

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of VILLAGE OF CLEVES Council Meeting Held on May 10, 2023

Mayor Stephen Myers began the Council Meeting at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call was taken. Ms. Boyce, Mr. Williams, Ms. Meister, Mrs. Myers, and Mr. Burns were present. Mr. Hume was absent. Village Administrator Rahall and Solicitor Nicholas were also present.

A Motion to excuse Mr. Hume's absence was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mr. Williams. **ALL IN FAVOR**

Motion to Approve Previous Council Meeting Minutes from April 12, 2023, was made by Ms. Boyce; seconded by Mrs. Myers. **ALL IN FAVOR**

A Motion to Adopt of Pay Ordinance #5-2023 was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded Ms. Meister. **ALL IN FAVOR**

THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT – Dr. Mark Ault

Dr. Ault provided Council with an update of the School District as the school year is coming to an end. He thanked Council for the additional crosswalks at Roy Rogers and Post Office. He said May 25th is the final day of classes for the school year. He highlighted achievements by the students in academics and sports this spring. Dr. Ault also announced that Athletic Direct, Mr. Larry Herges, was moving on and would be leaving the District. His last day will be July 31, 2023. He said a search is underway to find a replacement. Dr. Ault said the Senior Passion Project for this year was planning and building a new playground area. He said the project turned out excellent. Mr. Burns asked about the proposed Fair School Funding Formula and Dr. Ault stated the new formula allowed for an average of \$5,800.00 per student. He said the district had accepted students from outside the district, but only when there was space available,

HAMILTON COUNTY LIBRARY, MIAMI TWP. BRANCH – Mrs. Carrie Bernard

Mayor Myers asked Mrs. Bernard if she would like to share anything upcoming at the Library. Mrs. Bernard said they are celebrating their 40th year in the building here in Cleves. She said visits to the Library are going up and they would be having a variety of summer programming this year. Mayor Myers asked if she could send a list of summer activities to him to be placed on our website. She replied she would get the list to him. Mr. Rahall asked if the Library was getting a new sign. Mrs. Bernard said the sign is the Township's, but she is hopeful the Trustees approve a new sign for the Senior Center and Library. Ms. Boyce thanked Mrs. Bernard for her help with the Beautification Committee.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Kyle Smith, 320 Skidmore Ave., Thanked Mr. Burns, Ms. Boyce, Mr. Knuf and the volunteers for their work on getting the damage at the Cleves Park ballfields repaired. He thanked the Council and Village Staff for their efforts with ongoing projects and was waiting for the next crisis.

Melissa Alejandro, 634 Coleberry Ct., Ms. Alejandro stated everyone has a right to speak and be heard. She mentioned a Police Report and issues with her mailbox and the post office. She said the Sheriff's Department did not handle the situation to her satisfaction. She stated the Mayor and Mr. Rahall told the Sheriff's Officers not to do anything about her mailbox. Both Mayor Myers and Mr. Rahall told her they had not, and would not ever, attempt to stop the Sheriff's Department from investigating a complaint. She said they had sent an email to that effect. They both asked her to provide the email, because it does not exist.

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SOLICITOR'S REPORT

RESOLUTION NO. 5 - 2023

Resolution Authorizing Village Administrator To Purchase A Service Truck For The Water Department.

Mr. Rahall explained the Water Department has located a Service Truck at Haag Ford that meets the requirements for State Purchasing, and he is recommending the purchase. After a short discussion:

A Motion to approve Resolution 5-2023 was made by Mrs. Myers. Seconded by Ms. Meister.

ALL IN FAVOR

RESOLUTION NO. 6 - 2023

Resolution Authorizing Accepting The Retirement Of Eric Winhusen.

Mr. Rahall explained that the retirement and rehiring of Mr. Winhusen was the topic of the Public Hearing held prior to tonight's Council Meeting.

A Motion to approve Resolution 6-2023 was made by Mrs. Myers. Seconded by Mr. Williams.

