

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of VILLAGE OF CLEVES Council Meeting Held on December 11, 2019.

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 and Mr. Burns were present. Ms. Peter was absent. Village Administrator Rahall and Solicitor Nicholas were also present.

A Motion to Approve the Previous Council Meeting Minutes for November 13, 2019 was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mr. Williams. ALL IN FAVOR.

A Motion to Adopt of Pay Ordinance #11-2019 was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mr. Williams. ALL IN FAVOR.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None

SPECIAL GUESTS

Sgt. Justin Habig was recognized by Mayor Myers and Council for his efforts in the recovery and return of a sword which had belonged to John Cleves Symmes. The sword had been stolen from the Cincinnati Art Museum. Sgt. Habig was notified that the sword was listed for sale in an auction. He organized the efforts to have the sword removed from the auction and returned to Hamilton County. Mayor Myers proclaimed that without Sgt. Habig's efforts the sword might have been lost from the community forever.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

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

•Resolution No. 27-2019 - Resolution Hiring Devan Johnson to Service Department

A Motion to Adopt Resolution #27-2019 Resolution hiring Devan Johnson to fill the vacant position in the Service Department was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mr. Burns. **ALL IN FAVOR.**

•Resolution No. 28-2019 - Resolution Hiring Ryan Jackson to Part Time Police Officer

A Motion to Adopt Resolution #28-2019 Resolution hiring Ryan Jackson as a Part Time Police Officer was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mr. Williams. **ALL IN FAVOR.**

•Resolution No 29-2019 – Resolution Adopting Contract for Fire and Emergency Medical Services with Miami Township

A Motion to Adopt Resolution #29-2019 - Resolution to approve the Contract for Fire and Emergency Medical Services with Miami Township was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mr. Burns **ALL IN FAVOR.**

•Ordinance 2-2019 - 2020 Temporary Appropriation Ordinance Village of Cleves

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2-2019 approving Temporary Appropriations for 2020 was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mr. Burns. **ALL IN FAVOR.**

A Motion to Suspend the Rules and Read by Title Only for Ordinance #2-2019 approving Temporary Appropriations for 2020 was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mr. Burns. **ALL IN FAVOR.**

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance #2-2019 approving Temporary Appropriations for 2020 was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mr. Burns. **ALL IN FAVOR.**

•Ordinance 3-2019 – An Ordinance to Amend Appropriation Ordinance 8-2018 To Make Adjustments Between Account Codes For The Village Declaring An Emergency

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #3-2019 to Amend Appropriation Ordinance 8-2018 To Make Adjustments Between Account Codes for The Village was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mr. Burns. **ALL IN FAVOR.**

A Motion to Suspend the Rules and Read By Title Only for Ordinance #3-2019 to Amend Appropriation Ordinance 8-2018 To Make Adjustments Between Account Codes For The Village was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mr. Burns. **ALL IN FAVOR.**

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance #3-2019 approving Temporary Appropriations for 2020 was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mr. Burns. **ALL IN FAVOR.**

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•Ordinance 4-2019 – An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance # 8-2018 to make additional Appropriations within Certain Funds for the Village and Declaring An Emergency

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #4-2019 to Amend Appropriation Ordinance 8-2018 to make additional Appropriations within Certain Funds for the Village and Declaring an Emergency was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mr. Burns.

ALL IN FAVOR.

A Motion to Suspend the Rules and Read By Title Only for Ordinance 8-2018 to make additional Appropriations within Certain Funds for the Village and Declaring an Emergency was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mr. Burns.

ALL IN FAVOR.

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance #4-2019 Ordinance 8-2018 to make additional Appropriations within Certain Funds for the Village and Declaring an Emergency was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mr. Burns. **ALL IN FAVOR.**

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

WATER

Water Superintendent Eric Winhusen reported 35 million gallons were pumped last month. Mr. Winhusen announced that JMA Engineers would be the Engineering firm for the extension of water main extensions on Gum Run and Mt. Nebo Roads. The projects will be funded by Miami Township.

SERVICE

Service Director Knuf reported that the repairs to the holiday decorations were up and working, as well as helping the other Villages hang theirs. He also noted that the Park was winterized as well as being ready for Spring and the Snow Plowing Equipment was ready for winter. Mayor Myers ask if the salt supply was in place for the winter, Mr. Knuf said yes.

FIRE

Chief Ober reported 8 Fire details and 28 EMS details for the previous month. Mr. Burns asked about Meth overdoses. The chief replied that they had responded to some, but Heroin overdoses were the majority of their drug related calls.

