

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of VILLAGE OF CLEVES Council Meeting Held on February 12, 2020.

Mayor Myers began the Council Meeting at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call was taken. Mrs. Brady, Mrs. Myers, Mrs. Peter and Mr. Burns were present. Ms. Meister was not in attendance at the beginning of the meeting. She arrives at 7:07 P.M. Mr. Williams, was not in attendance. Village Administrator Rahall and Solicitor Nicholas were also present.

A Motion to Excuse Mr. Williams absence was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mrs. Peter.
ALL IN FAVOR

A Motion to Approve the Previous Council Meeting Minutes for January 8, 2020 was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mrs. Peter.
ALL IN FAVOR

A Motion to Adopt of Pay Ordinance #2-2020 was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded Mrs. Peter
ALL IN FAVOR

SPECIAL GUESTS

Randy Chenault, Representing U.S. Congressman Steve Chabot, Representative, Ohio 1st District-House of Representatives.

Mr. Chenault explained that Congressman Chabot sent him to our meeting to explain how to contact the Congressman's Offices both locally and in Washington DC. He discussed several common requests that their office routinely assists constituents with. He welcomed the Mayor, Council, and any residents to contact him with any requests or concerns they may have.

Mrs. Carrie Bernard, Hamilton County Public Library – Miami Township.

Mrs. Bernard announced that they have a new visitor, Ellie, a Therapy Dog, twice a month. She invited everyone to stop in and meet Ellie. She also discussed current events and special presentations associated with Black History Month. Mrs. Myers asked if there was any news on whether the Library may relocate into the new Healthplex facility. Mrs. Bernard said there had been some discussion; however, there was no answer at this time, possibly a part of phase 2.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

NONE

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Doug Nichols had nothing for consideration at this time.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

WATER

Water Superintendent Eric Winhusen reported 30.5 million gallons were pumped last month. He also said that, regarding the Miami Township extensions, the engineering should be ready to review and submit to the Ohio EPA for permits around the beginning of March, 2020. Mrs. Myers also asked about the updated billing hardware & software, Eric stated this is probably a year away from being implemented.

SERVICE

Service Director Knuf reported that Blacktop Patching on E. State Rd. was underway. He stated that they had placed 6 tons of material to date. Mr. Knuf said his staff had assisted the Water Department with the replacement of a Fire Hydrant. In addition, he reported that, at Sgt. Habig's request, he had inspected Wamsley Ave. He reported that the roadway is 17 feet to 18 feet wide. He said the standard "Green Book" width for two

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way traffic was recommended to be 28 feet wide. Mrs. Myers asked if "No Parking" areas would help. He replied possibly. Mrs. Myers also asked how many other roads in the Village were too narrow for the recommended width for two-way traffic. He replied that one other road was less than 20 feet wide. Mrs. Myers asked that he get the road with information mapped for the Planning and Zoning Committee's use. She also thanked him for getting the "No Left Turn" Signage in at the Roundabout in front of Skyline. John mentioned getting mowers ready.

FIRE

Chief Ober stated the Run Totals for January were 2 Fire details, and 21 EMS details. Mrs. Myers asked if there was any new developments on the new fire Station on East Miami River Rd. The Chief replied that other than the hiring of the Architect, nothing was new. He said they have a goal of breaking ground for the station in September, 2020.

POLICE

Sgt. Habig reported on several details the Department had handled. He reported that Officer Jackson has moved into the second phase of his training and is on track to complete his training and work on his own sometime in March 2020. He also informed Council that he had submitted a wage increase proposal to the Safety Committee for review. Sgt. Habig discussed the Court and Police Reporting software. He stated that the current software would no longer be supported as of 2021. He has been investigating new software. Sgt. Habig discussed the Wamsley Ave. Parking and Traffic situation. Mrs. Myers said the Planning and Zoning Committee would be reviewing the options. Sgt. Habig suggested a Survey Monkey Survey to get residents input. He said Clerk of Courts, 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 transition for projects Chief Reid had been working on were transitioning smoothly, for example the safety and education for parents and kids training. Sgt. Habig said everything was going smoothly. Mrs. Myers also asked about the Daily Training Bulletin education program. 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 informed Council that the 5-year contract for garbage service with Rumpke was nearing its end. He said he was working on obtaining bids or perhaps joining a consortium. Mr. Rahall said he had been in touch with the new Duke Energy Representative. Mentioned additional lighting issues at Skyline. He will be meeting with him soon, and if anyone has any issues please let him know and he will discuss them with him. Mr. Rahall announced that he had applied for a recycling grant and felt we had a good chance to receive it. Mr. Rahall said he had received 7 Resumes for the Police Chief's position. He is in the process of vetting them, and he and the Mayor hope to narrow the field down to the top candidates and then have council interview them. Mrs. Myers asked if Rumpke was the only choice for garbage service. Mr. Rahall said there were other options. He said he is looking at the Center for Local Governments contract, which is up for renewal soon, as well as Bestway, which is located in Lawrenceburg, Indiana. Mrs. Myers also asked about the previously discussed crosswalk near Skyline. Mr. Rahall said there had been lots of discussion and that the Property Owner had asked to meet with him and the Mayor to discuss the placement. Mrs. Myers expressed her safety concern about locating it too close to the roundabout. Mayor Myers noted that the Healthplex would change the dynamics of the need for placing the crosswalk.

