

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of VILLAGE OF CLEVES Council Meeting Held on March 11, 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. 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 February 12, 2020 was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mrs. Peter. ALL IN FAVOR.

A Motion to Adopt Pay Ordinance #3-2020 was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded Mr. Williams. ALL IN FAVOR.

SPECIAL GUESTS

NONE

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

NONE

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

ORDINANCE #1-2020 - Ordinance to make Annual Appropriations for the Current Expenses and other Expenditures of the Village of Cleves, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020.

After a discussion of the Appropriations,

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #1-2020, to approve the Annual Appropriations for the fiscal year 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 #1-2020 adopting the Annual Appropriations for the fiscal year 2020 was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mr. Burns. ALL IN FAVOR.

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance #1-2020 approving the Annual Appropriations for the fiscal year 2020 was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mr. Burns. ALL IN FAVOR.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

WATER

Water Superintendent Eric Winhusen was not in attendance. Administrator Mike Rahall updated Council on several water main breaks. He also announced that the Ohio EPA is scheduled to conduct Pfab Testing next week at the water plant.

SERVICE

Service Director John Knuf reported that the replacement of the guardrail on South Miami was complete. He said his Department had assisted the Water Department with several of the water main breaks when needed. He stated that they had continued the Blacktop Patching in the Village and they were caught up with the current patching. He said they had cleaned out the beaver dam in the creek at the park, again. He also announced that 100 tons of ball field dirt was ordered and scheduled for delivery.

FIRE

Chief Ober stated the Run Totals for January were 2 Fire details, and 25 EMS details. He announced that annual Fire Inspections would begin later this month for businesses and apartments attached to any businesses. He also noted that all Municipal buildings in the jurisdiction would be inspected prior to starting on

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the business properties. Mrs. Myers asked if the new firehouse was on schedule. The Chief replied that it was. Mrs. Myers also asked about Fire Education for the schools. The Chief said they were working on a program for the students and they hoped to have it ready for this school year. The Chief also displayed a flyer from Hamilton County Public Health on avoiding the COVID-19 virus.

POLICE

Sgt. Justin Habig reported that the department had responded to 420 calls for service in the past month, which is down approximately 26% from the previous year. He reported that he and Sgt. Bingle had enrolled in the Ohio School Threat Assessment Training Program. Upon completing the class, the Village will receive \$1,000 for the Department's training budget. He discussed several other incidents that had taken place recently.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Village Administrator Mike Rahall informed Council that he had participated in a webinar for an update on the COVID-19 virus. He agreed with Chief Ober regarding the information from Hamilton County Public Health. Mr. Rahall announced that the Three Rivers School Board, at their March Meeting announced that all activity outside of the normal school hours has been cancelled until April 1, 2020. Mr. Rahall discussed the possibility of the Village declaring an "Emergency" due to the COVID-19 outbreak. He said the current trend is mixed. Some communities are and some have not. He said he is in contact with the Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency and Hamilton County Public Health and will monitor the situation and make a recommendation accordingly.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mrs. Myers, Planning and Zoning: Mrs. Myers stated she had updated the Mayor's court and Village Office hours and closed dates on the website calendar. She said she had also added in the Easter Bunny event and Memorial Day Parade. She asked that all Council members and employees available on Monday, May 25th, meet a little before 9 A.M. at the old Skyline location to be in the Parade. She said she had also added the Gravelrama parade and tentative for the Homecoming parade to the website calendar as well. Mrs. Myers stated the Committee is expecting a request from the Township regarding a light in their new parking lot. She said Merrilees owner, Dale Drew, attended P&Z last week and supplied copies of his plans, for review as to what variances might be needed for the project. Chief Ober requested copies of any plans for upcoming business projects in the Village for review by the Fire Dept. as well.

Service Department Director John Knuf has supplied his review of Wamsley for parking issues raised by residents. The information will be reviewed and addressed. She discussed several issues the Committee is working on, including: working with businesses to voluntarily fix up their properties, especially those who own multiple properties and developing a letter to residents outlining the Village Services. Mrs. Myers announced that the application for the Courter Trade Scholarship is now also available online <http://www.courtertrade.org>. The application period is Feb. 14-March 30, 2020. The Spring Fundraiser for the scholarship is set for 12PM at the VFW Post located in Addyston this Saturday, March 14th.

Mrs. Myers also submitted the Go Local applications but the program is changing so we may or may not be able to participate this year, more details to follow when received.

The West Zone Community Forum is holding a meeting that includes the branches in the West Planning Zone, which are: Cheviot, Covedale, Delhi Township, Green Township, Harrison, Miami Township, Monfort Heights, Price Hill, and Westwood on Tuesday, March 31st, 6:30 - 8 p.m. at the Green Township Branch Library, 6525 Bridgetown Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45248.

P&Z is also looking to create and send out a Spring letter to residents moving forward.

