

The Council Meeting held on May 9, 2012 was called to order by Mayor Stacy with the Pledge to the Flag. Members of Council present: Meyers, Nichols, Pastrick, Santen, and Randall. Ms. Meister was absent. Clerk/Treasurer Bolton was present as was Solicitor Hyle.

A Motion to Excuse Ms. Meister from the Council Meeting made by Nichols; seconded by Santen. ALL YEAS.

	<u>Made By</u>	<u>Seconded By</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
A Motion to Approve Previous Council Minutes	Pastrick	Nichols	ALL YEAS
Motion to Pay Warrants & Vouchers and Adopt Pay Ordinance #8- 2012.	Santen	Nichols	ALL YEAS

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

The Solicitor reviewed legislative items needing to be addressed: A joint-use agreement with Three Rivers School and the Village of Cleves and legislation making W. Howell street a “one-way” street. Following discussion, Council took the following action:

ORDINANCE # 8 – 2012 ESTABLISHING W. HOWELL STREET AS A “ONE WAY” STREET
 A Motion to Introduce Ord #8-2012 by first reading of Ordinance made by Pastrick; seconded by Nichols. ALL YEAS.

RESOLUTION # 16 – 2012 JOINT-USE AGREEMENT W/3 RIVERS SCHOOLS & VILLAGE
 A Motion to Adopt Resolution #16, 2012 made by Santen; seconded by Pastrick. ALL YEAS.

Mr. Hyle brought Council up-to-date on the status of our new TIF and indicated he would have legislation ready for their review soon. He informed Council of the deadline dates for them to have levy amounts certified and turned into the Board of Elections to be placed on the ballot in November of this year. In closing, he stated he would not be in attendance for the Council Meeting scheduled for July 11th.

CLERK/TREASURER REPORT

Clerk Bolton asked Council to review the current capital investment spending recap she has provided to them and asked them to call her if they have any questions about it.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Chief Renner began with a recap of the previous monthly detail reports. Following his recap, he asked Council to accept a new auxiliary officer, Chris Niesen. Chief Renner outlined his experience and credentials and Mr. Santen asked if the Safety Committee has reviewed his credentials and was told they had. **A Motion to Accept Chris Niesen as an Auxiliary Police Officer with the Village of Cleves and a one-year probation was made by Nichols; seconded by Santen. ALL YEAS.**

At this time Officer Niesen was sworn-in by Mayor Stacy. At this time Chief Renner requested he be permitted to give a brief presentation to Council he had put together – A Crime Statistical Analysis showing the comparison of our crime numbers against other municipalities. He then distributed copies of the presentation and began to review and explain the data within the analysis. In summary, The Village of Cleves is showing an overall downward trend in crime and 2012 is expected to be lower. Our violent crime numbers are way lower than the national average as is our overall crime numbers. Compared to some of our closest municipalities, our crime index numbers in 2010 were higher than Greendale, but lower than Cheviot, Harrison, Lawrenceburg and

the Village of Addyston. We need to continue on our current path of providing our police protection services to our residents to keep our crime numbers stable and low. Ms. Nichols thanked Bill for the comprehensive report and Mayor Stacy said he would like to see the report be posted on our website. Mr. Santen asked about the comparison of full-time officers in Ohio instead of national and Chief Renner explained he could not find any national numbers for comparison, only State.

Fire Chief Ober reviewed his previous monthly run totals. He also mentioned a few local issues resulting from the lightning strikes resulting from the storm on May 1st. He explained the details surrounding a fire reported in Coleman Woods as a result of the storm and why so many apparatus responded to the residence. Two young girls noticed smoke at a neighbors and reported the fire early enough to make a huge difference in the severity and loss suffered to the house. Ms. Pastrick asked if any plans were in the works to recognize the young girls and the Chief responded there were. Fire hydrant checks are ongoing and he is also working with the school on the emergency plans and procedures for the new school.

Street Commissioner Duncan thanked Chief Renner for his assistance with an issue he had with some contractor's of MSD and permits not being obtained. He reported his department is a little behind with weed eating and line-painting in anticipation of the Memorial Day parade. He also reported Maintenance was going to try to clean up the clogged drains ourselves with our bobcat in order to save money. Mr. Duncan then introduced Dan Unger from Pavement Management who proceeded to give a full report on the delay in finishing up Montieth resurfacing due to excess rain and the deep slope of Montieth. They are hopeful to get this project done as soon as possible and they hope to begin on Monday. Harold mentioned some Timea residents were at the Street Meeting with concerns about drainage issues on their new street and creek flooding issues behind their homes. The Mayor said they were informed at this meeting property owners are responsible for maintaining creeks on their property. This creek is not the responsibility of the Village of Cleves. Lastly, Mr. Duncan informed Council we did have some flooding problems in the Maintenance building as well as the Municipal building but both building are ok now.

COUNCIL & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Meyers, **Parks Committee Chair**, began her report by indicating the Park Committee had met last night and everything at the Park is running well so far. A bench for workers at the back gate and a grill for the shelter are being ordered. The next Park Meeting will be held in August prior to the beginning of the fall soccer season.

Ms. Nichols, **Safety Committee Chair**, mentioned both Chief's had already reported about many of the items discussed at the last Safety Meeting. She briefly touched on other topics discussed at Safety: Discussion about some of the narrow streets in the Village and the problem they present to larger, safety vehicles and apparatus; Possible safety levy needs for the Village in November; Additional monies for the Drug Fund received from a drug confiscation case; and a new guideline put in place by Chief Renner decreasing the amount of time new auxiliary officers must complete their training. Ms. Nichols also asked Finance Chair, Jan Pastrick, to request the Finance Committee to review budget for additional monies for power shift. Lastly a discussion was held about a grant available for a Resource Officer for the new school and the monies and years available and what commitment the Village would have to make at the completion of the grant period. A discussion with the school and their interest in helping to fund this position has resulted in their belief they can only fund a Resource Officer through grant monies as well. Further discussion was held about this potential grant.