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COUNCIL REPORTS

Mrs. Myers, Planning and Zoning: Mrs. Myers stated she had discussed the Health Plex with Miami Township Trustee Paul Beck. She had invited them to attend a Planning and Zoning Meeting to help get approvals underway as soon as possible. She said Mr. Beck also suggested an environmental study. She also discussed the Merrilees Hardware expansion saying they need a variance for their proposed plan. Mrs. Myers said the Rental Applications and Inspections are planned to change to a calendar year format rather than renewing on the date they were issued. She also said the Tool Kit for assisting with permits and forms was moving along and would be on the website to assist applicants soon. She discussed the schools being closed due to numerous children and teachers being out sick. She said the estimate was over 600 students and 60 facility members were out with the flu or other illness. She said the School Buildings and Busses were cleaned and sanitized to help prevent the spread of viruses.

Mrs. Myers, Safety: Regarding the Safety Committee, Mrs. Myers said discussions have started on reviewing & reassessing current ticket costs and will adjust accordingly if needed. The Committee was given updates on current vehicle maintenance items and staffing, saying further discussions will be had in future committee meetings.

Mr. Burns, Parks: Mr. Burns reported items discussed were the delay to the bike path drainage project due to the weather, the Public Health issues associated with mosquitos, and TRCAA's baseball teams using the fields for practice only. He stated he is working on a new Agreement / Understanding for their field usage. He said he was recommending placing ball field dirt on the 2 best fields. Mr. Burns discussed following the Township's calendar and scheduling the Easter Bunny on April 4th. He said moving it to 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. resulted in a larger turnout and he would like to have it in that period again. Mrs. Myers asked about a possible conflict with Miami Township's Easter Egg Hunt. She also asked about the cost for ball field dirt. Mr. Burns replied it would cost approximately \$1000.00 per field. Ms. Meister said she thought the discussion was to only add dirt to one field. Mrs. Peter expressed her concern that TRCAA would not maintain the field and the money would be wasted. Mayor Myers said if the fields are not properly maintained, and people showed up at the Village Council Meeting that we would have to explain the contract and maintenance agreement. Administrator Rahall said he had applied to the Cincinnati Reds Foundation for financial assistance in maintaining the field dirt and making improvements to the fields.

Mrs. Peter, Finance: Mrs. Peter discussed the decision to switch Credit Card Processing Companies as a cost savings measure. In other cost savings last year there was no Parks Director hired. The ability to accept credit cards for water bills via our website was discussed. Mr. Winhusen said that would be an option when the new billing software is installed. Mrs. Peter stated that we are investigating moving our Money Market Accounts to the State of Ohio Auditors Sponsored Accounts, which made an average of 2% interest over the last year as opposed to the current accounts, which made approximately 1%. Mrs. Myers asked if we were planning on charging the credit card fees to the customers. Mr. Rahall said charging the convenience fee for using a credit card would save the Village approximately \$10,000.00 annually. He also said since we accept checks or cash no one is forced to pay with a credit card and in turn incur the fee.

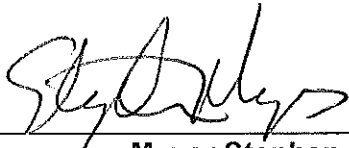
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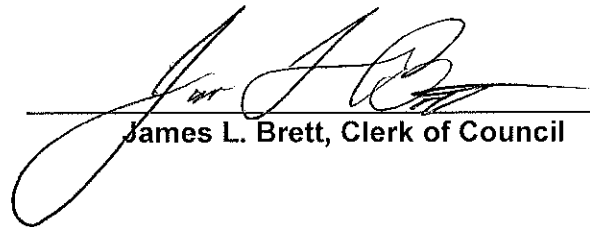
MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor stated no service anniversaries. He reported that the Mayor's Court collected \$2,445.00 last month and distributed \$1,984.00 to the Village. \$9.00 was distributed to Auditor Dusty Rhodes and \$252.00 was distributed to the Treasurer of Ohio. The Mayor said he, along with Mrs. Myers and Administrator Rahall had attended the Wreath Laying Ceremony in North Bend and lunch at the TRLSO Campus in honor of President William H. Harrison. He said they had the opportunity to speak with our State Senator Bill Blessing afterwards about issues coming before the Senate which could affect our community. The Mayor said he had met with Superintendent Hockenberry on January 24th for the first meeting of Mayors, Trustees and Superintendent designed to give and receive updates on the school, Villages and Township. The Shady Lane roundabout is moving forward. The 2 acres which the township acquired next to Miami Park West is being looked at for extra parking & t-ball fields. The Township has 7 New Full time Fire/EMS employees hired. The Mayor reported that he and Administrator Rahall had met with Mayor Mear and Police Chief Lacourse from Addyston about the amount of coverage time we are spending when Addyston is short staffed or simply has no officers on duty. He also said the last School Board Meeting had no Highlights to report on; just normal business items were discussed.

A Motion to Adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:52 P.M. was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mrs. Peter.
ALL IN FAVOR



Mayor Stephen Myers



James L. Brett, Clerk of Council