

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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Minutes of VILLAGE OF CLEVES Council Meeting Held on May 12, 2021.  
Meeting Held via Electronic Communications – Zoom Meeting

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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 April 14, 2021 was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mrs. Brady. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**A Motion to Adopt of Pay Ordinance #5-2021 was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded Mr. Burns. ALL IN FAVOR.**

## **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Charles Birkholtz asked about the Sergeants monitoring of CAD reports and the information they contain. Sergeant Schlasinger replied that he looks at the Billable and Non-Billable calls. Mr. Birkholtz explained the information he was looking at and recommended Council review the information as well.

Mr. Birkholtz then asked how many contract cars are on duty in the Village. The Sergeant replied that one car is dedicated to the Village 24 hours a day. Mr. Birkholtz asked how many former Cleves Police Department Officers were assigned to the Village. Sergeant Schlasinger replied that all of the former officers working for the Sheriff were offered the Village positions and none requested to be assigned to the Village. Mr. Birkholtz then asked the Sergeant what he considered the definition of "Community Policing" is. Sergeant Schlasinger replied that he feels it is simply spending time getting to know the businesses and people in the community to develop a better relationship. Mr. Birkholtz asked how many Officers were assigned to Cleves. The Sergeant replied four. He noted that if any of those four were off for any reason, other officers would be assigned to the Village. Mr. Birkholtz asked about the Village contract with the Sheriff's Department. Sergeant Schlasinger replied that he is not involved in the contract negotiations, he should direct that question to Mr. Rahall. Mr. Birkholtz said he donated \$500 to the local Legion and \$500 to the local Kiwanis from the monies he received in the lawsuit he filed against the Village.

## **SPECIAL GUESTS**

Mrs. Carrie Bernard, with the Hamilton County Public Library discussed updates to the Library and they will be distributing summer meals for students.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 11– 2021 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE VILLAGE OF CLEVES WATERWORKS DEPARTMENT TO CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN SUNCRAFT FOR REPAIR WORK AND PAINTING TO STANDPIPE WATER TANK**

Water Superintendent, Mr. Eric Winhusen explained that this project was an Ohio EPA Recommendation during our last Sanitary Survey. He explained that this was an expected maintenance item and was a large part of the reason for the increase approved starting in 2019. Mr. Rahall added that we had received 3 bids and accepted the lowest bid, which was also determined to be the best bid. After a discussion: Mrs. Myers moved to Approve Resolution 11-2021: seconded by Mr. Williams. **ALL IN FAVOR**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 12 – 2021 TO DECLARE THE NECESSITY OF A TAX OUTSIDE OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION AND TO REQUEST THAT THE HAMILTON COUNTY AUDITOR CERTIFY TO THE VILLAGE OF CLEVES THE TAX LEVY CALCULATIONS ENUMERATED IN SECTION 5705.03(B) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE**

Administrator Rahall explained that this Resolution is a required step in order to obtain the information

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necessary for Council to determine if they wish to submit the question to the voters by placing it on the November 2, 2021 Ballot. He noted that Cleves is one of only three Villages in Hamilton County which does not have an income tax and that this levy brings in approximately one third of the villages General Fund operating expenses. Mrs. Myers noted that this is a renewal and would not increase taxes to residents. After a discussion: Mrs. Myers moved to Approve Resolution 12-2021: seconded by Mrs. Peter. **ALL IN FAVOR**

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

### **POLICE**

Sgt Schlasinger reported the following statistics for April 2021. The Department had 160 calls for service bringing the total for the year to 605. Of the calls 51 were non-billable, bringing that total to 196 for the year. The Village Unit responded to 164 details and were assisted by outside units 30 times. Mayor Myers asked if the Commercial Truck Enforcement Unit has worked the Village recently. Sgt. Schlasinger replied that it had been in the Village 3 or 4 times since the first of the year and had cited several violators to Mayors Court.

### **FIRE**

Administrator Rahall stated that Fire Chief Brien Lacey was unable to attend, however he gave Mr. Rahall the following response information. Run totals for April: 8 Fire details, and 38 EMS details.

