

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of VILLAGE OF CLEVES Council Meeting Held on December 14, 2022

Mayor Stephen Myers began the Council Meeting at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call was taken. Ms. Boyce, Mr. Williams, Ms. Meister, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Hume, and Mr. Burns were present. Village Administrator Rahall and Solicitor Nicholas were also present.

Motion to Approve Previous Council Meeting Minutes from November 9, 2022, was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mr. Burns. **ALL IN FAVOR**

A Motion to Adopt of Pay Ordinance #12-2022 was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded Mr. Burns. **ALL IN FAVOR**

Mr. Brad Johnson, Director - Hamilton County Environmental Services

Mr. Johnson presented PowerPoint slides reviewing what the goals and plans are for the County Solid Waste District as they move towards formally updating the County Solid Waste Plan. The plan will be presented to all jurisdictions in Hamilton County for their review, input and approval. Council discussed projects that they would like to see made more readily available in the Village with Mr. Johnson.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Chuck Birkholtz said he had questions about the International Property Maintenance Code. Mr. Rahall stated that the Village had adopted the Code in 2015 and there is a newer version available. Mr. Rahall explained that the Village had worked with the Fire Department to review the new version and the proposed ordinance on tonight's agenda was being pulled and will be to an early 2023 agenda. Mr. Birkholtz stated he thought enforcement was lacking. He said it appears to him that the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department is not enforcing our codes. He also stated he feels that if they were to cite someone, it would be to Hamilton County Housing Court since the Village does not have a Mayors Court. He said he feels that is not a good option for the Village, stating we would not get things solved there. Mr. Birkholtz stated he planned to run for Mayor. Mr. Birkholtz said that he wished to clarify a statement he made at the Finance Committee Meeting last Wednesday. At that meeting he said he stated he fully endorsed the pay raises for employees. He said he was referring to the Service Department, which was the focus of the discussion at the Finance Meeting. He stated he had no issue with the increases for the Water Works personnel, but he was in total disagreement with the Village Administrator receiving the increase. Mr. Burns explained his thoughts on the need to compensate all of our employees at a level that would allow us to maintain a quality staff and attract new staff as needed. In addition, he said the Village has an obligation to pay our staff a proper wage.

Mr. Mark Johnson, 222 Mt Nebo Road, asked Council to look into the home at 218 Mt. Nebo. He stated the home is abandoned and when the owner does show up at the property he makes obscene jesters towards him. He said the property needs repairs to be secure and to prevent kids from entering the abandoned home. He showed pictures of the property top Council. Mr. Rahall discussed steps the Village has taken in attempting to find he owner. He said the Village has also been in touch with the Hamilton County Board of Health concerning the property. Mr. Rahall stated the Property Taxes are up to date according to the County Auditor's site. Mrs. Myers asked if we could inspect the structure to be sure it is structurally sound. Mr. Rahall will investigate the property further. Mr. Johnson said he would appreciate any assistance the Village can provide.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

ORDINANCE NO. 9 – 2022 - An Ordinance to Make Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenses Of The Village of Cleves, State Of Ohio, During The Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2023

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance 9-2022 was made by Mrs. Myers, Seconded by Ms. Meister. **ALL IN FAVOR**

A Motion to Suspend the Rules and Read by Title Only Ordinance 9-2022 was made by Mrs. Myers, Seconded by Ms. Meister. **ALL IN FAVOR**

A Motion to approve Ordinance 9-2022 was made by Mrs. Myers, Seconded by Ms. Meister. **ALL IN FAVOR**

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ORDINANCE NO. 10, 2022 - Ordinance Adopting The International Property Maintenance Code and Declaring An Emergency

This Ordinance was Tabled for consideration at a future meeting at the recommendation of Administrator Rahall and Solicitor Nicholas.

RESOLUTION 17 – 2022 - Resolution Adjusting The Compensation For Village Employees.

Mr. Burns stated that his previous discussion earlier in the meeting was his reason for approving the Resolution.

A Motion to approve Resolution 17-2022 was made by Mrs. Myers. Seconded by Ms. Meister.

ALL IN FAVOR

RESOLUTION NO. 18 – 2022 - Resolution Authorizing Contract With Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc. For Waste Collection And Disposal And Curbside Recycling For Calendar Years 2023 Through 2025

Mr. Rahall explained the rates for the proposed Contract.

