

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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Minutes of VILLAGE OF CLEVES Council Meeting Held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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A Public Hearing of Council to review the issue of vacating Martha Street and portion of Creamer was called to order by Mayor Stacy at 6:45 p.m. The Mayor, Solicitor, Clerk and all members of Council were present for this hearing.

Businessman John Tisch began by explaining his plans for expansion of his business and renovation plans for existing buildings and office space. Plans to add parking were also explained to Council. The plans to move staff from another location to the Village of Cleves after the expansion and renovations are complete were also detailed. Approximately 12 personnel are expected to relocate to Cleves. He distributed some drawings and explained that without changes to the current road structures of Martha and Creamer Streets, his 53' trucks would not be able to easily load and unload. He is asking that the Village vacate Martha Street and a portion of Creamer Streets. He will repave both areas which benefits the Village.

Ms. Meister asked if once vacated, would the public have access to Martha Street and that portion of Creamer and Mr. Tisch responded probably not. Ms. Meister also asked about his offer to fix the water works valve by his building and a discussion was held about his offer to repair the leaking valve by Martha Street. Mr. Tisch explained he is withdrawing that offer at this time due to the news the Water Works is exploring a low interest loan to repair all the old valves along North and South Miami Avenues.

Solicitor Hyle explained the process of vacating these streets and what the next step would be. He also explained there is a good case for improved economic development in this area if Council chooses to consider Mr. Tisch's request to vacate Martha Street and a portion of Creamer.

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

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The Council Meeting on September 25, 2013 was called to order by Mayor Stacy with the pledge to the flag. Roll Call was taken by the Clerk with the following results:

Mayor, Solicitor & Clerk were all present.

Council Members Present: Pastrick, Nichols, Meister, Santen, Randall and Meyers

	<u>Made By</u>	<u>Seconded By</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
A Motion to Approve Previous Council Minutes	Nichols	Pastrick	ALL YEAS
Motion to Pay Warrants & Vouchers and Adopt Pay Ordinance # 18- 2013.	Nichols	Pastrick	ALL YEAS

## SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Frank Hyle distributed a copy of legislation to vacate Martha Street and a portion of Creamer. In light of the earlier public hearing on this issue, Council was ready to take action.

## ORDINANCE #15-2013 VACATION OF MARTHA STREET & PORTION OF CREAMER

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #15-2013 made by Santen; seconded by Pastrick. ALL YEAS.

A Motion to Suspend the Rules, Read by Title Only made by Santen; seconded by Pastrick. ALL YEAS.

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance #15-2013 made by Santen; seconded by Pastrick. ALL YEAS.

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Mr. Tisch asked about the status of the security cameras and Ms. Nichols and Mayor Stacy explained the hold up and they are working around some of the problems. They are checking into other options and should know something soon.

Eric Winhusen, Water Works Superintendent was recognized and began by asking Council to review the appraisal they secured for the property at 92 Cleves Avenue. The property appraised at \$135,000. He provided Ms. Pastrick a copy of the contract. Mayor Stacy asked that he be able to review the appraisal and delay a vote on the purchase of this property until next meeting. Mr. Winhusen went on to explain to Council what the Water Works is doing to get the valve issues resolved along North and South Miami by obtaining low interest loans to complete the entire project. Ms. Pastrick asked about the timeline for completion and Mr. Winhusen indicated they are hoping to begin by the end of November. Further discussion was held about the funding and any possible inconveniences while the project is under way.

Mayor Stacy indicated he would need Council to consider holding an Executive Session at the end of the meeting for a personnel issue concerning possible discipline.

## **CLERK/TREASURER REPORT**

Clerk/Treasurer Bolton had a couple items for Councils consideration. One being a Resolution accepting the amounts and rates and determined by the Hamilton County Budget Commission and another being a reappropriation ordinance in order to report additional revenue and appropriate this additional monies. Following discussion, Council took the following action:

### **ORDINANCE #16-2013**

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #16-2013 made by Santen; seconded by Meister. ALL YEAS.

A Motion to Suspend the Rules, Read by Title Only made by Santen; seconded by Meister. ALL YEAS.

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance #16-2013 made by Santen; seconded by Meister. ALL YEAS.

### **REAPPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

### **RESOLUTION # 26 – 2013**

### **ACCEPT AMOUNTS & RATES OF BUDGET COMMISSION**

A Motion to Adopt Resolution #26-2013 was made by Pastrick; seconded by Nichols. ALL YEAS.

Ms. Bolton closed by indicating she had attended a Sunshine Law training on behalf of everyone and she would be reporting on what she has learned at a later date.

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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*Ms. Randall, Street Committee Chair*, informed everyone she has applied for a Hamilton County Storm Water District Grant to assist in our blue line Morgan creek cleaning.

