

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of VILLAGE OF CLEVES Council Meeting Held on October 13, 2021. Meeting Held via Electronic Communications – Zoom Meeting

FIRE

Fire Chief Brien Lacy was not in attendance. He provided Administrator Rahall the following Department Run totals for the Village for September: 2 Fire details, and 43 EMS details. Mr. Rahall said that he would send the Safety Committee Police and Fire / EMS dispatch information in the future the entire Council for review, not just Safety.

SERVICE

Service Director John Knuf stated they continued to trim back trees and vegetation along the roadways. He stated he is looking for a contractor to clean out 207 North Miami so we can proceed with selling the property. Mr. Knuf said he hoped to see work begin soon on the Park Improvements from the CDBG COVID Grant. Mayor Myers asked Mr. Knuf to keep him updated so the progress can be posted on the website. Mr. Knuf stated the concrete work on St. Rt. 264 would start soon and would be the first step in the roadway project by ODOT.

WATER

Superintendent, Mr. Eric Winhusen stated that 25.8 million gallons were pumped in September and 26.4 million gallons in August. He also announced the Rittenhouse tank project was completed and the temporary pressure tanks had been removed. He stated the project went extremely well. Mr. Rahall asked about the expected life expectancy for the tank. Mr. Winhusen replied 30 years.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Village Administrator, Mr. Mike Rahall stated the COVID Grant Park project should have a pre-construction meeting in the coming weeks. He said soccer is winding down but there are still two weekend tournaments scheduled. Mr. Knuf is working on overflow parking areas for those events. He said the cleanup of 207 N. Miami is the next step in selling the property. When this is completed the property can be safely inspected by persons interested in purchasing it via a closed bid process.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Myers announced that there were only Parks and Finance Committee meetings held this month.

PARKS

Mr. Burns said he continues to update existing concepts for the Park and said the committee discussed other possible projects. The Christmas Walk was discussed and COVID was a concern as they move forward discussing plans. Mr. Burns asked Sgt. Slazenger if he foresaw any parking issues with the Police areas and pedestrian safety. He said no, they would be sure to work with him on times and areas. Mayor Myers asked if the baseball community was aware of the current fencing improvements. Mr. Burns said he had not contacted them at this time and further estimates are still needed, etc.

FINANCE

Mrs. Peter reported the committee discussed the operating levy and future needs. The committee discussed posting information about the way the operating funds generated by the Levy Renewal are used on the Village website. She also explained that Fiscal Officer Jim Brett had provided a cost breakdown of what an employee actually costs the Village for their review. Employee Compensation and retention will be a priority to review in the coming year, if the operating levy passes. We are in need of another maintenance worker.

Mayor Myers asked if any other Council members had anything to discuss. There was no further discussion.

MAYOR'S REPORT

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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 August 11, 2021 was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mr. Williams. ALL IN FAVOR.

A Motion to Adopt of Pay Ordinance #9-2021 was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded Mrs. Brady. ALL IN FAVOR.

A Motion to Adopt of Pay Ordinance #10-2021 was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded Mr. Burns. ALL IN FAVOR.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Chuck Birkholtz (604 Coleberry Court, Cleves, OH 45002) asked the following questions:

Mr. Birkholtz asked Administrator Rahall if he reviews the Sheriff's Department run reports from the Communications Center and what metrics are/were used. Mr. Rahall asked for a clarification on "Metrics". Mr. Birkholtz replied specific response times and also asked what is looked at to evaluate the previous Cleves Police Dept. and the current Sheriff's office. Mr. Rahall stated he looked at response time but did not use a specific metric. He said his review was much the same as when the Village had its own Police department. He weighs complaints about service as the most important factor and then other normal items. The process was discussed and Mr. Birkholtz said Council should review response times and incident reports to better understand the coverage the Village is receiving.

Mr. Birkholtz asked about a couple incidents including not responding along with EMS and a seemingly long response time to an Alarm Drop. Sgt. Slazenger responded that he would have to research the Alarm response, but he noted that many times Officers arrive on scene and for various reasons do not immediately acknowledge they have arrived. He also noted that the Sheriff had adopted a COVID Policy that they would not respond with EMS Units unless requested or the Officer felt it was necessary based on the dispatch information. Ms. Meister noted that during her service with the Village Fire and EMS Department, Police response was always optional unless requested. Mr. Rahall confirmed this same process with the previous Cleves Police Dept. Mr. Birkholtz said he was comparing response times from where he thought the Officer was responding from to the call location using MapQuest and he felt the response was slow. Mayor Myers said he felt Mr. Birkholtz does not know all the details regarding the response and any issues the Officer may have encountered.

Ms. Judith Boyce (47 Pontius Avenue, Cleves, OH 45002) spoke about a group meeting called "Friends of Cleves". She said they are supporting the Levy Renewal for the Village Operating Funds. They will be handing out flyers at the polls in support of the Renewal. Mrs. Peter thanked her for the effort.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

NONE

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

POLICE

Sgt. Schlasinger attended and provided the following information. The statistics for September 2021 included 188 calls for service bringing the total for the year to 1565. Of the calls 47 were non-billable, 7 cases were referred to detectives. He reported that he had met with Administrator Rahall about Halloween and he will have additions units available for the Trunk or Treat / Trick or Treating

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The Mayor reminded everyone that Trick or Treat hours will be Sunday, October 31, 6-8 P.M. Mrs. Peter mentioned she enjoyed Trick or Treating when it was dark outside, but understands the safety concerns. Mrs. Myers also noted it is a school night, so earlier is probably better by staying with the same standard times.

There being no further business:

**A Motion to Adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:49 P.M. was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mrs. Peter.
ALL IN FAVOR.**



Vice Mayor Todd Williams



James L. Brett, Clerk of Council