

THE VILLAGE OF CRAIG BEACH Regular Meeting of January 16, 2025

The regular (rescheduled) meeting of the Council of the Village of Craig Beach, Ohio was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor, James 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. Becker, Mr. Ellis and Mrs. Sabol. Also in attendance was Fire Chief, Anita Metheny and Zoning Inspector Joshua Sanders.

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 December 10, 2024 were presented for Council approval. Mr. Ellis made a motion that the minutes be read by title only, seconded by Mr. Becker; motion passed 6-0. Mrs. Sabol made a motion to accept the minutes as read; seconded by Mrs. Ash and passed 5-0. Mr. Becker abstained.

TREASURERS REPORT: The Clerk's report included the following from December, 2024: 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 Mr. Becker and passed 6-0.

Appropriation reports for December 31, 2024 and January 1, 2025 were presented.

A motion to hold meetings the 2nd Tuesday of each month was made by Mr. Becker and seconded by Mr. Sabol and passed 6-0

A motion to use All Star Landscaping for snow removal and street repairs was made by Mrs. Sabol and seconded by Mr. Ellis and passed 6-0

A motion to use Bob Himes Construction for ditching work done in the Village was made by Mrs. Sabol and seconded by Mr. Becker and passed 6-0

A motion to use Harry Ferrante for mowing done in the Village was made by Mr. Ellis and seconded by Mr. Becker and passed 6-0

A motion to accept the notes to Financial Statements was made by Mr. Ellis and seconded by Mrs. Ash and passed 6-0.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Becker reported the Mahoning County Prosecutor has sent a letter and will be handling cases for the Village. Our Solicitor, Mr. Kelley will be working out the details.

REQUEST OF SPEAKER: NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A Finance Committee meeting was held Tuesday December 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. A new Village website was discussed. Village resident, Josh Auden will be creating this website. Mr. Auden will secure a .GOV domain for the Village. The appropriations for the year 2025 were reviewed. The insurance coverage has increased and adjustments had to be made. The 2025 budget was approved to be made to council.

Mr. Andrea reported that he has requested a meeting regarding special registry. He is going to set up a meeting with the Sheriff.

Mr. Andrea reported there is a tree on Laurel that is close to the road and may be interfering with sewer lines. Mayor Becker will have Bob Himes look at it. The estimate to remove it would be \$420.

Mr. Andrea stated the office upstairs has surplus printers and equipment that needs disposed of. Mrs. Hammond needs to be able to get into that office to get the serial numbers off the equipment in order to prepare the proper ordinance.

Mrs. Ash stated in a building committee meeting it was discussed that the building needs rekeying. The mayor now has a key to the garage. A key box needs to be kept where the keys are accessible to the mayor in case of an emergency. The timeclock has not been installed in the police department yet but has been installed in the fire department. The lights in the fire department need to be replaced. The street signs need to be replaced. The toilet sitting on Grandview by the road needs to be removed.

ZONING DEPARTMENT: The following report was submitted by Joshua Sanders:

There were 2 permits issued for December, 2024 in the amount of \$100.00

There were no warning letters sent for the month of December, 2024

On December 15, 2024 nine business applications were mailed to business owners.

The property at the corner of Viewpoint and Warren needs to have camper and boats towed away.

There is a property on Grandview that has vehicles that need towed. Mr. Sanders will be in contact with them.

A house on Viewpoint needs to be demolished. Chief Metheny would like to use the property as entry training for rookies when the time comes to demolish the structure.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Metheny submitted the following report for December, 2024:
6 Medical; 1 Lift Assists; 1 Fire

Chief Metheny met with a gear representative to get the staff measured for firefighter gear; training was performed on the gear during this time.

The iPad is in service and is working well.

Chief Metheny reported that the Department has been approved to spend \$2,000 from the Lake Milton Women's Association to buy three pieces of equipment -- specialized infant carrier for the gurney, Sager traction splint and an oxygen mounting bracket for the ambulance. The Department will need to pay for the equipment and the Lake Milton Women's Association will reimburse them for the amount. Mr. Ellis made a motion to pay for the equipment up front and then we can be reimbursed by the Lake Milton Women's Association; seconded by Mrs. Sabol and passed 6-0.

