

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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Minutes of VILLAGE OF CLEVES Council Meeting Held on October 9, 2019.

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

**A Motion to Approve the Previous Council Meeting Minutes for September 11, 2019 was made by Ms. Meyers; seconded by Ms. Peter. ALL IN FAVOR.**

## HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Dana Davis asked that Council look into the damage to North Miami Ave, just past Cooper. He feels the repairs made in the past were not adequate to handle the drainage and that the runoff was washing out the side of the road. He stated that Service Director, Mr. John Knuf was aware of the issue. He provided pictures of the area for council to review. Village Administrator, Mr. Mike Rahall, asked if Mr. Knuf was familiar with the issue. Mr. Knuf stated that he was, however, there were limited options without a complete reconstruction. He stated that it appears that the last repair was not properly installed or designed. Mrs. Myers asked about any warranty available from the previous contractor. Mr. Knuf stated that 1 year was the usual warranty and we are well past that time. Ms. Miester said the project was 9 – 10 years in the past. Mr. Rahall assured Mr. Davis that he and Mr. Knuf would have our Engineer access the area. Mayor Myers asked if Mr. Knuf had an idea as to how to proceed. Mr. Knuf said he does and will work with the Engineer to develop a proper plan for repair.

## THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT

No one was in attendance from the School District. Mrs. Myers reported that today is the last day of the first quarter of the school year, and from an operational standpoint it's their best quarter. She stated the update for the current Health & Wellness Center, the Township and the YMCA are in negotiations, the plan is for the school to be a customer of the facility and not managing it nor responsible for any funds to run it, etc. The Board hopes to have the strategic plan finished and hopefully approved by October 22, 2019.

## SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Doug Nichols had two items for Council's consideration.

## RESOLUTION #24-2019 – RESOLUTION HIRING MARCUS HENDERSON TO TO FILL THE VACANT POSITION IN THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT.

A Motion to Adopt Resolution #24-2019 Resolution hiring Marcus Henderson to fill the vacant position in the Service department was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mr. Burns. **ALL IN FAVOR.**

## RESOLUTION # 25-2019 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

A Motion to Adopt Resolution #25-2019 Authorizing the Purchase of a vehicle for the Police Department was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mr. Williams. **ALL IN FAVOR.**

## DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

### WATER

Water Superintendent Eric Winhusen reported 39 million gallons were pumped. Mr. Winhusen discussed the Water Main Break on US 50 explaining that the site was under the State Route, and the work was coordinated with and performed under ODOT Guidelines. He also said he was reviewing the final Invoicing for the Lawrenceburg Road extension project.

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## SERVICE

Service Director Knuf reported that the Guardrail replacement on College St. had been completed. He stated that the property cleanup at 511 Porter has also been completed. Mrs. Myers asked if the alley behind the property was cleaned as well. Mr. Knuf said yes and the Lien paperwork was completed for filing by Mr. Koons. Mr. Knuf explained that the video of the storm sewer on Timea showed 4 sections of clay tile pipe had collapsed. He stated that repairs were being scheduled and the repair would be made with PVC Piping. Mrs. Myers asked if Mr. Knuf had received any indication that the price for road salt was going to increase. Mr. Knuf said he had not been informed of a price increase to date, but he would check. He also said we have 125 tons left in stock from last season and we had 300 tons scheduled for this season. Mrs. Myers also asked if trash was still being dumped at the Service Department Recycling bins. Mr. Knuf replied yes, and he feels security cameras would be a deterrent.

## FIRE

Chief Ober reported 14 Fire details including 7 to one address 28 EMS details. Chief Ober explained that the 7 runs to the same address were a result of one actual fire and the rest were smells of smoke or seeing sparks. The Chief explained that he worked with Building and Zoning Inspector, Mr. Koons and Hamilton county Public Health to have the property condemned and hopefully cleaned up. The Chief also reported that an electrical fire on the exterior of a home on North Miami was handled with the assistance of neighboring departments due to the extreme heat. This allowed the crews to rotate and not become overheated. The Chief announced the plans for a "Touch-A-Truck" in neighborhoods on Oct 22 and 29, 2019. He said going to the neighborhoods seemed to generate more interest than having it at the Fire House. Mrs. Myers asked if the "Touch-A-Truck" at the school went well. The Chief replied it went great. Mrs. Myers also asked about the upcoming fire extinguisher training at the Senior Center. Chief Ober replied that the event had been cancelled. Mrs. Peter asked if the training could be done in conjunction with the "Touch-A-Truck". The Chief replied it could be considered, however there is currently an open burn ban County wide due to the dry weather. Mrs. Myers asked if the extinguisher training could be rescheduled if there was an interest. The Chief said yes. Mrs. Myers said she would place the opportunity for training on the Village Website and Facebook Pages. Chief Ober stated that while he cannot campaign for or against the upcoming Fire Levy, that he was glad to answer any questions about the Fire Department operations.

