

## THE VILLAGE OF CRAIG BEACH Regular Meeting of September 10, 2024

The regular 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. Ash, Mr. Becker, Mr. Ellis and Mrs. Sabol. Mrs. Appeldorn was excused. Also in attendance was Police Chief Kyle Pettus and Fire Chief Anita Metheny.

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 13, 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 5-0. Mrs. Sabol made a motion to accept the minutes as read; seconded by Mr. Becker and passed 5-0.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** The Clerk's report included the following from August, 2024: Fund Status Report, Receipt Detail Report, Payment Listing, Outstanding Checks, Revenue Status Report, Wages 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 5-0.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** A Round Table with Auditor Mecham will be held September 24, 2024 at the Canfield Public Library from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**REQUEST OF SPEAKER: NONE**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Mr. Becker requested a finance meeting be held to discuss fire department wages. The meeting will be held Monday September 23, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Andrea reported he was present at the fireworks display. The interaction with the residents was very positive. He has been having conversations with residents and will continue the conversations.

Mr. Andrea reported that the decal has been put on the new police door.

Mayor Becker and Mrs. Sabol reported the street signs that have been taken down will be put back up by Bob Himes. There have been quite a few signs that have been recovered.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Methany submitted the following report for August, 2024:

There were 18 calls for the month of August, 2024

1 CO alarm; 2 smoke alarm activation; 1 wire down; 14 medical

Squad 85 need to go to the shop for a leak in the windshield washer fluid and pump. They will be taking the vehicle to Clarks Garage.

Chief Metheny and the Milton Fire Chief did an inspection on the fireworks. They found the pyrotechnician was told to place the fireworks closer to the Craig Beach side of the dam. An email was sent outside of the two Fire Chiefs to change the location. In doing so, they placed the fallout zone in the large fuel package (woods behind the dam). It was decided to make them move the finale package closer to the lake to try to minimize fallout. This decision was outside of Chief Oles and Chief Metheny. This will be dealt with before next year. Next year's display will be placed mid dam where the fallout zone contains sparse fuel load or we will be denying the show. The pyrotechnician was made aware of this.

Milton Township Council has contacted Berlin Center to research contracting without the Fire chief's knowledge. There is a lot of political stuff going on that Craig Beach is distancing itself from. Milton and Craig Beach will be working together for mutual aid.

The extra batteries have been received for the Life Pack 15 from Stryker. All equipment necessary for ALS certification has been received. The Drug License has been paid and are awaiting Holly Vertock to confirm when the inspection will be done by the Board of Pharmacy.

Annual testing of hoses, ladders and pumps will be scheduled.

There are two possible new employees for hire. Both will need certification classes.

Chief Metheny is requesting a public safety meeting.

Chief Metheny is working on getting the fire hydrants tested. The old hydrants will have to be replaced when the new water lines are put in.

Chief Metheny submitted recommendations for initial employment and probationary time. This outlines the new hire process suggestions. Also submitted were rules and regulations for the Craig Beach Fire Department.

There are three new potential people who have agreed to go to EMT school.

Preemployment testing through On Demand should include Fit for Duty Physical, pulmonary function test, 11 panel drug screen and BCI fingerprinting. The total amount would be \$154 for each candidate. Mr. Ellis made a motion to pay up to \$500 for the three candidates and seconded by Mrs. Sabol and passed 5-0

A Contract for Austintown Dispatch center has been received but that will be decided at a later date.

An EMT class will start in January at SUMA in Akron. The price will be \$800 per candidate. The three new hire candidates are John O'Neill, Torrence Locke and Caleb Gaugler. Mr. Ellis made a motion to approve three new hires; seconded by Mr. Becker and passed 5-0.

The following invoice was submitted for council approval:

Craig Beach Fire Department	\$443.50	Reimbursement for Drug License
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Mr. Ellis made a motion to pay the above invoice; seconded by Mr. Becker and passed 5-0

**ZONING DEPARTMENT:** The following report was submitted in Joshua Sanders absence:

There were 8 permits issued for August, 2024 in the amount of \$740.50  
1 siding; 1 accessory building; 1 roof; 1 fence; 2 addition and 2 re-plat

There were no warning letter was sent for the month of August, 2024

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Pettus submitted the following report for August, 2024:

There were 33 calls for the month of August, 2024 with Craig Beach Police Department responding to 19 calls as follows:

1 911 hang-up; 1 alarm drop; 1 burglary; 2 calls for information; 1 community policing; 1 disturbance; 2 medical; 2 follow-up investigations; 2 investigations; 1 property damage; 1 reckless driver/pursuit; 1 suspicious circumstance; 1 traffic hazard; 2 traffic stops

Other Agencies responded to 14 calls while Craig Beach Officers were out of service including the following:

2 911 hang-up; 3 911 open lines; 3 medical; 1 investigate complaint; 2 juvenile problem; 1 paper service; 1 reckless driver; 1 suspicious circumstance

There is a new directive being implemented to increase patrols. The patrols will be going down every street in the Village at a very slow rate of speed. The shifts will be logged.

Craig Beach officers were out on August 24, 2024 for the fireworks display. There were no issues reported.

Numerous stolen street signs and posts have been recovered from a residence and charges are expected to be filed.

There is currently reorganization going on throughout the department as they look at the best way to provide the best possible service.

Two internal investigations into the department resulted in one person being terminated and one was demoted. A new Officer, Ernest Hudson, was hired and will begin his training over the next few weeks. Three more candidates have had background checks.

The election in November will have coverage all day long at the fire department.

The middle bay of the garage won't open all the way. Mayor Becker will look at it.

FBI and BCI background checks are being done. There is a one year probationary period.

A public safety meeting will be held on Wednesday October 9, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

**MAYORS REPORT:** Mayor Becker talked to Joe DeNero at the water department. They are replacing water lines on Hillcrest, Glendale, Normandy and Kenmore. They will be replacing the hydrants on these streets.

**SOLICITORS REPORT: NONE**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:**

Mr. Ellis made a motion to read Ordinances by title only and to waive the regular rules of council; seconded by Mr. Becker and passed 5-0.

**2024-17 AN ORDINANCE REDUCING THE MINIMUM AREA REQUIRED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF RESIDENCES ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.**

1<sup>st</sup> reading 8-13-24

2<sup>nd</sup> reading 9-10-24

**2024-18 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 accept the ordinance as presented, seconded by Mr. Becker and passed 5-0.

**2024-19 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CRAIG BEACH VILLAGE, OHIO TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.**

Mr. Ellis made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented, seconded by Mrs. Sabol and passed 5-0.

**2024-20 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE REPLAT OF LOTS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF CRAIG BEACH, MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Mr. Ellis made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented, seconded by Mr. Becker and passed 5-0.

**2024-21 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE REPLAT OF LOTS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF CRAIG BEACH, MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Mr. Ellis made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented, seconded by Mr. Becker and passed 5-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Ellis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Becker.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** A resident reported there have been several instances of illegal activities going on at the Truck Stop. He thanks the police department for the work they are doing.

Mrs. Drotar commented on the water lines being replaced and wanted to know if the roads would be repaired. It is our understanding the roads would be repaired once the work is complete.

  
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CLERK, PATRICIA A HAMMOND

  
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MAYOR, JAMES R. BECKER