*Ms. Meyers, Park Committee Chair*, proudly reported on the success of the Twilight Walk held earlier in the Month. She indicated they had a good crowd of 50 to 60 people and she received very positive feedback from those in attendance. She believes these kinds of things are a good way to promote tourism to our local historical sites and she wished more of us could have attended.

*Mr. Santen, Planning & Zoning Committee Chair*, had nothing special to report.

*Ms. Nichols, Safety Committee Chair*, reviewed the status of the current safety camera project and the decision to place a couple cameras on the top of two local businesses at no cost to the Village. She is waiting on a final estimate and she will report back to Council.

*Ms. Pastrick, Finance Committee Chair*, asked if everyone had read their minutes from last week's Finance Meeting. Most everything discussed has already been taken care of by the Clerk. The next Finance Meeting is scheduled for October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

*Ms. Meister, Public Works Utilities Committee*, mentioned there has been another delay with streetlight elimination. Although a number of streetlights have been identified as "not needed" due to the number of kids walking to the new school, these lights are going to be looked at again to be sure they do not provide additional safety issues for our school walkers.

Ms. Nichols asked the Mayor if he has given any more thought to crosswalk issues at St. Rt. 264 and a discussion was held about some of the problems at the intersection of St. Rt. 264 and N. Miami Avenue. Mayor Stacy said he would talk to the school about securing volunteer crossing guards.

At this time Ms. Pastrick filled Council in on the progress of finding the best locations to place our business signs. She also gave Council an update on the most recent recycling mailing and possible plans to partner with Rumpke on the final mailing and offer residents a quarter of free recycling as part of the grant. Hamilton County has approved use of the grant for this project with Rumpke so she will be finalizing the terms with Rumpke.

Ms. Pastrick also had a question about what happened to the REDS seats that were stored behind the Water Plant at one time. She said a resident asked her about Danny Graves field and what happened to the REDS seats that were purchased to be placed around this field. She was also asked about the field lights that were donated years ago as well. A discussion was held about these items and where they are at this time. No one is real sure where the seats are, but the Clerk indicated the lights were being stored at the Park and she remembers they were vandalized at some point. Further discussion was held about the seats and lights. Megan indicated she would asked Harold if our Maintenance stored any of these items at any time and if so, what happened to them.

Mayor Stacy recognized Carrie Vale from the Miami Township Branch of the Hamilton County Library who brought Council up to date on all the activities going on at the library for the kids. The Miami Township Branch is trying to increase their visibility in the community and they have noticed a big jump in attendance in the month of July. She also informed Council of the renewal levy coming up in November and the need for the funds. She said it would cost the owner of a \$100,000 home about \$2.51 per year. She appreciates any support for this levy.

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## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Stacy had several items and issues to mention to Council. Frank Hyle has been asked to draft an agreement with local businesses on the security camera placements; He is scheduling a special Council Meeting to be held Wednesday, October 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. to conduct business concerning personnel matters; Thanks to Council for their support of Mr. Tisch's request to vacate Martha and Creamer Streets; Homecoming Parade to come through Cleves on October 4<sup>th</sup> around 5:00 p.m.; A new business has gone in on S. Miami Avenue called "Firefly Memories"; Municipal Building back parking lot repaving will be done this week and we may have fencing donated to complete the security of the back lot; Safety looking into new security lighting around the Municipal Building; receipt of letters from the boys who attended Ohio Boys State for whoever wants to read them and Don Marshall from Eagle Energy has informed him he has received a good rate on gas and letters to residents will be going out soon.

Ms. Nichols asked how residents will be able to know if their electric service has been switched yet and she was told to have residents check their bill. It is clearly identified on the bill who is providing the energy.

Mayor Stacy has called Drees and expressed our Fire Chief's concern about naming the street in the last section of Coleman Woods "Westgate." Drees has agreed to name this last street something different to avoid any confusion with the Westgate Drive in the Westgate subdivision and the "Westgate" in Coleman Woods.

Ms. Pastrick indicated she has noticed the front part of Laurelwood is in need of repair and perhaps we should schedule a meeting with Drees to secure their assistance with this repair since the road has taken so much heavy truck traffic with the construction of the new homes in the back of the subdivision. The Mayor indicated he would talk with Drees.

At this time the Mayor asked that Council consider an Executive Session for personnel reasons concerning possible discipline. Ms. Meister questioned the need to have the Clerk/Treasurer present at the Executive Session and requested that the Clerk be asked to leave and Council agreed to this request. At this time Ms. Bolton asked if she could go ahead and go home and Ms. Meister agreed to finish taking any minutes following the Executive Session.

A Motion to Enter Executive Session to discuss Personnel and Possible Discipline made by Santen; seconded by Nichols. ALL YEAS. (Ms. Bolton left at this time)

A Motion to Return to Regular Session made by Nichols; seconded by Meyers. ALL YEAS.

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

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Mayor Danny Stacy

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Clerk/Treasurer Linda Bolton