

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of VILLAGE OF CLEVES Council Meeting Held on June 9, 2021.

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, Mr. Burns and Mrs. Peter were present. Village Administrator Rahall and Solicitor Nicholas were also present.

Motion to Approve Previous Council Meeting Minutes from May 12, 2021 was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mrs. Peter. ALL IN FAVOR.

A Motion to Adopt of Pay Ordinance #6-2021 was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded Mrs. Brady. ALL IN FAVOR.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Andy Messer. TRCAA Baseball, stated he wanted to apologize to Administrator, Mr. Mike Rahall. Mr. Messer said he had misunderstood information given to him, and he should have verified what he heard before emailing Mr. Rahall. Mr. Rahall accepted the apology and said Mr. Messer, or anyone with questions could always contact him to find out what was taking place.

Mr. Rahall asked what the TRCAA Baseball plans were for the future. Mr. Messer discussed what he hoped to see for the future of the fields and the TRCAA commitment to the Community.

Ms. Carrie Davis addressed Council about the Bond Road Landfill Boundary Expansion Permit, (located in Whitewater Township), applied for by the Owner, Rumpke. She discussed the possible environmental concerns from an expansion at Bond Road and the current landfill operations at the Rumpke facility in Colerain Township. She requested that Council, both as the Village Council and individually, request the Hamilton County Commissioners to immediately amend the County Solid Waste Plan, as approved by the Hamilton County Solid Waste Advisory Board. Council and the Mayor discussed the issue.

Mr. Dale Oppenheimer stated he had heard that the Village was getting rid of Mayors Court because the Clerk was leaving. He said he wanted to know how long the Village has known the current Mayors Court Clerk was planning to leave, and what had been done to try to replace him.

Mr. Rahall explained that the current Clerk had accepted a new Position with Hamilton County, which was deemed to be a conflict with our Clerk's position. He explained that an attempt to have that decision overturned was denied at the beginning of the month. Mr. Rahall said the Mayor's Court was being suspended, not completely eliminated in order to allow it to be reinstated in the future. He also explained that he had worked with the Clerk to attempt to find someone through his networking with Local and State Associations and professional contact through his County position, and they were unsuccessful. Mr. Rahall reviewed the Positions requirement, as well as the cost involved in upgrading our software to continue the court. Mr. Oppenheimer asked what other Communities in the area had a Mayors Court. Mr. Rahall said to his knowledge North College Hill, Silverton and Addyston were the only ones he was aware of. Mr. Oppenheimer said the explanation made sense, and said he thought it should be shared on the Village website. He was advised that it was not yet because of still collecting and processing current case information.

SPECIAL GUESTS

NONE

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SOLICITOR'S REPORT

RESOLUTION 13 – 2021 TO SUBMIT TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS A CURRENT GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES TAX LEVY TO BE VOTED UPON BY THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF CLEVES AT THE November 2, 2021 GENERAL ELECTION

Council discussed the Levy needs and reminded everyone that it is a Renewal of the existing levy. Not a new Levy.

Mrs. Myers moved to Approve Resolution 13-2021: seconded by Mr. Williams.

ALL IN FAVOR

RESOLUTION NO. 14 – 2021 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR, MIKE RAHALL, TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF RITTENHOUSE STORAGE TANK- STORAGE TANK REHAB PROJECT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF CLEVES AND THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Rahall explained the Resolution will allow for the financing of the Rittenhouse Water Tank Rehabilitation.

Mrs. Myers moved to Approve Resolution 14-2021: seconded by Mrs. Brady.

ALL IN FAVOR

ORDINANCE NO. 2 – 2021 AN ORDINANCE FOR THE APPROVAL AND GRANTING CONSENT TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO, APPLY, MAINTAIN AND REPAIR STANDARD LONGITUDINAL PAVEMENT MARKINGS AND ERECT REGULATORY AND WARNING SIGNS ON STATE HIGHWAYS INSIDE VILLAGE CORPORATE LIMITS, AND GIVING CONSENT OF THE VILLAGE FOR THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO REMOVE SNOW AND ICE AND USE SNOW AND ICE CONTROL MATERIAL ON STATE HIGHWAYS INSIDE THE VILLAGE CORPORATE LIMITS, AND GIVING CONSENT OF THE VILLAGE FOR THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PERFORM MAINTENANCE AND/OR REPAIR ON STATE HIGHWAYS INSIDE THE VILLAGE CORPORATION.

Mr. Rahall explained that our current ODOT agreement was executed in the early 1990's. This agreement updates that agreement and covers current legal requirements.

Mrs. Myers moved to Introduce Ordinance 2-2021: seconded by Mr. Burns.

ALL IN FAVOR

Mrs. Myers moved to Suspend the Rules and Read by Title Only for Ordinance 2-2021: seconded by Mr. Burns.

