

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of VILLAGE OF CLEVES Council Meeting Held on February 9, 2022

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

Motion to Approve Previous Council Meeting Minutes from January 12, 2022 was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mr. Williams. ALL IN FAVOR.

A Motion to Adopt of Pay Ordinance #2-2022 was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded Mrs. Brady. ALL IN FAVOR.

A Motion to excuse Mr. Burns' absence was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded Mrs. Meister. ALL IN FAVOR.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Dale Oppenheimer, 607 Greyleaf Ct., stated 1) He noted that the "Public Comments" Section on the Agenda is stating "All comments are to be addressed to the Mayor or Council". He wondered if there was a reason for that. 2) He stated that when the Public attends, there is no opportunity to address questions that may come up during the meeting. He asked why there is no time for questions and answers at the end of the meeting. 3) He stated a comment was made a while back that Buildings are inspected in the Village. He asked if there is someone doing that, if there are records and if the Village publicizes those records so residents can see them. 4) He said that should the Levy fail again, it would be a problem. He said if a fact sheet was put out discussing the ramifications of another failure it would help.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Ordinance No. 1-2022 – Annual Appropriations Ordinance 2022

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance No. 1-2022, Approving the Annual Appropriations for 2022 was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Ms. Meister. **ALL IN FAVOR.**

A Motion to Suspend the Rules and Read by Title Only for Ordinance No. 1-2022, Approving the Annual Appropriations for 2022 was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Ms. Meister. **ALL IN FAVOR.**

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 1-2022, Approving the Annual Appropriations for 2022 was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Ms. Meister. **ALL IN FAVOR.**

Ordinance No. 2-2022 – ODOT Consent for Pavement Markings, Snow and Ice Removal and Maintenance & Repair to Highways inside the Village Corporation.

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance No. 2-2022, ODOT Consent for Pavement Markings, Snow and Ice Removal and Maintenance & Repair to Highways inside the Village Corporation was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Ms. Meister. **ALL IN FAVOR.**

A Motion to Suspend the Rules and Read by Title Only for Ordinance No. 2-2022, ODOT Consent for Pavement Markings, Snow and Ice Removal and Maintenance & Repair to Highways inside the Village Corporation. was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Ms. Meister. **ALL IN FAVOR.**

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 2-2022, ODOT Consent for Pavement Markings, Snow and Ice Removal and Maintenance & Repair to Highways inside the Village Corporation was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Ms. Meister. **ALL IN FAVOR.**

Solicitor Nicholas attended a meeting of the Western Hamilton County Townships, the Village of North Bend, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department and representatives from the Hamilton County Administration, including County Administrator, Jeff Aluotto regarding the Sheriff's Department proposed western division coverage for Police Protection, on behalf of the Village. He stated the meeting did not resolve any issues from the previous meeting held approximately a year ago. He said Miami Township Trustee, Jack Rinninger, said Miami Twp. would not enter into the proposed agreement saying they would go outside for coverage. Solicitor Nicholas said Harrison Township asked what would happen if they could not pay the proposed contract. They were told the County would work with them. He also said the Sheriff was planning to bring a proposed interim

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contract for Miami Township, North Bend and Cleves for the Trustee's and Council's to consider, however they did not have a time frame for that proposal to be presented but they hope to have it in a month or so.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

POLICE

Sgt. Mike Carney unable to attend. Deputy Schutte was in attendance before the meeting but was called out to an auto accident. Mr. Rahall read their report which provided the following information. The statistics for January 2022 included YTD 154 calls for service, 66 non-billable. The January calls included 10 criminal reports, 9, non-criminal, 3 auto accidents and 3 citations having been issued.

FIRE

Fire Chief Brien Lacy provided the following department run totals for the Village for January 2022: 4 Fire details, and 32 EMS details. He provided a breakdown of the types of runs in the Village and for the Department in total for the month as well as training information and upcoming events. Administrator, Mike Rahall, asked the Chief to explain the Building Inspections Program to clarify it from a question asked during the Public Comments part of the Agenda earlier. The Chief explained that the department inspects all businesses annually and any residential units located above a business. He said they do not inspect residential properties or apartments with the exception of common areas such as hallways. He noted that the department does occasionally do inspections for adoption situations for Family Services. He also noted that they were happy to assist anyone, residential or business in the placement of smoke detector at any time. Mrs. Myers asked if the Chief had the total run numbers for 2021. He said they were not compiled at this time, but he would have them for the next meeting.

