

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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Minutes of VILLAGE OF CLEVES Council Meeting Held on June 13, 2018.

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Mayor Myers began the Council Meeting at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call was taken. Mr. Herges, Mr. Williams, Ms. Meister, Mr. Burns and Ms. Myers were present. Village Administrator Rahall was also present. Solicitor Nicholas was absent.

**A Motion to Approve the Previous Council Meeting Minutes was made by Mr. Herges; seconded by Ms. Myers. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**Adoption of Pay Ordinance #6-2018 was made by Ms. Myers; seconded by Ms. Meister. ALL IN FAVOR.**

## **THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT**

Ms. Lisa Whitely reported that the school is working on a five year strategic plan. The school has open enrollment in June for the coming school year. Ms. Whitely also reported that the school administration would remain the same for 2018 – 2019 with the addition of an Assistant Principal for the High School. The school has contracted with new companies for landscaping, custodial and technology services.

## **GUEST SPEAKERS**

Mr. Kevin Tolan and Mr. Skyler Miller from Energy Alliance addressed Council. Energy Alliance is a non-profit organization that was founded in 2009. Their mission is to help residents save money on energy costs in their homes. The programs they offer are free. The Energy Alliance has an online assessment tool that residents can use to assess their energy usage. After completing the online assessment, residents can find energy efficiency improvements that they can make in their homes. Delhi, Anderson and Sycamore Townships along with Cincinnati, Wyoming and Silverton have all endorsed the program. The Energy Alliance is asking the Village to endorse them and encourage residents to use the Alliance's resources. They would also like to use the Village's communication channels to reach residents.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Kim O'Meara, of Dowling Street, addressed Council concerning a storm drainpipe that broke in front of her house. She reported that water has been entering her basement since this happened. Mr. Rahall informed Ms. O'Meara and Council that FEMA has tentatively approved paying for the repair.

Mr. Daniel Horrocks, of Main Street, lives near Ms. O'Meara and reported that he has witnessed water coming up from the storm drain. Mr. Horrocks also reported that a steel plate has been left on E. State Road since February 2018. The Village will contact the utility companies to find out which company is responsible for the plate. There was a brief discussion concerning a home on Main Street.

Mr. Raymond Crone, of Symmes Street, addressed Council concerning flooding in his basement. Mr. Crone reported that he thought the flooding was due to a nearby hill being cut away. He had pictures of the flooding that he shared with Council. Mr. Dick Weber, Zoning Inspector, is going to look into this.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Solicitor Nicholas was absent from the meeting. He had prepared several items of legislation for Council's consideration. Mr. Rahall presented the legislation to Council on Mr. Nicholas' behalf.

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**RESOLUTION #8-2018 AUTHORIZING A JOINT-MARKETING INITIATIVE TO PROMOTE ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS AND SOLAR POWER INSTALLATIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL HOUSEHOLDS.**

A Motion to Adopt Resolution #8-2018 authorizing a joint-marketing initiative to promote energy efficiency improvements and solar power installations for residential households was made by Ms. Myers; seconded by Ms. Meister. **ALL IN FAVOR.**

**RESOLUTION # 11-2018 PROMOTING MIKE WEBB TO FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER.**

A Motion to Adopt Resolution #11-2018 promoting Mike Webb to Full-Time Police Officer was made by Ms. Myers; seconded by Mr. Williams. **ALL IN FAVOR.**

**RESOLUTION # 12-2018 HIRING BRETT RIPPEY TO THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT.**

A Motion to Adopt Resolution #12-2018 hiring Brett Rippey to the Service Department was made by Mr. Herges; seconded by Ms. Meister. **ALL IN FAVOR.**

**RESOLUTION # 13-2018 HIRING MARK MARTINI TO WATER WORKS.**

A Motion to Adopt Resolution #13-2018 hiring Mark Martini to Water Works was made by Mr. Burns; seconded by Mr. Williams. **ALL IN FAVOR.**

**RESOLUTION # 14-2018 ADJUSTING THE HOURLY COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN VILLAGE EMPLOYEES.**

A Motion to Adopt Resolution #14-2018 adjusting the hourly compensation for certain Village employees was made by Ms. Myers; seconded by Mr. Burns. **ALL IN FAVOR.**

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Village Administrator Mike Rahall reported that FEMA would be visiting the Village on June 21<sup>st</sup> to inspect the Park and other areas of the Village that were affected by the flooding. The Route 50 paving project is ahead of schedule. As part of the project, ODOT will be paving most of Mt. Nebo Road towards Miami Avenue. Mr. Rahall reported that the Service Department is mowing as often as they can at the Park. There is also a crew from Hamilton County Courts helping once a week in the Park.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**POLICE**

Chief Jones gave his stats for the month. Chief Jones reported that the Ohio State Police are working on Route 50 in Cleves as part of a human trafficking operation. The State Police are also weighing trucks on Route 50. The Cleves Police Department is able to write tickets for any trucks that are found to be in violation.