## POLICE

Chief Reid reported to Council that officers had attempted to stop a wanted person who fled on foot to the Three Rivers Educational Campus. The subject was apprehended with a minimal disturbance. He also announced that Officer Stalf had resigned to enter the US Military, and wished him the best. He also noted that Police clerk, Evan Koons celebrated his one-year anniversary with the Village. Mrs. Myers asked about the plans to replace Officer Stalf. The Chief reported that he has one candidate who will be a part time officer, but may have full time hours to start. He also stated that Officer Rose may fill in as the School Resource Officer while he covers that assignment, the Chief said he would take the Village Patrol duties on himself.

## VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Village Administrator Rahall announced that there were only 3 weeks of Soccer left in this season, and everything had gone very well to date. He informed Council that he had received the information and title work for the property at 207 N. Miami. He said that inspecting the property will be done by Mr. Knuf and Don Mercer before attempting to market the property. He also noted that 511 Finley was next on the list of properties to review. Mrs. Myers said it was on her list as well. She wondered about the cost and timeline. She also mentioned we will place a sealed, minimum bid on the properties when we sell them and that the Port Authority would assist in marketing the property. Mr. Rahall is also considering the Auditors Office Value and perhaps paying for an appraisal. Mrs. Myers suggested any income be used to acquire the next property and cleanup costs.

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## COUNCIL REPORTS

**Mrs. Myers:** Mrs. Myers reported that someone at the Miami Township meeting complained that the Water Works department had removed piping and dumped the pipe and spoils in their yard. Mr. Winhusen replied that North Bend had removed a storm water pipe in that area; however, there was no Waterworks activity involved. He stated that he had noticed the pipe there during a routine inspection of the area. He also noted that our department would not leave debris on someone's property. Mrs. Myers asked if anyone had contacted our Department. Mr. Winhusen said they had not. Mrs. Myers also said the person complaining said the Cleveland Clinic told her the Cleves Water Works water is the "worst water ever". Mr. Winhusen replied saying the water in our aquifer is excellent. He stated that it is hard water, but because of the makeup of the aquifer, the purity is one of the best, and our required testing supports his opinion. Mrs. Myers asked about the gas station located on Kilby Rd. near the water plant. Mr. Winhusen stated that he is exploring installing monitoring wells near the station and on property Whitewater Township owns. Mrs. Myers asked if he foresaw any issues getting permission. Mr. Winhusen replied no, that he is working with Fiscal Officer, Jim Brett, who serves as the elected Fiscal Officer for Whitewater and neither of them see any problem. He did say his estimate to get the wells installed is \$20,000.00 to \$30,000. Mr. Winhusen also invited anyone with questions or concerns about the water quality to contact Mr. Mariano Haensel, at the Ohio EPA Southwest District Office. He is the area inspector.

Mrs. Myers addressed the signage request for the new Skyline, which is under construction. She noted that it would be one of the largest Skylines in the Tri State. She asked Fire Chief Ober if he knew the Occupancy that was approved. He replied he had just reviewed those plans and the Occupancy Permit will be for 161. Mrs. Myers said there had been a complaint about vehicles being permanently parked on the street in Westgate. She said that at least one owner claimed to have moved his vehicle, but it appeared to have not moved, or if it had, it was only 3 inches. The owner showed proof of insurance. She pointed out that one vehicle owner had challenged the Village in Court and lost. That cost the owner \$250.00 in court fees. He was told that he could be cited every day if he did not remove the vehicles. It was also expressed that this was not the solution the Village wanted to pursue, however the Village just wants everyone to follow the rules. Chief Reid said he would ask Mr. Koons to follow up with them.