### **SERVICE**

Service Director Knuf reported the Service Department is in full swing cutting grass four to five days a week. He stated that the Park is the bulk of their work in the grass cutting season. He stated they need to also worked more on the property at 207 N. Miami, cleaning it up. He also said the Village spring clean-up would be starting and the flower planters would be completed by Memorial Day, along with other preparations. He said Fire Chief Lacey had requested Fire Lane markings be placed on locations on New Pine Dr. and Rosewynne Ct. Ms. Meister asked if the cross walks and curbs would be painted prior to the Memorial Day Parade. Mr. Knuf replied that he was looking at a Thermal Plastic line system for the cross walks but the curbs would still be painted. Mrs. Peter asked about volunteer assistance in the flower planters being completed. Mrs. Myers stated that a group from the school had assisted in the past, Builder's Club, however they had not met during this school year due to the COVID-19 restrictions and they hope to start the club back up again in the next school year. She also thanked Mr. Knuf and Chief Lacey for their work on the Fire lanes.

### **WATER**

Superintendent, Mr. Eric Winhusen thanked Council for their approval of the Rittenhouse Water Tank Contract. He stated that 24.8 million gallons were pumped in April. He also announced that he planned to have 200 meters replaced in the next months with remote read meters. He said everyone receiving a new meter would receive a Notice of the work being done.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **Parks – Chairperson Mr. Burns**

Mr. Burns reported that they had held a Meeting and a Public Input Session, no public attendance, in April and a Meeting in May. He detailed the input form an online survey of the local community and what they would like to see in the future for the Parks. JMA has given advise as well. Council discussed the projects and input Mr. Burns had received.

### **Finance – Chairperson Mrs. Peter**

Mrs. Peter said the committee discussed the possibility of placing the 6 mill Levy on the November Ballot for renewal. She stated they discussed the Restricted Funds versus the General Funds in the Village Budget. The projects that are pending for the General Fund were also discussed. She also said Mayor Myers had asked

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Fiscal Officer, Jim Brett, to work up what our budget would look like both with the renewal of the existing 6 mill levy and without.

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. There were no other items discussed.

## **VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Village Administrator, Mr. Mike Rahall congratulated Sprinkles, which was rated in the Top Ice Cream Shops by Cincinnati Magazine. He said the Park Gate would begin being staffed on this coming Thursday. Mr. Rahall explained the process to move forward with the sale of the property at 207 N. Miami. He also discussed the Memorial Day Parade, saying that while it is the American Legions Parade, he would be coordinating the Village efforts and meeting with the organizers to discuss the parade and COVID-19 Protocol's.

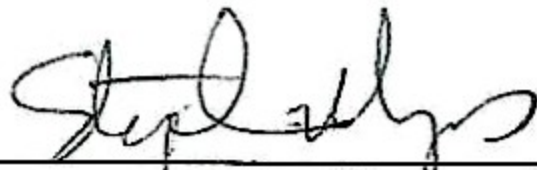
## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

### **1. Mayor's Court Report – May 2021**

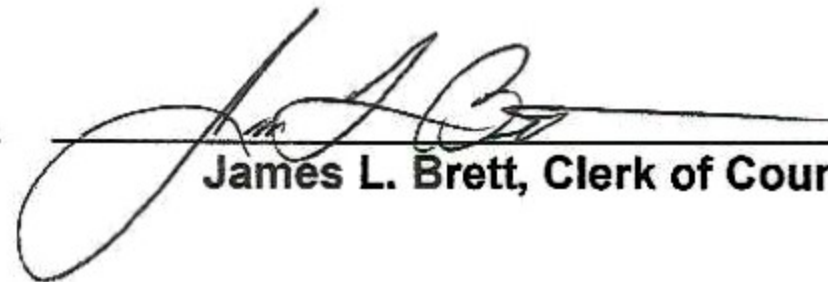
- a. Total Received: \$1,890.00
- b. Disbursed to Cleves: \$1,662.00
- c. Hamilton County Auditor: \$7.50
- d. State of Ohio: \$220.50

There being no further business:

A Motion to Adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:22 P.M. was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mr. Burns.  
**ALL IN FAVOR.**



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Mayor Stephen Myers



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James L. Brett, Clerk of Council