

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of VILLAGE OF CLEVES Council Meeting Held on July 12, 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, Ms. Meister, Mr. Myers, Mr. Burns and Ms. Myers were present. Solicitor Nicholas and Village Administrator Rahall were also present.

A Motion to Approve the Previous Council Meeting Minutes was made by Mr. Flynn; seconded by Mr. Williams. ALL IN FAVOR.

Adoption of Pay Ordinance #7-2017 was made by Ms. Meister; seconded by Mr. Myers. ALL IN FAVOR.

GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Howard Seaver from the Three Rivers-Cleves Kiwanis Club was in attendance. Mr. Seaver gave Ms. Rouse letters from the two students who attended Boys State this summer. Mayor Rouse read the letters aloud. The two students, Kyle Kent and Jacob Pierson, thanked Council for their support. Mayor Rouse thanked Mr. Seaver for his service.

Judge Jackie Ginocchio addressed Council. She is a Judge in the 7th District and is running for re-election in November. She is also a former prosecutor in Cincinnati.

Mr. Terry Simpson also addressed Council. He is the President of the Three Rivers Historical Society and Mr. Howard Seaver is the Vice-President. The group meets the third Thursday of each month from March – November. They are interested in helping with the Village's Bicentennial.

Mr. Dan Schoster from JMA Consultants addressed Council about projects in the Village. Work on Finley Street is finished and the project should be closed soon. They are waiting for Duke Energy to move utility poles before work can begin on Spring Street. The Spring Street project will require trees to be removed and piers to be drilled to stabilize the street. Mr. Schoster also discussed potential improvements on Miami Avenue. The Village has already received a grant for \$121,000 for Miami Avenue. There was discussion about the options available to the Village to acquire more funding for Miami Avenue. JMA will continue to apply for grants for various street projects in the Village.

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# 22-2017

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2018 TAX BUDGET

A Motion to Adopt Resolution #22-2017 approving the 2018 Tax Budget was made by Ms. Meister; seconded by Mr. Myers. **ALL IN FAVOR.**

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VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Village Administrator Mike Rahall reported that he met with the County concerning the new water contract. Mr. Rahall and the Water Works Department are still negotiating the new 30-year rate contract with the County. They are compiling data to present to the County to justify the rates. This contract is for water customers who reside outside of the Village. Mr. Rahall met with the coordinators of Gravelrama to discuss the upcoming parade. The Gravelrama organization said that they will follow the Village's parade and candy guidelines. There was discussion among Council about the Ordinance that restricts candy throwing at parades. Council will consider amending the Ordinance in the future. Mr. Rahall introduced Andy Meyer from the OKI Energy Planning Project. Mr. Meyer addressed Council about the project. Mr. Meyer reported that the project will take about six months to complete and will include an energy efficiency plan for the Village. There will be a small amount of money given to the Village at the end of the project to implement a portion of the plan. The project requires a steering committee which will begin meeting in August. Mr. Rahall met with Duke Energy about changing the Village's street lights to LEDs in the future. Mr. Rahall also reported that the air conditioning unit in the Council Chambers is broken. The air conditioner is 20 years old and it is more cost efficient to replace it now instead of trying to repair it. Mr. Rahall is also looking into expanding the central air system to more of the building.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

POLICE

Chief Jones gave his stats for the month. Chief Jones reported that the department will be using Hamilton County's range for training for a small fee. The Officers are also working on the training classes required for their annual state certification. Chief Jones reported that Sergeant Bingle has been auditing the property room. Chief Jones also reported that the County has given the department Narcan at no cost.

FIRE

Chief Ober was not in attendance.

MAINTENANCE

Service Director John Knuf thanked the Water Works Department for their help with the weed cutting along the creek downtown. Mr. Knuf also reported that Duke Energy will be removing vegetation along Spring Street next week.

WATER

Water Superintendent Eric Winhusen reported that 39.2 million gallons of water was pumped in June. The Water Works Department has repaired all of the fire hydrants in the water district. Mr. Winhusen also reported that the Shawnee Project will begin soon.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Rouse reported that Council's next Visioning Meeting will be July 25th. Mayor Rouse met with Brittany Heine, the Park Coordinator, to discuss community events that could be held in the summer. The first Bicentennial meeting will be August 15th at 7 P.M. at 92 Cleves Avenue. Mayor Rouse reported that Hamilton County Public Health gave the Village ten mosquito prevention kits to distribute in the community. Mayor Rouse also discussed the need for a new levy. The 2018 budget is very tight and a new levy would help to keep the Village running as it is now. The Village currently has two levies – one just renewed in November and the other is up for renewal next year. Council discussed the need for the levy and also the need to place it on November's ballot. The new levy will be a Safety Services Levy to be used for police and/or fire expenses.

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There was also discussion about the millage of the new levy. After the discussion, Solicitor Nicholas introduced the following legislation.

RESOLUTION # 23-2017

RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE NECESSITY OF A TAX OUTSIDE OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION AND TO REQUEST THAT THE HAMILTON COUNTY AUDITOR CERTIFY TO THE VILLAGE OF CLEVES THE TAX LEVY CALCULATIONS ENUMERATED IN SECTION 5705.3(B) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE.

A Motion to Adopt Resolution #23-2017 declaring the necessity of a tax outside the ten-mill limitation and requesting that the Hamilton County Auditor certify to the Village of Cleves the tax levy calculations enumerated in Section 5705.3(b) of the Ohio Revised Code was made by Ms. Meister; seconded by Mr. Myers.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Mayor Rouse and Council decided to have a special meeting on July 25th at 6:45 P.M. to consider the certification from the County and legislation to be submitted to the Board of Elections.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Three Rivers Schools: Mr. Myers reported that there was not a School Board meeting last month.

Miami Township: Ms. Meister had nothing to report.

Planning and Zoning: Ms. Myers reported that at the Zoning Committee's last meeting there was a discussion about making Scott Street one way. They are going to ask the Police and Fire Departments for their input on the matter.

Open discussion – Council: There was no further discussion.

A Motion to Adjourn the Council Meeting at 9:10 P.M. was made by Ms. Meister; seconded by Mr. Myers. **ALL IN FAVOR.**

Mayor Jan Rouse

Kathy Volk, Clerk of Council