Council approved expenditure from the budget.
- Presented a letter regarding the proposed housing project at Main St. and East St. with a request from the developer for Council to sign the letter. Discussion tabled at this time.
- Ms. Nenna Mullins presented an update on the feral cat program. They have made progress – but there are too many cats and the problem will not be resolved by only addressing four cats per month (number previously approved / paid for by Council). She believes it will take 40 cats per month for two years to contain the situation and requests additional funds from Council to do this. She also noted that she has spent close to \$3,000 of her own funds on additional cats thus far.

Mr. Cody moved and Mr. Ruth seconded to approve up to \$5,000 over the next 6 months to address feral cats in the Village with the funds to come from the Contingency line in the budget. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

- Public Hearing: The Zoning Appeals Board had received a request to rezone the property at 183 N. Main St. to multi-family housing (from single family housing). The request has been approved by the Board and they are recommending the rezoning of this property to Council.

Mr. Brooks moved and Mr. Cody seconded to accept the Board's recommendation and approve the change in zoning for this property. Motion passed with 5 ayes and 1 abstention (Jones).

Old Business:

- Ordinance 2022-20: Temporary income tax increase (to 1.25%) to be extended with an option to do this on a temporary basis or a permanent basis. Council determined to request a permanent change to 1.25% and this is the first reading of this ordinance.
- Ordinance 2022-21: Amend section 1121.03(a) presented for second reading.

New Business:

- Resolution 2022-12 to adjust (increase) resources and appropriations presented by Fiscal Officer.
Mr. Dawes moved and Mr. Brooks seconded to approve Resolution 2022-12. Motion passed with all ayes.
- Ordinance 2022-22: An Ordinance to Approve Current Replacement Pages to the Cedarville Codified Ordinances and Declaring an Emergency presented by Fiscal Officer.
Mr. Brooks moved and Mr. Dawes seconded to approve Ordinance 2022-22. Motion passed with all ayes.
- The Fiscal Officer presented a proposal from Rumpke to extend refuse services in the Village for a period of five (5) years. Updated pricing for this proposal was provided.
Mr. Brooks moved and Mr. Combs seconded to approve this contract extension. Motion passed with all ayes.
- The Fiscal officer presented a proposal for health insurance coverage for all FT Village Employees. Proposal included several options with two (2) seeming to provide the best fit.
Mr. Brooks move and Mr. Dawes seconded to approve the "Alternate 1" plan proposed by Associated Employee Benefits, LLC (the Village's agent). Motion passed with all ayes.

Warrants: Warrants in the amount of \$90,324.87 were submitted.

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

Committee Reports:

- Community Relations – None.
- Finance/Utility – Meeting scheduled for Nov 7, 2022 has been rescheduled for Nov 15, 2022.
- Fiscal Officer –

- Need to update the authorized signer list for the Village checking accounts as Mr. Terrell (resigned) was the previous 'backup'. Mr. Cody will be added to the authorized signer list.
 - Presented the October financial reports.
- Solicitor –
 - Mr. Bogenschutz will not be at the next meeting (11/28)
 - Requests executive session to provide update on legal matters.
- Activities – None

Guests Comments:

- Mr. Randy Melvin provided an update on the cleanup effort at the property on Miller St.

Council Comments: None

Mr. Dawes moved and Mr. Brooks seconded to move to Executive Session to discuss legal matters. No action is anticipated afterward. Motion passed with all ayes.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.