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## FIRE

Chief Ober gave his stats for the month.

## SERVICE

Service Director John Knuf was not in attendance.

## WATER

Water Superintendent Eric Winhusen reported that 33 million gallons of water was pumped in May. The Coleberry Court Booster Station project will be complete once the repaving of a section of Coleberry Court is done. The Shawnee/Lower River Road project is about to be finalized. Mr. Winhusen reported that both projects would be done under budget.

## COUNCIL REPORTS

**Ms. Meister:** Ms. Meister reported that the bulk water station was discussed at the Miami Township Trustees meeting. Ms. Meister reported that Miami Township will have a waste removal levy on the next ballot. The library has renewed its lease with the Township for five more years. Miami Township will hold a concert in honor of the Cleves Bicentennial on August 26<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM at the Community Center. The Cincinnati Civic Orchestra will perform.

**Ms. Myers:** Ms. Myers had nothing to report.

**Mr. Burns:** Mr. Burns reported that the Bicentennial program is almost ready to be printed. The banners are complete and are ready to be installed. The Cleves-opoly game is in production. Mr. Burns reported that the Parks Committee is considering installing wildflowers in unused areas. There was a brief discussion about reviving the Christmas Walk.

**Mr. Williams:** Mr. Williams had nothing to report.

**Mr. Herges:** Mr. Herges inquired about the tobacco free program that was discussed at a past Council meeting. There was a brief discussion about this topic.

**Open discussion – Council:** There was no further discussion.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Myers reported that he attended the Taylor High School graduation ceremony. The ceremony was very nice and well done. Mayor Myers acknowledged the following service anniversaries for the month of June:

David Bingle – 4 years  
Justin Blanton – 6 years.

Mayor Myers thanked Sergeant Bingle and Officer Blanton for their service to the Village. Mayor's Court collected \$4,160 in April and distributed \$3,179 to the Village. Mayor's Court collected \$6,025 in May and distributed \$4,650 to the Village. Mayor Myers and Mr. Rahall met with Mayor Sammons from North Bend concerning the Village's river front property. Mayor Myers attended the recent Board of Education meeting. School safety was discussed at the meeting. He also met with the Pastor from Whitewater Church. The Church has programs that may benefit the Village. Mayor Myers was contacted by Deaconess concerning the need for services for uninsured in the area. There was one resume received for the open spot on Council. The deadline is going to be extended for one more month. There will be a public hearing at 6:45 PM on July 11<sup>th</sup> concerning

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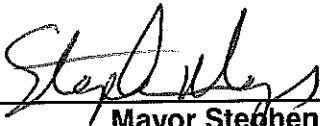
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the 2019 budget. Mayor Myers asked for nominations for the President Pro Temp position. Mr. Burns nominated Ms. Meister. Ms. Meister accepted the nomination. Ms. Myers nominated Mr. Williams. Mr. Williams declined the nomination due to work commitments. Mr. Williams nominated Ms. Meister. A roll call vote was taken and all were in favor of Ms. Meister being the President Pro Temp. Mayor Myers stated that he would like to rework and eliminate some of the Council committees. The Communication and Grants Committees have been eliminated. The Planning and Zoning Committee will now consist of Ms. Myers as Chair and Mayor Myers. The Finance Committee will now consist of Ms. Meister as Chair and Mayor Myers. The Parks Committee will have Mr. Burns as Chair and Mr. Williams and Mr. Herges as members. Mayor Myers informed Council that there would be new procedures for hiring employees. Per the ORC, the Village Administrator, with the Mayor's approval, can hire new employees for existing positions. Council does not need to vote on these new hires. Council will be kept informed of new hires and they will vote on new hires for newly created positions. This change will help make hiring more timely. There was a brief discussion about the hiring procedures.

**A Motion to Adjourn the Council Meeting at 9:03 P.M. was made by Ms. Meister; seconded by Mr. Williams. ALL IN FAVOR.**



Mayor Stephen Myers



Kathy Volk, Clerk of Council