

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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Minutes of VILLAGE OF CLEVES Council Meeting Held on April 14, 2021.  
Meeting Held via Electronic Communications – Zoom Meeting

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Mayor Myers began the Council Meeting at 7:01 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 was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mrs. Peter.  
ALL IN FAVOR.**

**A Motion to Adopt of Pay Ordinance #4-2021 was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded Mrs. Brady.  
ALL IN FAVOR.**

## SPECIAL GUESTS

NONE

## HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Ms. Carrie Davis addressed Council regarding the Proposed Permit Alteration Application Rumpke has pending at the Ohio EPA to expand the boundaries of the Landfill on Bond Rd in Whitewater Township.

She noted the Facebook group she was speaking on behalf of and said they were asking Council to request the Hamilton County Commissioners to hire an Environmental Attorney to fight the expansion. She said they realized none of the small communities in the area could afford this cost on their own, therefore the request needed to be to the County to hire legal council that would have the necessary experience. Mayor Myers stated that the issue would be referred to the Planning and Zoning Committee for further review.

Mr. Ben Blue stated he represented the same group as Ms. Davis. He asked that the Village not let this happen to our Community.

Mr. Rahall noted that the Village was aware of the Proposed Permit Alteration and that we are in contact with the Ohio EPA and Hamilton County Public Health about this and any future changes at the Bond Hill Site. He noted that the current Alteration will not affect our Well Fields. He noted that the placement of a Fuel Service Station on Suspension Bridge Rd. was a far greater concern and he was disappointed in the response from the Ohio EPA regarding that issue.

Mr. Nick Stewart said the current proposal is only the first step, saying no one would spend 2 million dollars to buy property if they didn't plan to expand.

Ms. Amanda Blue said she would like to second what had already been said. She said the boundary change will not be the end of the expansion.

Ms. Carrie Davis stated that in Colerain Township the small boundary changes ended up being used against residents in court, saying that the small changes in the past gave the facility grandfathered rights and caused the property to be unusable for any other purpose.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION:

**As Provided under Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(3), to have a "conference with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action."**

Mayor Myers said he would like to enter into the scheduled Executive Session and include the Fiscal Officer, Mr. Brett, Law Director, Mr. Nichols, Administrator, Mr. Rahall and Legal Counsel Ms. Flick and Mr. Herman.

Mrs. Myers moved to enter Executive Session to "conference with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action." At 7:20 PM.

Seconded by Mr. Williams.

**Roll Call Vote: ALL IN FAVOR**

Mrs. Myers moved to return to Regular Session at 8:23 PM. Seconded by Mrs. Peter.

**Roll Call Vote: ALL IN FAVOR**

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## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 7 – 2021 RESOLUTION CONSENTING THAT THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION MAY COMPLETE THE REPAIR WORK ON STATE ROUTE 264**

Mrs. Myers moved to Approve Resolution 7-2021: seconded by Ms. Brady.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 8 – 2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ELECTRICITY FOR THE VILLAGE'S ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION PROGRAM**

Mrs. Myers moved to Approve Resolution 8-2021: seconded by Mrs. Peter.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 9 – 2021 RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO NEGOTIATED JUDGMENT WITH PLAINTIFF IN HAMITON COUNTY COMMON PLEAS CASE A2003481**

Mrs. Myers discussed the decision to enter into the agreement. She noted that Council did nothing wrong, that the language used to enter an Executive Session was not correct. Other than the language, the Village did nothing wrong. She stated her agreement to approve this was to simply put it behind us and move forward.

Mr. Burns moved to Approve Resolution 9-2021: seconded by Mrs. Brady.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 10 – 2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREED JUDGMENT ENTRY ADOPTED IN RESOLUTION 9-2021**

Mr. Burns moved to Approve Resolution 10-2021: seconded by Mrs. Peter.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

### **POLICE**

Sgt. Schlasinger reported the following statistics for March 2021. The Department had 148 calls for service including 14 Criminal Responses, 6 Auto Accidents, 6 citations and 3 traffic stops.

### **FIRE**

Chief Brien Lacy reported the following run totals for March: 5 Fire details, and 40 EMS details. The Chief also announced that the New Firehouse was moving along quickly. He also noted that the Department had 62 hours of training in March. On the training he stated that they would be training in the former Argo Funeral Home Building through May 1, 2021.

### **WATER**

Mr. Rahall presented the Water Department Report and stated that Water Superintendent Eric Winhusen advises 24.3 million gallons were pumped in March. He announced that the switch to radio read meters was set to begin. Mayor Myers asked if this would affect the water rates. Mr. Rahall replied that the change is a planned upgrade which will reduce the time required to gather meter information for billing. This project was planned and no increase in rates is necessary for its implementation. He also said the painting project for the water tower had been advertised and bid opening is scheduled for April 28, 2021. Mr. Rahall also noted that we are looking at online payment options for water and garbage billing. We are researching the best format and rates.

## **VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Village Administrator, Mr. Mike Rahall said everything he had to report had been covered

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Parks – Mr. Burns stated the Committee discussed the Community Development Block Grant funding for Playground Equipment, approximately \$58,000 and the Covid -19 Cares Grant of \$100,000 for enhancing outdoor activities. The committee discussed the options and will hold a Public Input Session on April 21, 2021 via Zoom. He also stated that he has prepared a Google Survey to allow input from the Community. He stated

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that some of the suggestions for the funds included a backflow device to prevent water backing up in the park through the drainage piping, upgrades to the ballfields, upgrades and relocating parts of the bike path, and a Frisbee Golf Course.

Mayor Myers reported that there had been no other Committee Meetings due to the COVID-19 recommendations. He asked if any Members had anything, they would like to bring up. Mrs. Peter asked about the backflow prevention system. Service director, Mr. John Knuf explained how that system works and possible issues with it and the flooding of the park.

### SERVICE Department Report

Service Director Knuf announced that 5 loads of ballfield dirt had been supplied by Mr. Andy Messer of TCRAA, purchased through a "Go Fund Me" page. The village purchased an additional 80 tons of ballfield dirt. The placement of all the material is being paid for by the Go Fund Me Page funds. Mr. Knuf said the fields should be complete and ready for play in a few days. Mr. Knuf stated that the Department had been patching potholes from the winter freeze and they were currently working on the Coleman Woods Subdivision. He noted that the roads were almost 20 years old and are beginning to show their age.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

#### 1. April Service Anniversaries

- a. Mike Rahall – Village Administrator
- b. Norm Reathorford – Maintenance Dept.

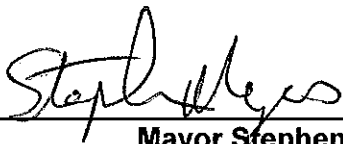
#### 2. Mayor's Court Report – March 2021

- a. Total Received: \$2,220.00
- b. Disbursed to Cleves: \$2,030.00
- c. Hamilton County Auditor: \$4.50
- d. State of Ohio: \$175.50

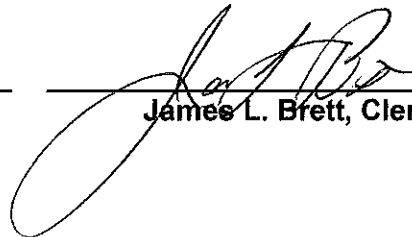
There being no further business:

A Motion to Adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:52 P.M. was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mr. Williams.

ALL IN FAVOR.



Mayor Stephen Myers



James L. Brett, Clerk of Council