

CRAIG BEACH VILLAGE
Regular Meeting of September 9, 2025

The regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Craig Beach, Ohio was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Becker. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers at 2538 Grandview Road.

Mayor Becker requested that the Clerk of Council call the roll. The following Council Members responded to roll call: Mr. Andrea, Mrs. Appeldorn, Mrs. Ash, Mr. Ellis and Mrs. Sabol. Mr. Becker was excused. Joshua Sanders and Dawn Metheny were also present.

Mayor Becker requested a moment of silence after which he led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held August 12, 2025 were presented for Council approval. Mr. Ellis made a motion that the minutes be read by title only, seconded by Mrs. Ash; Mr. Ellis made a motion to accept the minutes as read; seconded by Mrs. Ash and passed 5-0.

TREASURERS REPORT: The Clerk's report included the following from August, 2025: Fund Status Report, Receipt Detail Report, Payment Listing, Outstanding Checks, Revenue Status Report, Wage and Overtime Summary, and a balanced Bank Reconciliation Report which was signed by Council. Mr. Ellis made a motion to accept the Fiscal Officers Report; seconded by Mrs. Sabol and passed 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE: A Bulletin was received from Ohio Auditor of State regarding Cybersecurity which was included in council packets. A program must be adopted by July 1, 2026.

REQUEST OF SPEAKER: NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Mrs. Ash reported a Building and Grounds meeting was held on Thursday, August 21, 2025 to discuss an Electronic Sign and plans for finishing the upstairs of the municipal building. Pellet sign in Akron has come to the building and looked at the framework we have. A dedicated electric line would need to be available. The sign would be between \$25,000 and \$30,000. We are going to look into seeing if we could get a grant to pay for the sign.

Mr. Andrea has talked with Watchfire LED Sign Company. This would be a modest sign on a platform. The cost for the base and sign will be approximately \$6,000 to \$18,000. We would have to have someone install the sign at an additional cost.

The sink hole in the front of the municipal building was also discussed. The sewer runs to a vault in front of the building. It is plugged between the vault and the street. Bob Himes is looking at the problem.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: The following report was submitted by Chief Metheny for August, 2025 and presented by Dawn Metheny:

4 Fire; 1 Lift Assist; 4 Medical; 2 out of 4 of the fire were responded to by other departments.

Engine 83 and Rescue 84 were sold at auction for \$5,000 and \$4,850 respectively. The funds have not been received yet.

Engine 81 pump test will be \$285. Approval for safety check of the EVT will be \$1400. This would be a ten hour job. This needs to be done every two years.

Fireworks were held on August 23, 2025. The Department had three people working. There were two calls during the event.

The Department had to order new 4 gas monitors. The 4 Gas monitors both went bad within two months of each other. The new one will be \$1,000 each. The cost to repair the old monitors would have been half the cost of a new one.

Chief Metheny spoke with Cristian with ISO and has an appointment on October 24, 2025 to do the ISO review.

The department has been awarded the Gary Senise Grant. They have met with the Viking Gear vendor and had all staff sized with fire gear. As soon as Viking provides UL certification of the PFAS the order will be placed and the Gary Senise Foundation will pay Viking directly. This is a 100% grant.

The following invoices were submitted for council approval:

On Demand \$40 Physical for Ashton Curtiss

Mrs. Sabol made a motion to pay the above invoice; seconded by Mr. Ellis and passed 5-0.

ZONING DEPARTMENT: The following report was presented by Joshua Sanders.

There were three permits for August, 2025 in the amount of \$105.00
1 Roof ; 1 Storm Drain; 1 Demolition

There were five warning letters sent for the month of August, 2025. Three letters were for junk vehicles and two were for unkept property.

There is a housing inspector in Warren we may be able to use. Mr. Sanders will get his contact information.

A rental property on 17667 Beach Lane has a pine tree that has roots are going into a neighbor's property cracking the concrete. It appears this would be a civil matter.

There is a dilapidated garage that Mr. Sanders is working on getting the property owner to tear down on Lundy Lane.

There is a garage construction that has been 5 feet from the line and it has been made to move it to 10 feet.

There is a house on Jersey Street that has a piano and some other items that have been put out. Mr. Sanders let them know items cannot be left close to the street for more than two days.

It was discussed how the zoning checks can be given to fiscal officer in a timely manner. If there is additional information needed, will a check needs to be written. It was decided the fiscal officer will deposit the checks when they come in and if a refund has to be given Mrs. Hammond will issue a refund check.

There is a replat application that has been received for the metal houses on Clermont.

Mrs. Ash asked about the property between the old Sparkle and the old Dollar General Store. The grass is very high.

Mr. Sanders needs to have clarification on residents that do not keep the property in good condition. Mayor Becker will contact the Sheriff about writing citations.

Mr. Sanders stated he has no copies of Ordinances regarding Zoning. Mrs. Hammond emailed a table of contents list to Mr. Sanders in August, 2025. As soon as Mr. Sanders lets Mrs. Hammond know which Ordinances he wants copies of, she will make copies.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: NONE (No report was received).

MAYORS REPORT: Jersey Street has been paved and a guardrail has to be replaced. The guardrail posts have rotted off and we will owe 60% of the price.

Mayor Becker talked with Bob Himes about invoices the Village has paid that the County should have paid.

Mrs. Ash wants to know if the Sheriff is aware of Ordinances that apply to the Village. There have been gun shots and parking on the streets. There are permits available to waive parking on the street. Mrs. Ash asked if the Sheriff is issuing tickets. Mrs. Hammond stated we have received no money for tickets from the County. The Sheriff Office has stated they are looking more toward criminal activities.

SOLICITORS REPORT: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Mrs. Sabol asked about roads that need patched. Mayor Becker has contacted Ohio Valley Paving.

Mark Metheny stated the .gov domain has been approved. Mr. Metheny is donating a website through 2027. OPIC will offer free cyber security training. Mr. Metheny will get together a packet of information for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

2025-22 AN ORDINANCE SETTING START AND END DATE FOR TERMS OF NON-ELECTED OFFICES IN THE VILLAGE OF CRAIG BEACH, CLARIFYING AND FORMALIZING THE NOMINATION AND CONFORMATION PROCESS FOR NON-ELECTED OFFICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

1st reading 8-12-25

2nd reading 9-9-25

Mr. Ellis made a motion to read by title only; seconded by Mrs. Ash

2025-24 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR (VILLAGE COUNCIL)

Mr. Ellis made a motion to read by title only and waive the regular rules of council; seconded by Mrs. Sabol. Mr. Ellis made a motion to accept as presented; seconded by Mrs. Ash passed 5-0

2025-25 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE FOR FIREHOUSE LAND AND BUILDING, FIRE EQUIPMENT AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES EQUIPMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE AND THE CRAIG BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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ADJOURMENT: Mr. Ellis made a motion to adjourn.

PUBLIC FORUM: Mrs. Drotar asked if the Sheriff Department has completed the investigation into the Police Department. Mayor Becker stated nothing was found illegal in the investigation. Mrs. Drotar asked about lights in the fire department. The lights have been replaced. Mrs. Drotar asked about oversize trucks damaging roads and the fees that could be charged.


CLERK, PATRICIA A HAMMOND


MAYOR, JAMES R. BECKER