

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of VILLAGE OF CLEVES Council Meeting Held on January 8, 2020.

Mayor Myers began the Council Meeting at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call was taken. Mrs. Brady, Mr. Williams, Ms. Meister, Mrs. Myer, 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 December 11, 2019 was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mr. Williams. ALL IN FAVOR.

A Motion to Adopt of Pay Ordinance #1-2020 was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded Mrs. Peter. ALL IN FAVOR.

As a part of the reorganization of Council for the year, Mrs. Myers moved that Mr. Williams be appointed as Vice Mayor; seconded Mrs. Peter. ALL IN FAVOR.

SPECIAL GUESTS

The Honorable Cindy Abrams, Ohio House of Representatives, District 29

Mrs. Abrams introduced herself as our newly appointed Representative to the Ohio House of Representatives. She described her background as a former Police officer and member of the Harrison City Council. She discussed legislation that the House will be working on in the upcoming sessions. She stated that her top priorities were Public Safety and Economic Development. Mrs. Abrams briefly explained several House Bills that will directly affect the Village and surrounding areas including, HB 429, which will deal with Education Vouchers (Ed-Choice), HB 431, which would create a Sex Exploitation Data Base, and HB 444, which would revamp and revise several Township Laws. She provided everyone with her new contact information and encouraged everyone to feel free to let her know of any issues they would like assistance with.

US Census Representative

Ms. Whitney Vickers from the local 2020 Census explained the importance of being counted in the upcoming census. She thanked the Village for posting the information regarding the census and employment opportunities on our website. She stated that positions are available with hours ranging from 15 – 40 hours a week at a pay rate between \$21.00 and \$26.00 per hour.

Superintendent Hockenberry, Three Rivers local School District

Mr. Hockenberry congratulated Mrs. Brady on her election to Council. He thanked the Council for providing the School Resource officers to the School District as Safety is going well. Mr. Hockenberry announced that the School Board had two new members elected and now serving on the School Board. He discussed the memorandum of understanding the school board had entered into with Miami Township for the property for the construction of the Health Plex. He stressed that the School District will have no financial responsibility other than providing the site for the facility. Mr. Hockenberry addressed the Voucher – Ed-Choice issue Mrs. Abrams had mentioned saying that should the proposal to allow funding to be taken from the resident's school district and sent to another could cost Three Rivers Local SD large sums in funding. The Superintendent announced that the District had been removed from the State Watch List. He also announced that both the Girls and boys basketball programs were off to a great start. He also mentioned the wreath laying for President Harrison in North Bend.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Residents from Walmsley Avenue asked Council if something could be done about parking on this road due to people blocking driveways. Mrs. Myers asked how many of the homes on the street had private driveways. Mr. Knuf said he remembered all but one having their own driveways. Mrs. Peter asked about the change to one-way traffic flow or perhaps having no parking on one side of the street as possible options. Currently it is only parking on one side of the street and a one-way option was previously brought forward but the residents on the street did not want it made one-way. Another resident also stated that the road is so narrow that some of the people parking on the street are actually

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pulling off the pavement and onto the sidewalk making it impassable. Mrs. Myers asked Sgt. Habig if he could add any additional thoughts. He said the area needs a long-term improvement plan in his estimation. He said he would check on the parking on the sidewalk complaint and look at the No Parking request from his department's perspective. Mayor Myers said the Planning and Zoning Committee would look into the area and parking as well.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Doug Nichols had nothing for consideration at this time.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

WATER

Water Superintendent Eric Winhusen was not in attendance. Administrator, Mike Rahall reported 32 million gallons were pumped last month. He also said that the engineering was underway for the two projects extending water lines in on Gum Run & Mt. Nebo. The funding has been received for the projects and will be going out to bid soon by the Township.

SERVICE

Service Director John Knuf reported that the Christmas decorations were down and stored for next year. He said the creek at the Park exit has been cleared of the beaver dams, which were blocking the water. Mr. Knuf announced that the newly placed cameras at the recycling area has paid off already. The first Dumping Violation has been issued with the support of the cameras. Flags, light fixtures, wiring and electrical boxes have been replaced as needed.

FIRE

Chief Ober introduced newly promoted Assistant Chief Brian Lacy, saying Asst. Chief Lacy is serving as a full time AC with the Department. The Chief said the Township plans to add 7 new full time positions in the coming year. He also announced that an Architect had been hired to work on a new fire station on East Miami River Road to replace the current building. There were 6 Fire details, one of those was an auto accident and 18 EMS details. The Chief said there were 83 Fire and 335 EMS details in 2019 as compared to 69 Fire and 304 EMS in 2018 in the Village.