COG is going to MARCS. All COG fees will be going away. This will be a much better radio system and less expensive. It is universal throughout the state.

Chief Metheny was told that Austintown dispatch fees will be doubling per a text received from Steve Sinn. The fees are going from \$2600 to \$4655 a year. Mr. Sinn reported there will be a meeting January 17, 2024. A contract has already been signed and Chief Metheny was told this was being rescinded.

Chief Metheny is considering changing to Active 911 for dispatch notifications. IAR is experiencing issues.

Chief Metheny will be applying for a state grant which closes January 31, 2025. The gear will start to expire in 4 years. It takes approximately 6 months to a year to get the funding and then 11 months to receive the gear. This will have to be started soon. The State Grant is a full cost, no matching funds.

The Safer Grant through FEMA would pay for salaries. That grant opens in April, 2025.

The timeclock has been installed in the fire department and they are utilizing it.

Ellsworth Fire Chief Ted Smith called and they have gifted Craig Beach a set of Jaws. There will be training done.

A 2024 breakdown was submitted. The calls went up by 12 calls.

The two new hires have started classes on January 7 and are doing well. They are shadowing on calls.

The following invoices were submitted for council approval:

Mahoning County Fire Chief's Association	\$25.00	2025 Membership dues
Penn Care Invoice #M114975	\$986.00	Supplies
Penn Care Invoice #M114988	\$250.00	Supplies
Penn Care Invoice #M115888	\$268.92	Supplies
Penn Care Invoice #M115888.01	\$820.78	Supplies
A & L Garage Door Service	\$269.00	Replace rollers & brackets
Airgas	\$52.63	Cylinder Testing
Airgas	\$1336.00	Oxygen Cascade System
Airgas	\$227.92	Oxygen

Mr. Ellis made a motion to pay the above invoices; seconded by Mrs. Sabol and passed 6-0

POLICE DEPARTMENT: The following report was submitted in Chief Pettus absence for December, 2024:

There were 21 calls for the month of December, 2024 with Craig Beach Police Department responding to 11 calls as follows:

1 accident; 1 burglary; 1 call for information; 1 lift assist; 4 follow-ups; 2 investigations; 1 reckless driver

Other Agencies responded to 10 calls while Craig Beach Officers were out of service including the following:

1 911 open line; 1 alarm drop; 1 domestic; 3 medical; 1 structure fire; 1 found property; 1 paper service; 1 theft

All PT officers have completed their yearly CPT training for the year 2024

There are continued issues with the cruisers starting. The Durango and Crown Vic needed to be jumped. The Chief is working on a grant for a new vehicle.

There are issues with the body cameras not syncing and or charging as a result of the cables. This may be solved with the purchase of a new dock.

The computers and MDT's are on Windows 10 and will need to be updated to Windows 11 for security reasons and for the discontinued support of Windows 10 by Microsoft by October 14, 2025. Chief is looking to upgrading the MDT's in cruisers 100 and 102.

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Becker has talked with Dave Bakalar at Thomas Fok & Associates. The bids for Jersey Street will be opened at the March 11, 2025 council meeting. There will be a \$14,000.00 charge payable to Thomas Fok & Associates. The Idlywild sewer project has been signed and submitted.

The HR policy manual is being updated by Mr. Kelley.

SOLICITORS REPORT: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: Within the last month there has been information posted on Facebook calling for council members to be harassed. Employers of council members have also been contacted trying to have council members disciplined at their place of employment. Mr. Ellis made a motion to have our solicitor pursue this or hire an attorney to pursue filing charges in this matter; seconded by Mrs. Sabol. This will be tabled until next meeting.

Mrs. Sabol inquired about a public safety director for the fire department. *Police Department.*

Mrs. Sabol inquired about how much there was in unused of funds for the Police Levy Fund and General fund. Those amounts are shown on the Appropriation report dated December 31, 2024 which has been presented.