ALL IN FAVOR

Mrs. Myers moved to Adopt Ordinance 2-2021: seconded by Mr. Burns.

ALL IN FAVOR

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

POLICE

Sgt Schlasinger reported the following statistics for May 2021. The Department had 201 billable calls for service bringing the total for the year to 806. Of the calls 66 were non-billable, bringing that total to 262 for the year. Ms. Meister asked about increase of homeless camps. Sgt. Schlasinger replied that no calls have been reported on the issue. Mr. Burns asked if there has been an uptick in activity and Sgt. Schlasinger replied that summer always has an increase.

FIRE

Fire Chief Brien Lacey stated May was a busy month for the Department. Run totals in the Village for May: 4 Fire details, and 50 EMS details. The Chief announced that Bridgetown Road would be closed for 5 days beginning June 21 just past the United Dairy Farmers. He also stated the Argo Funeral Home demolition has been completed. He said the building allowed for an excellent training site prior to the building coming down. Chief Lacey announced that all members of the Department had completed physical ability training and that they had received two grants. One of the grants will be used to purchase a drone and the second will be used to purchase a Brush Unit to fit an existing pickup. Administrator Rahall asked about staffing. Mrs. Myers asked about the staffing per shift. He said there are currently 10 employees scheduled for each shift.

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SERVICE

Service Director Knuf reported summer grass cutting was taking the bulk of their time along with planting flowers, cleaned up for the parade paths, patching pot holes and painting the curbs along the roadways. He said he has agreed to allow a gentleman to work off a community service requirement by painting and working in the Park. He has started and things are going very well. Mr. Knuf announced that the BMX site in the park will be hosting a Regional Event July 9, 10, and 11th. He said their region stretches all the way to New York. He said they had asked about camping on the site. Council discussed camping/hotel accommodations in the area. Ms. Meister suggested they contact OKI Four Wheelers, noting that they have an approved campground at Gravelrama.

Mr. Burns stated that it looks like the only option, at this time, for the CDBG funds will be playground equipment. He said he will be meeting with Mr. Knuf and Mr. Rahall to finalize the location of the equipment.

WATER

Superintendent, Mr. Eric Winhusen stated that 25 million gallons were pumped in May. He also said he hoped to see the Tank Rehab start in mid-July.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Village Administrator, Mr. Mike Rahall said he had planned to update Council on the Mayor's Court during his report, but felt it had been sufficiently covered in the earlier discussing with Mr. Oppenheimer. He announced that we had received \$355.00 in recycling funds back from Rumpke for recycling 44 tons. He also discussed the Electric Aggregation rates, saying the new rate negotiated will be .053, with Dynergy. In comparison, Dukes standard rate is .054. Mrs. Myers asked when the rate will take effect. Mr. Rahall said he believed in 2 months. Mr. Burns asked about the recycling efforts in the Village and if we should be considering adding individual required recycling service as a part of the normal garbage collection service and fee. After a short discussion, he asked Mr. Rahall to get a cost for that service.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Myers announce that there were no Committee Meetings held in June, he asked if any Council Members had anything to discuss.

Mrs. Myers said Mrs. Bernard, with the Library, could not be here tonight, however she had asked Mrs. Myers to announce the Library has a part time position open and that they had switched to their normal summer hours of operation.

Mr. Rahall asked Council to set a time for the annual Budget Hearing. The time was set for 6:45 PM on July 14, 2021, prior to the regular monthly Council Meeting.

Mr. Burns asked about replacing the gate to the Colman Woods service access with pillars. The area was discussed by Council. Mrs. Myers noted that the gate was placed there to allow access if necessary, for emergency personal/vehicles only. Mr. Burns said, as regarding Parks, he had spoke with Mr. Messer and appreciated his apology. Mr. Burns said he hoped this would show Mr. Messer's goodwill and lead to better relations in the future. Mrs. Myers noted that it was nice to see the goodwill on their part. She said she felt it had been a one-way effort in the recent past. She stated she looked forward to it being a mutual two-way effort. Mayor Myers said it would be nice if people would vet what they hear before spreading false rumors. He said it is unfortunate that false rumors are accepted as facts in people's minds.

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MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Mayor's Court Report – May 2021

- a. Total Received: \$1,230.00
- b. Disbursed to Cleves: \$1,064.00
- c. Hamilton County Auditor: \$7.50
- d. State of Ohio: \$158.50

Mayor Myers noted James Brett's 1 year June service anniversary.

Mr. Rahall noted that with Mayors Court being suspended, the Village will still receive \$22.00 for each fine collected for citations in the Village written by the Sheriff's Officers.

There being no further business:

**A Motion to Adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:29 P.M. was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mrs. Brady.
ALL IN FAVOR.**



Mayor Stephen Myers



James L. Brett, Clerk of Council