Mayor Stacy asked about the Memorial Day Parade permit and a discussion was held about this issue.

Jan Pastrick, **Finance Committee Chair**, reminded everyone the Finance Committee meets next Wednesday and she has nothing further to report at this time.

Megan Randall, *Public Works Streets Chair*, announced she had emailed everyone the minutes from their Street Meeting previous to tonight's meeting. Ms. Randall also mentioned the complaints of the Timea residents who went to Street Meeting and indicating they were going to try to help one resident with some curb cut issues. Representatives from Drees also attended the meeting requesting the release of some bonds for streets in Coleman Woods. They wish to extend the maintenance bond and have us release the performance bond in one of the sections of Coleman Woods. Lastly, she mentioned Harold Duncan reported to the committee he would like to secure additional part time help for his department if his budget can allow for it.

Mr. Santen, *Community Planning Chair*, was unable to attend the last Planning Meeting so Mayor Stacy gave his report on his behalf. Resident, Chris Clendening, wants Council to reconsider the zoning ordinance change concerning commercial vehicles. He believes, and the Mayor agreed, our weight and length limits would not allow for a regular king cab pickup truck like an F-250. Many trucks like these are used for small and private businesses, but are not licensed commercial. At this time the Mayor has instructed that no tickets be written on this part of the ordinance only at this time until the issue can be checked into further. Two property owners of 80 E. State Road also addressed the committee and announced their intention of requesting a HIP loan to acquire the funds to repair the structure at this address which was declared condemned. They were granted a Six-week extension only by the Committee and their progress will be closely monitored.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Stacy met with representatives of the Three River's School District, Ralph Meierjohn, and Jan Pastrick concerning potential development on the property near the new school, Cooper Road and Route 50. They have come to agreement and it appears the roundabout will be relocated north of its original proposed location to allow more space for further development. The size of the proposed strip mall on Cooper has been decreased. The Mayor indicated he had to make it clear to all parties involved that JMA is the Village Engineering firm and they will spearhead and be in charge of all new development issues that pertain to our Village streets.

After a meeting with JMA and Jonathan Weber, it appears forming a PUD will be costly to the Village if we choose to go that route. The Mayor indicated Mr. Meierjohn has committed to building a salt dome for the Village and he questioned whether or not the Village has a lighting district in place. A discussion was held and it was determined we do not believe the Village of Cleves currently has a lighting district in place. Clerk Bolton asked about the public hearing put on hold concerning our zoning ordinance and number of parking spaces needed for commercial development. She wondered if we wanted to move forward with this public hearing in light of the news received about the cost to form a PUD and the Mayor indicated at this time the issue of parking spaces should remain on hold.

Mayor Stacy asked Bev to see if she could assist and see if the Water Works could provide our Police Department with a key to the gate of the Kilby Road Plant facility in light of the recent theft? Ms. Meyers agreed she would. The water leak at Martha Street getting worse and would like to be sure the Water Works is keeping an eye on it.

Concerning the proposed skate park being constructed with grant monies from the "We Thrive" grant, he wanted to be sure Jan further explore additional fencing/screens to protect nearby businesses and parked cars from flying skateboards. Ms. Pastrick reported she has made note of his concern and she further explained the privacy size fencing panels being installed to further deter any problems on N.Miami and businesses from flying skateboards.

Mayor Stacy reported Steve Niehaus from the consulting firm performing the tests on our back lot has requested an extension from the State in order to secure the necessary information he needs concerning drinking water source protection areas and issues. Once these issues in the back lot are resolved, he would very much like Council to consider paving and fencing in the back lot.

Ms. Meyers also reported about the Regional Chamber of Commerce and information she received from Emily from the Chamber to the effect she believes they can save us in the neighborhood of \$14,000 on electric bills if we were to join. Next meeting with her is scheduled for 5/23 at 4:30 p.m. Much of this would be credited to the Water Works, the biggest user of electric of the Village's departments. Discussion was held about including the Water Works in any further discussion which could ultimately help us afford the \$1100 membership dues. Additional savings could be found in gasoline prices and health insurance premiums.

Upon checking with the Township trustees, Mayor Stacy was informed they are currently looked into the possibility of electric aggregation as a township-wide effort which would automatically include all three Villages in their plans to go to the voters to form this aggregation.

Danny noticed the clock has been fixed and a discussion was held about the "mystery" clock repairman. Whoever he is, the Village of Cleves thanks him! He would also like the officials of the Village to participate in the Memorial Parade together. Parade to start at 9:00 a.m.

Ms. Patrick informed everyone the school is offering a Community Tour of the school layout on Sunday, June 3rd at 4:00 p.m. and all in the community are welcome.

Lastly, Mayor Stacy explained about the box culvert on Porter that needs to be replaced and the grant we have secured. The engineering cost for this project is \$19,500. He also reminded everyone the engineering fee for Harrison Avenue can be paid over three years and the actual Village participation monies for Harrison Avenue can be secured through a zero interest loan payable over 20 years.

A Motion to Adjourn made by Santen; seconded by Nichols. ALL YEAS.

Mayor Danny Stacy

Clerk/Treasurer Linda Bolton