Mrs. Myers mentioned a property discussed last month, Planning an Zoning did an onsite visit. The renter did not meet requests and requirements within the 30 days established and has been given 2 more weeks or violations will be sent.

Mrs. Myers discussed the Cell Tower on ODOT Property, which was the subject of a news report. A resident thought the Village was receiving payment for the tower. She said after Administrator Rahall investigated the tower, ODOT was not aware it was there. She said Mr. Rahall would be staying on the issue to resolve it. Mrs. Myers said the Planning and Zoning Committee had begun discussions on the property at 299 Lower River Rd. She asked Chief Reid if the Police department had had any issues. The Chief replied it had not reached his attention so far. She also announced that 154 Symmes is now being handled by a HUD Auction Company. She plans to have Mr. Koons confirm the information and discuss the property with them. Also Planning and Zoning is following the progress on the possible sale of the Schweitzer property. Mr. Rahall said he would be meeting with the potential purchaser to discuss the property access. Mrs. Myers stated she is concerned about traffic safety should they try to access the property through the Park. Mr. Winhusen stated that the access to the park was a gravel road prior to the Village putting a skim coat of blacktop down. He stated the drive was not meant for high volumes of traffic or heavy loads. Mr. Winhusen said the access previously used was off Old Cooper Road and ran under the bridges on US 50 and the RR. He also said the owners had placed concrete block barricades along the edge of the property line adjacent to the park to stop people from entering through the park site. Mr. Rahall also stated that the current owner had kept the mining permit active.

Mrs. Myers asked Mr. Burns about advertising for the Christmas Walk. Mr. Burns said they had only solicited interest in advertising so far. She also discussed "Drug Take Back Day" the Township's "Shred It Day" with Chief Ober.

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**Mr. Burns:** Mr. Burns reported the Parks committee had a limited discussion regarding the drainage on the Bike Trail. Mr. Knuf announced that Chevron had just contacted him to give him the OK to install the drain. Mr. Burns also discussed the Christmas Walk, saying the date was finalized for December 7<sup>th</sup>. He said the Committee was looking for help decorating on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Ms. Meister:** Ms. Meister had nothing to report.

**Mr. Williams:** Mr. Williams discussed Officer Stalf's resignation and the SRO position. He also expanded on the Fire Chief's "Touch-A-Truck" program.

**Mr. Demaree:** Mr. Demaree discussed the Finance Committee's meeting the night before. He said they are still working towards preparing a 3 to 5 year forecast. He stated that they also discussed the UAN audit.

**Ms. Peter:** Ms. Peter discussed the possible camera's being placed in specific locations in the Village. She suggested Trail Cameras. Mr. Williams said Trail Cameras would cost between \$60 and \$100. A discussion regarding placing another dumpster at the maintenance site. Mr. Knuf stated that if the regularly scheduled pickups were followed he did not feel we needed an additional unit. He said he called every time a pickup date was missed. Mr. Demaree suggested that if cameras were installed the picture quality should be clear enough to be used in court. Solicitor Nichols suggested placing the camera so the license plate on any vehicles would be visible. Chief Reid suggested that once people found out we are following through on illegal dumping that the practice would diminish. Administrator Rahall suggested a motion detector light with a camera might provide better detail.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Myers reported that there were two service anniversaries in September:

- Doug Nichols: Solicitor: 8 years
- Mike Litteral: Water Works: 7 years

He reported that the Mayor's Court collected \$6,695.00 last month and distributed \$5,821.00 to the Village. \$22.50 was distributed to Auditor Dusty Rhodes and \$745.50 was distributed to the Treasurer of Ohio. Mayor Myers had reported that the School District Meeting discussed the State Report Card held on September 27<sup>th</sup>. He reported attending the Homecoming parade on September 26<sup>th</sup> and it was well attended. The Mayor reported that Duke Energy had provided pricing to switch to all LED Street Lighting throughout the Village. The estimated cost to the Village is \$78,778.00 and a \$325.00 monthly maintenance costs.

## **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

No one wished to address Council at this time.

**A Motion to Adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:15 P.M. was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Ms. Peter  
ALL IN FAVOR.**



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Mayor Stephen Myers

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James L. Brett, Clerk of Council