The revenue report for the police department for 2020 through 2024 was presented. The equipment purchased for the police department for 2022-2024 was also presented.

Mrs. Sabol asked that the committee assignments be tabled for a later date.

Mrs. Sabol reported that the ordinances and resolutions have been voted on by a majority of council members and these have for the most part been unanimous.

Mr. Andrea has a brochure for residents with special needs that the fire department will distribute when they have a call for these residents.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Ellis made a motion to read all Ordinances and Resolution by title only and to waive the regular rules of council; seconded by Mr.Becker and passed 6-0.

2025-01 AN ORDINANCE TO SET WAGES FOR CRAIG BEACH VILLAGE PERSONNEL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Becker_ made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented, seconded by Mrs. Sabol and passed 6-0.

2025-02 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE MAHONING COUNTY AUDITOR TO ADVANCE TAXES FROM THE PROCEDDS OF THE 2024 TAX YEAR COLLECTION PAYABLE IN 2025 PURSUANT TO SECTION 321.34 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Ellis made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented, seconded by Mr. Becker and passed 6-0.

2025-03 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FINAL AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED RESOURCES FROM ALL SOURCES AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024, AND BALANCES FROM DECEMBER 31, 2023 FOR THE VILLAGE OF CRAIG BEACH OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Ash made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented, seconded by Mr. Becker and passed 6-0.

2025-04 A RESOLUTION FOR THE PLACEMENT OF A REPLACEMENT ISSUE ON THE BALLOT FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION OF MAHONING COUNTY TO DECIDE WHETHER CRAIG BEACH VILLAGE SHALL LEVY TAXES TO BE PAID FOR SUPPORT OF FIRE AND EMS PROTECTION

Mr. Becker made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented, seconded by Mrs. Sabol and passed 6-0

2025-05 A RESOLUTION FOR THE PLACEMENT OF A RENEWAL ISSUE ON THE BALLOT FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION OF MAHONING COUNTY TO DECIDE WHETHER CRAIG BEACH VILLAGE SHALL LEVY TAXES TO BE PAID FOR SUPPORT OF STREET CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIRS.

Mr. Becker made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented, seconded by Mrs. Sabol and passed 6-0

2025-06 A RESOLUTION FOR THE REPLACEMENT AND THE LEVYING OF A 2.0 MIL LEVY AND REQUESTING THAT THE MAHONING COUNTY AUDITOR, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5704.03, CERTIFY TO THE VILLAGE OF CRAIG BEACH THE DOLLAR AMOUNT THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY THE 2.0 MILS FOR OPERATING SUPPORT OF THE FIRE AND EMS PROTECTION.

Mr. Ellis made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented, seconded by Mrs. Sabol and passed 6-0

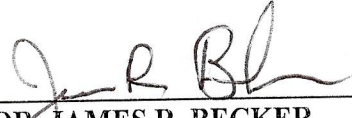
2025-07 A RESOLUTION FOR THE REPLACEMENT AND THE LEVYING OF A 3.0 MIL LEVY AND REQUESTING THAT THE MAHONING COUNTY AUDITOR, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.03, CERTIFY TO THE VILLAGE OF CRAIG BEACH THE DOLLAR AMOUNT THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY THE 3.0 MILS FOR OPERATING SUPPORT OF THE STREET CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS.

Mr. Ellis made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented, seconded by Mr. Becker and passed 6-0

ADJOURMENT: Mr. Ellis made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Becker.

PUBLIC FORUM: Mrs. Drotar said there are several street signs that still have not been replaced. Jersey and Grandview Street signs have not been replaced. Mrs. Drotar thinks a townhall public forum would be helpful to go over finances and promote the passage of the levies. Also levy signs should be put up to promote the levies. The streets being repaired by the County after they are doing work was discussed.


CLERK, PATRICIA A HAMMOND


MAYOR, JAMES R. BECKER