A Motion to approve Resolution 18-2022 was made by Mrs. Myers. Seconded by Ms. Meister. **ALL IN FAVOR**

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

POLICE

Sgt. Mike Carney had presented his report. The statistics for November, 2022 included 134 calls for service, 46 which were considered non-billable. The calls included 8 criminal reports, 3 non-criminal, 11 auto accidents and 10 citations were issued for the month.

FIRE

Fire Chief Brien Lacey presented the information for department run totals in the Village for November. Those included: 6 Fire details, and 25 EMS details. The Chief discussed the difficulty in recruiting new Firefighters. He said the Department participated in a Great Oaks Recruitment Day and there were multiple departments in attendance. Mr. Hume asked about an outreach program for Three Rivers Schools. Mrs. Myers said Superintendent Alt had said they were planning to work with the local communities to find programs for their students in Vocational Type Training. Mr. Nicholas asked if the Department had funding in its budget to help with training and certification costs for new recruits. Chief Lacey said they were exploring using Recovery Act Money to pay for that type of training. Mr. Rahall asked if there was any consideration of Consolidating with neighboring districts. He said that is essentially what happened with the Village Departments as they all combined with the Township. Chief Lacey said that was not something he felt was viable at this time. Mrs. Myers asked about CPR Training Classes for Residents. The Chief said the COVID 19 pandemic had virtually stopped all CPR Classes. He said no matter how well you clean a Mannequin between students, there was just little desire for participation but he will get a class set up. Mr. Williams asked about AED's in the Village Facilities. Mr. Rahall said he thought there was a unit in one of the Police Vehicles. Mr. Hume asked if the Department sponsored Babysitting Classes. The Chief said they had in the past, and they included CPR Training and Fire Extinguisher Use in their Program.

SERVICE

Service Director Mr. Knuf said they had finished putting up the Christmas lights and decorations for the Village and helping North Bend with their installs. He said he had requested the State Highway Department to assist in the mowing along St. Rt. 50. Mr. Williams asked about cutting back the trees growing into the roadway near 250 E. State Street. Mr. Knuf said he has asked the County to schedule us for cutting and trimming along the roadways with their Boom Mower as the Village has issues with the guardrails. He said he would look at the site and see if they could improve it with some hand trimming.

WATER

Superintendent, Mr. Winhusen stated 22.7 million gallons were pumped in November.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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Village Administrator, Mr. Rahall, stated the Christmas Walk was successful. He thanked the maintenance dept., the local businesses and Kevin for their extra efforts. He reported that the Riverfront property sale to North Bend was still on hold. He said there was an issue with a small portion of the property that did not have a properly recorded legal description originally. He also said he had met with Miami Township to discuss Water Line Extensions in the Township.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

Ms. Meister reported that Mr. Brett had updated the Committee on the Star Ohio Accounts as well as the RedTree Investment Group. Other Items discussed included: PNC individual credit cards, the sale of the North Bend Property, the status of the Contract with the Sheriff's Department, creating a blighted property fund, the continuing work on a Five Year Projection, what to do about the funding lost from the failure of the 6 mil Levy, Employee Cost of Living Raises, the Proposed Rumpke Contract, and the possibility of adding signage and landscaping to the Round-a-bout on Cooper Ave.

Parks

Mr. Burns thanked everyone for their help in with the Christmas Walk. He said the attendance appeared to possibly be twice the previous year. Mayor Myers asked if Carrie Bernard, with the Hamilton County Library, had anything to add about the Christmas Walk. She replied that the Library had over 300 people participate this year. In addition, she said she wanted to let everyone know they were having a magic show at the library on December 29, 2022.

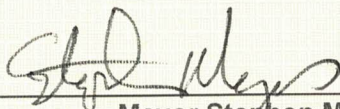
Mayors Report

Mayor Myers thanked everyone for their contributions to making the Christmas Walk a success.

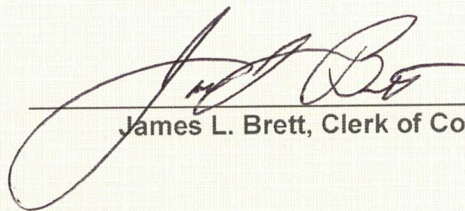
There being no further business:

A Motion to Adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:07 P.M. was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mr. Williams.

ALL IN FAVOR



Mayor Stephen Myers



James L. Brett, Clerk of Council