Mr. Burns, Parks: Mr. Burns stated the bike path repairs were delayed due to the weather. He also noted that Administrator Rahall had received a grant for \$1,000.00 to offset some of the expenses with the playground area. He reminded everyone that April 4th is set for the Easter Bunny event. He said the spring cleanup is

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normally held in April. He said the Committee hopes to concentrate on clearing brush and painting the soccer goal posts. Mrs. Peter asked about the goal post conditions and if everyone used the same units. Mr. Burns replied yes and reminded everyone this is a volunteer project and anyone interested in helping is welcome. Mrs. Myers mentioned that it would be good to narrow down the projects and reminded everyone that putting down mulch last year went well but was washed away by a late spring flood. Mrs. Peter asked Mr. Knuf when the last time was that the picnic tables were painted. He replied that they had never been painted, but needed to be. Mr. Burns said he would like to schedule the day close to Earth day to promote community involvement. Mrs. Myers suggested the weekends of April 18 and 19 or 25 and 26. Mr. Burns asked the members of Council to look over the park and see if they have any suggestions about placing trees.

Mr. Williams, Safety: Mr. Williams reported that the Committee had discussed the property at 217 N. Miami and 150 / 159 Main St. He said they would be working with Planning and Zoning to resolve the safety issue at those properties. He said Sgt. Habig had suggested a part time officer for Mayors Court, suggesting that an officer be assigned as the enforcement / code officer for Planning and Zoning enforcement. Mr. Williams said they were looking into the Police Department vehicle fleet. He feels we may be getting close to spending more on the older vehicles than a replacement would cost. He also discussed the Court and Enforcement software, which will not be supported after January 1, 2021. Mayor Myers asked about students turning left at the light on US 50 on their way to school. He asked Sgt. Habig what he was aware of. Ms. Meister said there is an arrow there already. Sgt. Habig said it seems that people are just following the vehicle in front of them and not watching the light. Mr. Burns asked about reducing the speed limit in the area. Sgt Habig said it does not fall into the distance to be considered a school zone, and since it is a State Highway, the State would control the speed limit. Mr. Burns mentioned traffic at Edgefield and New Pine. The council discussed several options. Mr. Knuf suggested white lines to mark the stop sign.

Mrs. Peter, Finance: Mrs. Peter mentioned the Appropriations. Administrator Mike Rahall and Fiscal Officer Jim Brett discussed the Appropriations. Mr. Rahall said he was in the process of exploring the options for the Police Chief's position and the Departments future options.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported that the Mayor's Court account was not completely balanced due to the change in the Credit Card Service. The information will be available next month.

March Service Anniversaries

- a. Chris Masminster: Police Officer – 19 years
- b. Tom Longano: Magistrate – since 2003
- c. Michael Mullen: Police Officer – 1 year

Mayor Myers announced that he attended Superintendent Hockenberry's monthly meeting with Mayors and Township Trustees. They discussed updates of school activities and population distribution within different grades and heard updates of the different municipalities in attendance. The Mayor noted there was no warning of the big tanker being transported on Bridgetown Road. He announced that the Senior Center is lowering the membership age to 50 on April 1st. He also announced the Legion's Annual Fish Fry begins on the 28th, and that Ted Hubbard – Hamilton County Engineer is retiring. The Mayor attended the Hamilton County Public Health meeting of the District Advisory Council. He announced that the Board voted in a new Board of Health member – Dan Meloy, who replaced Dr. Kenneth Amend who retired from Board of Health after 25 years. He also said Tim Ingram has retired as Health Commissioner after 27 years. Greg Kesterman, Interim Health Commissioner, gave an overview of the past year, discussed preparations and readiness regarding the Coronavirus. The Mayor urged everyone to please check for changes in Polling locations for the March 17th Primary Election. The information is available at <https://votehamiltoncountyohio.gov/where-to-vote/>. He said most local locations remain unchanged at this point, they are still at the school. The Mayor also attended the Board of Education meeting. Superintendent Hockenberry gave updates on district preparations regarding Coronavirus. As part of their planning, he spoke

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about days off of school if necessary. Grandparents day has been moved to May. A trip for the Choir to New York, given the state of emergency there, has been cancelled. The Governor of Ohio has recommended very limited attendance for sporting events and other indoor events.

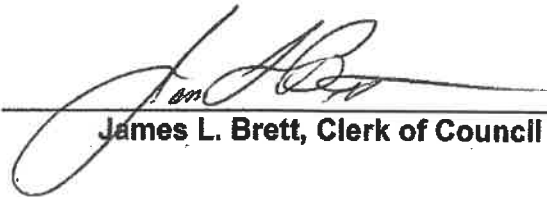
A Motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel and Contract matters in the Police Department was made by Mrs. Myers: seconded by Mr. Williams. ALL IN FAVOR.

A Motion to Return to Regular Session was made by Mrs. Myers: seconded by Mr. Williams. ALL IN FAVOR.

A Motion to Adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:50 P.M. was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Ms. Peter. ALL IN FAVOR.



Mayor Stephen Myers



James L. Brett, Clerk of Council