SERVICE

Service Director Knuf stated the Jackson Dell Court Storm Sewer Repairs had been completed with the exception to the blacktop placement which would be completed as soon as the weather allowed. He also reported that he worked with Hamilton County Public Health to apply for an Ohio EPA grant for the placement of cameras at the Service Building to monitor the recycling bins. He said the Trail Camera provided by the Health district was not getting clear enough images to prosecute all of the illegal dumping that was taking place. The new cameras will provide more security for the building and better images to stop illegal dumping. He stated that the ice storm last Thursday and Friday were problematic because the rubber blades on the snow removal trucks would not remove the ice. He said he was able to get metal blades for the trucks and as of yesterday all the streets were cleared. He said they used 55 tons of salt and had 53 man hours in two days of snow and ice removal. Ms. Meister noted that as of Tuesday evening parts of Finely Porter and Morgan had not been cleared.

WATER

Superintendent, Mr. Eric Winhusen was unable to attend. Administrator Rahall stated 22.5 million gallons were pumped in January. He also said Mr. Winhusen reported that Phase 2 of the Meter Replacement Project was ready to begin in March which will update 550 meters to the new radio read units. Mr. Rahall said he and Mr. Winhusen had discussed the Sunset Ave. issues with the Village of North Bend. He said he has asked the Hamilton county Engineer to examine the shifting and sliding issues. Mayor Myers asked if the residents getting the new meters would receive a notice. Mr. Rahall said they would.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Village Administrator, Mr. Mike Rahall, noted that the Service department had issues working around vehicles parked on the streets during the ice storm. While noting that many residents do not have off street parking, he asked that those who do, please park off the streets to allow for better snow removal in the future. Mr. Rahall announce that he had met with representatives from The Holland Group and they had provided some preliminary information on the Proposed Roy Rogers restaurant to be located next to Skyline. He showed council a front view of the proposed building. He said the building is almost as large as the Skyline building and

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the site will have 75 parking spots. He also said they may possibly add a Convenience/Fuel Store and perhaps a Medical Office Building in the future. Mr. Rahall announced that Ohio House bill 51 was expected to be passed and would be awaiting the Governor's signature. That Bill would allow Virtual Meetings until June 30, 2022 should Council or Committee Chairs wish to hold their meeting virtually.

COUNCIL REPORTS

PARKS

Mayor Myers provided the Parks Committee Information in Mr. Burns' absence. He stated that the new playground equipment installation was discussed. He said the overall scope of the committee was discussed as they move forward. Representatives from the TRCAA baseball group attended and discussed the fields and the conditions. He noted that separate meetings with the group will take place to work out who is responsible for what maintenance at the fields.

FINANCE

Mrs. Brady stated that the Year End General Fund balances were the main topic of discussion. She reported that they had received a basic 5-year outline of Repairs and Equipment Replacements from Fiscal Officer Jim Brett that he had requested the information from Mr. Knuf. She said they reviewed a list of Streets and their conditions Mr. Rahall and Mr. Knuf had compiled in 2020. This list is a starting point for street repairs and upgrades. She mentioned the failure of the Operating Levy in November and the proposed Levy for the May Primary Election. Mayor Myers said he and Mr. Rahall hoped to receive the Ballot Issue Number from the Board of elections as soon as possible so the issue could be discussed.

Council Comments

Ms. Meister stated that the owner of a property in the 500 block of North Miami also owns the property on the opposite side of the alley behind the North Miami location and was interested in the Village vacating that portion of the alleyway. Mr. Rahall asked Mr. Knuf if that alley went all the way through to the next street. Mr. Knuf said no, it was a dead end.

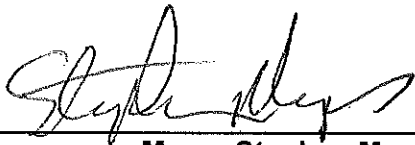
Ms. Boyce stated she had attended a New Council Member Training through Hamilton County and mentioned the topic of future goals.

Mayors Report

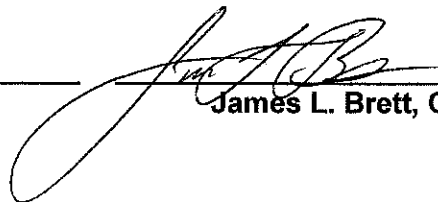
Mayor Myers said he had nothing more to add.

There being no further business:

**A Motion to Adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:37 P.M. was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mrs. Brady.
ALL IN FAVOR.**



Mayor Stephen Myers



James L. Brett, Clerk of Council