POLICE

Chief Reid reported that November was the worst month in two years for Heroin overdoses in the entire Hamilton County. The Chief also welcomed Officer Jackson to the Department.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Village Administrator Rahall announce that the Alley resurfacing and Curb project behind Mr. Crones home was underway and the entire project was covered by grant money from Hamilton County Community Development Block Grant. Mr. Rahall also announced that cameras had been installed at the Recycling Location. He said Hamilton County Board of Public Health provided the Cameras at no cost to the Village.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mrs. Myers: Mrs. Myers reported that during the Miami Township Trustee Meeting a Township resident had complained about mud on Cooper Road from the Holland Property Development Site. She asked Administrator Rahall to contact the contractor and developer to ask that they be more diligent about the tracking of mud onto the road and cleaning it up. Mr. Knuf stated that the contractor plans to have a commercial street cleaning company sweep and clean the entire area when construction was complete and that they have been trying to clean it more regularly as well. Mrs. Myers asked if there was a completion date for the project. Mr. Rahall said they plan to be completed the beginning of January. Mrs. Myers also asked if there was any word on new tenants for the site. Mr. Rahall said nothing was new, but they were still negotiating with several potential

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tenants. Mrs. Myers stated the Planning and Zoning Committee is currently working on several variances. She also said the Committee was working on a revised Rental Inspection Program and application. Mrs. Myers asked Chief Ober about combined business and residential inspections. Chief Ober explained that they treated combined use structures as one inspection. The Planning and Zoning Committee is also working on Residential and Business Tool Kits, as well as Revising and revamping the Conditional Use Codes for 2020.

Mr. Burns: Mr. Burns reported Christmas Walk was well attended and everything went well. He said there were some lessons learned and he was looking forward to next year's event. Mrs. Myers also asked why we did not have any musical groups at our event but they were at other events. Mr. Burns replied he was not able to get in contact with these groups from the school.

Ms. Meister: Ms. Meister stated that the Twp. Healthplex project was at the Architects for the design phase.

Mr. Williams: Mr. Williams discussed Sgt. Habigs efforts to return the John Cleves Symmes Sword. Mr. Williams said the addition of Office Jackson should relieve some of the pressure on Police department staffing. He thanked Administrator Rahall for his efforts to procure cameras for the Recycling area at no cost to the Village. Mr. Williams said he had discussed the future of the Fire Service with Chief Ober since the Fire Levy's had passed. He said hiring additional staffing soon was the first priority. He also discussed the countywide drug task force and how well it operates. Mayor Myers asked about dispatch fees. Chief Reid stated that the savings for the Village the next two years is estimated to be approximately \$10,000.00. The chief explained that the fees are based on the previous year's dispatch totals.

Mr. Demaree: Mr. Demaree was unable to attend the Finance committee meeting. Mr. Rahall updated council on the following items, which were discussed. Mr. Rahall reported that the UAN – LGS audit was nearing completion. He said Fiscal Officer Jim Brett and he were exploring cost savings by switching Credit Card providers and the possibility of charging a Convenience Fee for paying with a credit card. He also said he and Mr. Brett were looking at moving the funds deposited in PNC Bank Money Market Accounts to Depositories controlled by the State Treasurers Office (Star Funds Accounts). He stated the PNC Accounts earned approximately 1.055 percent in the first 11 months of this year. In contrast, the Star funds returned approximately 2.39 to 2.45 percent in the same time, more than doubling the interest earned over PNC. He also stated he and Mr. Brett along with the Finance committee were working on a five-year plan for the Village finances.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Myers recognized Harold Duncan, who recently passed away. Mr. Duncan had served the Village in a variety of positions including Village Mayor. Service Anniversaries in December include Eric Winhusen for 26 years and Chief Dan Reid for 1 year. The Mayor reported that the Mayor's Court collected \$3,351.00 last month and distributed \$2,885.00 to the Village, \$15.00 to Auditor Dusty Rhodes and \$551.00 to the Treasurer of Ohio. Mayor Myers said he thought the Christmas Walk had good turnout and nice weather. He thanked Mr. Burns for Planning and putting together the Christmas Walk. He also thanked the following for their assistance: Administrator Mike Rahall, Councilman Todd and Michelle Williams, Councilwoman Sandra and Denny Peter, Service Department employee Norm Rutherford and Service Director John Knuf, and Sargent Habig. He also thanked the Township Fire department for transporting Santa to the Christmas Walk. The Mayor reported that the Board of Education discussed and recommended the approval the transfer of School Property to Miami Township for the Recreational/Healthplex Center. He stated that the School Board also discussed a possible Tax Levy. The Mayor asked Administrator Rahall to work with Service Director Knuf to develop a list of Street Conditions and their priority for repairs and resurfacing. Mayor Myers announced that all committee meetings for January were cancelled. He also announce Judge Gwen Bender will be here at 6:45 PM immediately before the

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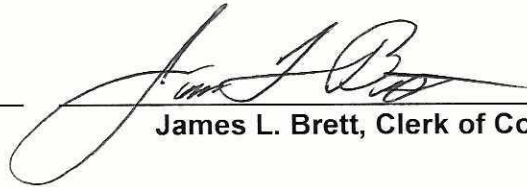
January 8, 2020 Council meeting to swear in newly elected members of Council. He also thanked Jeff Demaree for his service on Council.

**A Motion to Adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:47 P.M. was made by Mrs. Myers;
seconded by Mr. Williams.**

ALL IN FAVOR.



Mayor Stephen Myers



James L. Brett, Clerk of Council