POLICE

Sgt. Habig reported that Officer Jackson was on track to complete his training by mid-January. He noted that Clerk of Court, Brian Gilligan, was working towards having a new reporting system in place by the third quarter of this year. The current system will no longer be supported beginning January 1, 2021. Mrs. Myers asked if the transitioned for projects that Chief Reid had been working on, for example the safety and education training for parents and kids. Sgt. Habig said everything was going smoothly. Mrs. Myers also asked about the Daily Training Bulletin education program through Lexipol. Sgt. Habig described the program and said it is incorporated with the department's continuing education requirements. Mayor Myers noted that he has worked with Sgt. Habig to assure a seamless transition with Chief Reid's departure.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Village Administrator Rahall announce that Chief Reid's final day with the Village is this Friday, January 10. Sgt. Habig will be serving as the Acting Chief during the transition period and the search for a new Chief. Mr. Rahall congratulated Mrs. Brady on her election to Council and the reelection of Ms. Meister and Mayor Myers. He thanked Judge Gwen Bender, Hamilton County Municipal Court, for attending and performing the Oath of Office for the returning members and newly elected member Mrs. Brady. That ceremony was held at 6:45 PM immediately prior to tonight's Council meeting. Mr. Rahall said that Ms. Meister, Mayor Myers and he had

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attended the grand opening of the new Skyline Chili restaurant. Mr. Burns asked about a Facebook discussion regarding the availability of Fiopics in the area. Mr. Rahall said he would investigate the availability.

COUNCIL REPORTS

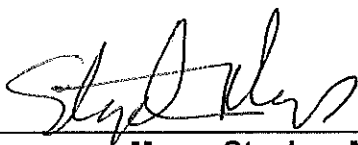
Mrs. Myers: Mrs. Myers discussed the Health Plex plan and stated that she had invited the Miami Township Trustees to attend a Planning and Zoning Meeting to help get approvals underway as soon as possible. She stressed to them the need for them to follow our ordinances. She also informed them that a traffic plan would be very important and they needed to get their traffic flow studies completed as soon as possible. Mrs. Myers asked Administrator Rahall to check on an update from the Holland and Tish developments. She also discussed some of the questions Merrilees Hardware had regarding their expansion. Mayor Myers said that he and Mr. Rahall will be meeting with the Holland Developers next month for an update. Mrs. Myers said she would be updating the website calendar with Mayor's Court and Committee meeting dates/times. She also suggested that she thinks it would also be good to coordinate Committee meetings on same days to streamline timing. Mrs. Myers also mentioned the Kiwanis Spring Fling is January 31, 2020.

Mr. Burns: Mr. Burns reported that he and Mayor Myers had received an e-mail from TRCAA inquiring about the availability and conditions of the ball fields. Mayor Myers discussed the suggestion TRCAA had about placing dirt on the fields in March. Service Director, Mr. John Knuf, asked if the Village was planning to attempt to get the fields in playing condition. Mayor Myers said they would discuss it further. Mr. Knuf said if the TRCAA Organization was not going to keep up the maintenance on their end of their contract he would like to see it renegotiated.

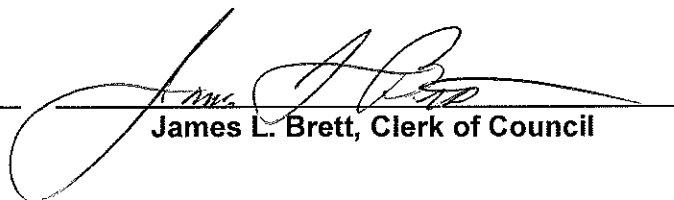
MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Myers announced the Committee Assignments for 2020. He said there was no need for an official Committee for the Board of Education nor Miami Township since he attends those meetings monthly. Mrs. Myers reminded everyone that she would need to know the new times/dates for meetings to update the Village website calendar. The only Service Anniversary in January is Mike Webb – Police Officer. The Mayor reported that the Mayor's Court collected \$4,037.00 last month and distributed \$3,337.00 to the Village. \$25.50 was distributed to Auditor Dusty Rhodes and \$639.50 was distributed to the Treasurer of Ohio. The Mayor stated that he had requested Service Director, Mr. John Knuf, to compile a list of the roadways in the Village and to rate their conditions so a plan could be established for repairs and maintenance. The Mayor attended the December Cub Scouts Meeting with Pack 178 to speak with the members about local government and answer questions they had. He also attended the Ribbon Cutting for the opening of the new Skyline. He congratulated Skyline for their 15 years of operation in the Village and all the hard work and effort that went into creating their new location on Cooper Road. Ms. Meister asked if the meeting information could be sent out earlier for review. He replied he plans to do that.

**A Motion to Adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:41 P.M. was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mr. Burns.
ALL IN FAVOR.**



Mayor Stephen Myers



James L. Brett, Clerk of Council