

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of VILLAGE OF CLEVES Council Meeting Held on May 10, 2017.

Mayor Rouse began the Council Meeting at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call was taken. Mr. Flynn, Mr. Williams, Mr. Myers, Mr. Burns and Ms. Myers were present. Solicitor Nicholas and Village Administrator Rahall were also present. Ms. Meister was absent.

Mayor Rouse asked for a motion to excuse Ms. Meister's absence. A motion to excuse Ms. Meister's absence from tonight's Council meeting was made by Mr. Myers; seconded by Mr. Flynn.

ALL IN FAVOR.

A Motion to Approve the Previous Council Meeting Minutes was made by Mr. Flynn; seconded by Mr. Myers.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adoption of Pay Ordinance #5-2017 was made by Mr. Myers; seconded by Ms. Myers. ALL IN FAVOR.

GUEST SPEAKER

Hamilton County Commissioner Denise Driehaus addressed Council. Ms. Driehaus is a newly elected Commissioner and is visiting all 49 communities in Hamilton County. Commissioner Driehaus provided Menu of Opportunity pamphlets to Council. The pamphlets provide information about what the County has to offer its communities. Commissioner Driehaus mentioned that the Hamilton County Development Corporation may be able to help with the rehabilitation of a vacant home on Miami Avenue. Commissioner Driehaus is also the new Chair of the Heroin Task Force.

THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT

A district representative was not in attendance.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Nicholas had prepared one item of legislation for Council's consideration.

RESOLUTION # 18-2017

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FISCAL OFFICER TO ISSUE WARRANTS FOR PAYMENT BASED ON THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES FOR PURCHASES.

A Motion to Adopt Resolution #18-2017 authorizing Fiscal Officer to issue warrants for payment based on Then and Now Certificates for purchases was made by Mr. Myers; seconded by Ms. Myers.

ALL IN FAVOR.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Village Administrator Mike Rahall reported that he looked into the safety sign grant. Unfortunately, the grant is only for Townships. He will look into other grants since the Village will be required to have high reflective signs in a few years. Mr. Rahall also reported that the property appraisal has been completed on the river front property. Mr. Rahall has received several applications and resumes for the Service Director position. Council may have to hold an additional meeting in May for the interviews and hiring. The Duke Grant meeting was postponed until next week. There are community revitalization and reutilization grants that Mr. Rahall is looking into. There have been some drainage issues in Coleman Woods on Laurelwood Drive and with a retention pond on private property. The Village is consulting with the County concerning mitigation of the drainage issues. Mr. Rahall will be meeting with a Duke Energy representative to discuss the locations of light poles in the Village. Mr. Rahall also reported that the Village received a Major Road Fund Grant for South Miami

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Avenue from the Hamilton County Engineers. They Village can also apply for small cities grants through the County for additional funds for the project.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

POLICE

Chief Jones gave his stats for the month. Chief Jones also reported that the police radios and computers will become obsolete in the next year. He is looking into options for both items. Chief Jones informed Council that there is a new drug on the streets called gray death. It contains a combination of illegal drugs and is being targeted to kids. Chief Jones has decided to relook at his policy on Narcan. Officers on duty may carry it now in their vehicles. Commissioner Driehaus mentioned that the County can help the Police Department get it for free. There was also a discussion about Local Safety Grants that the state gives to Police Departments.

FIRE

Chief Ober gave his stats for the month. Chief Ober complemented the Police Department and Building Inspector, Don Mercer, on their quick response to the accident at 145 South Miami Avenue. Chief Ober also mentioned that the new street drug is requiring several doses of Narcan.

MAINTENANCE

Brian Laws reported that were some trees down and the park was flooded due to the excessive rains we had. There was also water in the Maintenance Building and at the Police Department. The Maintenance Department has been busy with grass cutting this spring.

WATER

Water Superintendent Eric Winhusen reported that he will be meeting with the County again soon to continue water contract negotiations. Mr. Winhusen also reported that the construction of a Shell gas station on Kilby Road is at a standstill.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Rouse reported that Council will hold visioning meetings on May 23rd and June 6th beginning at 7 pm. The meetings will help Council to create broad goals for the Village for the future. Mayor Rouse also reported that Steve Johns from Hamilton County Regional Planning (HCRP) attended May's Zoning meeting. The HCRP is going to analyze the Village's master plan to help define certain zoning areas and offer recommendations on how to implement the plan. HCRP will also create an inventory of business buildings in the Village. The next Zoning meeting will be June 7th and it will be a working session. Mayor Rouse reported that she and Mr. Rahall attended a meeting of the River Trails West Group. The group works to create green spaces and bike paths around the Cincinnati area. The group has a plan to create bike trails from the city to Cooper Avenue. There is a possibility that bike lanes could be added to Route 50 when it is repaired next year. Mayor Rouse submitted an application for the Energy Efficiency Grant being sponsored by OKI. The communities who will be given the grants will be notified in the next week or two. Mayor Rouse attended a Community Collaboration meeting with representatives from North Bend and Miami Township. Steve Johns from HCRP facilitated the meeting. They hope to have Addyston join them at future meetings as well. The BLOC House has created a community garden next to their building. Eleven children who attend the BLOC House have formed a garden club. They maintain the garden and will get to take home what they have grown after they harvest it. They will also give some of the items grown to local food pantries. The garden has tripled in size this year. The BLOC House will have a ribbon cutting at 5 pm on May 23rd to celebrate the garden's new size. The Memorial Day Parade will be on May 29th. It starts at 9:30 a.m. at Skyline. Mayor Rouse has also had a few responses from residents who would like to help with the 200th Celebration for the Village.

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COUNCIL REPORTS

Three Rivers Schools: Mr. Myers reported that Math Awards were given at the last School Board Meeting. Great Oaks' President also gave a presentation. There was a joint meeting of the School Board and Miami Township. Mr. Myers reported that the School and the Township will be developing a community building on school property. The project is in preliminary phases. It will contain a pool and two gyms. Both groups are working on funding for the project.

Miami Township: Ms. Meister was not in attendance.

Planning and Zoning: Ms. Myers reported that the Zoning Committee met last week. Ms. Myers also reported that a resident is interested in splitting their lot into two. The Zoning Committee and Zoning Inspector, Dick Weber, are working on some of the vacant homes in the Village.

Open discussion – Council: There was a discussion about possible events at the park. Mayor Rouse asked for a committee to be formed to discuss and plan park events. Ms. Heine, the Park Coordinator, Mr. Burns and Mr. Williams will be on the committee. They will present their event plans to Council at a future date.

A Motion to Enter into Executive Session at 8:45 P.M. per ORC 121.22-G (2) to consider the sale of property and per ORC 121.22-G (1) to consider the employment of a public employee was made by Ms. Rouse; seconded by Mr. Myers.

ALL IN FAVOR

A Motion to Return to Regular Session at 9:12 P.M. was made by Mr. Myers; seconded by Ms. Myers.

ALL IN FAVOR

A Motion to Adjourn the Council Meeting at 9:13 P.M. was made by Mr. Flynn; seconded by Ms. Myers.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Mayor Jan Rouse

Kathy Volk, Clerk of Council