ALL IN FAVOR

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

POLICE

Sgt. Mike Carney presented the information on calls for service for the month. The statistics included 146 calls for service, 72 of which were considered non-billable. The calls included 11 criminal reports, 8 non-criminal and 2 auto accident reports. The Sgt. was thanked for placing the Speed Trailer on North Main Street and was also asked about homeless encampments in or near the Village. Sgt. Carney said there is a large group of homeless they are dealing with in North Bend and on the Central Indiana RR Property in the Village. He stated the Railroad Owners were not cooperating and that makes it difficult to remove the homeless. He said the owners of the Cleves NAPA have said they will prosecute anyone the Department finds on their property. He was asked about fires set by the homeless. He stated they may have propane fires but nothing seemed out of control. Mr. Burns thanked the Sgt. and the Officers for trying to control the homeless population.

FIRE

Lt. King provided the report from the Township Fire Department. Run totals for the Village for April were: 2 Fire details, and 32 EMS details. The Lt. stated their training hours had been cut back due to other activities. Ms. Boyce asked if they had an excessive amount of over dose runs due to the Homeless Population. He said they did not see that as an issue at this time.

SERVICE

Service Director Mr. Knuf said the directional signage at Mt. Nebo and S. Miami on US 50 had been installed. He said the damage to the ballfields required about 6 tons of dirt to get Field 2 open for use. He said repairs will be continued when conditions are dry enough.

WATER

Superintendent, Mr. Winhusen stated 22.5 million gallons were pumped in April. He stated the meter installation Phase III was not underway yet.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Village Administrator, Mr. Rahall, reported on the following items:

The Pickleball Court final surface was applied, the lines will be placed soon. He thanked the Volunteers who assisted in repairing the damage to the ballfields in the park. He announced that the Sheriff's department would be assisting in locking the park at night and unlocking it on the weekends. He said both gates are lockable. Mayor Myers asked about the Fire department's access for the Helipad. Mr. Rahall said both the Fire Department and Sheriff's Department have keys. Ms. Boyce thanked the Sheriff's Department for assisting in the closing and opening. He said the Memorial Day parade on May 29th would get together at the Old Skyline lot at 9:30 AM for

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those wanting to participate. He stated the AED's are ordered. He noted that the Service Department Building is not open to the Public. He said the building will be marked for Staff and Professional Personnel Only. Mr. Rahall reminded everyone that the Electric Aggregation rates expire on August 23, 2023. The new Duke rate will be .0978 KWH, our Aggregation rate will be .07389 KWH. Opt Out letters will be sent in mid-June. He stated he will be attending a FEMA Meeting May 23, 2023 at the North Bend Offices.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks

Mr. Burns stated the vandalism was discussed and the possible ways of preventing future vandalism and illegal dumping. He said installing automatic gates, locking the existing gates at night and other suggestions were discussed. He said it was suggested that we do more to promote the shelter being available for rental and reserved as a means of adding income to the Park. Mr. Rahall said the shelter suggestion would be addressed. He said the information is on our website, but perhaps it could be more prominent.

Finance

Ms. Meister said the following items were discussed at the May Committee meeting:

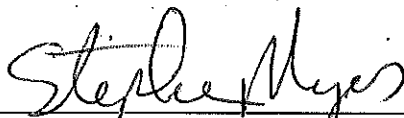
Mr. Brett provided an update on the finances including a 1st quarter Report comparing 2023 balances with 2022. Mr. Brett also said we had received the First Half real estate Taxes from the Hamilton County Auditor. The quarterly Credit Card expenditures were provided and reviewed as well. Ms. Meister requested a 5-yr. projection on expenses including the latest proposed Sheriff's Contract amounts in order to determine the millage to request in November. The Committee will review the information and make a recommendation to council in June. The newsletter was discussed and what might be included about the Village Levy's ad expenses. Mayoral Candidates Chuck Birkholtz and Kyle Smith were both in attendance Ms. Meister asked if one or both of them would be willing to put together a Committee to promote the Levy and get information out to the residents.

Mayors Report

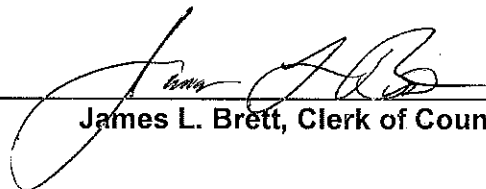
Mayor Myers reported that he had nothing to add at this time.

There being no further business:

**A Motion to Adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:05 P.M. was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mr. Williams.
ALL IN FAVOR**



Mayor Stephen Myers



James L. Brett, Clerk of Council