

The Council Meeting held on March 14, 2012 was called to order by Mayor Stacy with the Pledge to the Flag. Members of Council present: Meister, Meyers, Nichols, Pastrick, and Randall. Mr. Santen was absent. Clerk/Treasurer Bolton was present as was Solicitor Hyle.

	<u>Made By</u>	<u>Seconded By</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
A Motion to Approve Previous Council Minutes	Meister	Randall	ALL YEAS
Motion to Pay Warrants & Vouchers and Adopt Pay Ordinance # 3 & 4- 2012.	Meister	Pastrick	ALL YEAS

A Motion to Excuse Mr. Santen from Council Meeting made by Nichols; seconded by Meister. ALL YEAS.

SPECIAL GUESTS:

Mayor Stacy then recognized Howard Seaver from the Cleves Three Rivers Kiwanis Club. Mr. Seaver introduced two candidates from Taylor High School who they are sending to Ohio Boys State on behalf of the Three River’s Schools community. He explained how Ohio Boys State worked and what he hoped the young men got out of the program. The two candidates were Braden Sullivan and David Jake Webb. Mr. Seaver asked Council to ask the boys any questions they wished to and then encouraged the candidates to ask any questions they had of the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Stacy then acknowledged a guest speaker from Eagle Energy who wished to address Council about possibly establishing a successful gas & electric aggregation program for Village residents. He explained to Council how it works and benefits the residents. Residents would still be customers of Duke Energy and Duke Energy would still provide customer service and repair. Where you save is on the supply end which is now allowed through deregulation. He outlined the procedure and deadlines in order for Council to consider placing the initiative on the ballot in November. At this time a discussion was held and questions asked by Council with a notable question asked about whether or not residents could opt out and it was explained that they could, in fact, opt out. Eagle Energy representative explained the process of information residents of their options. Solicitor Hyle also explained the process from his experience with Green Township who currently offers this energy savings to their residents.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Mr. Hyle began his report by indicating he has drawn up legislation that would designate the Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Bolton, to represent elected officials who must take the Sunshine Law class. He then indicated due to some change in wording on the Resolution and agreement with the Three River’s School District, he is asking Council to adopt a new Resolution and supersede the previous one adopted previously by Council. He also had several other legislative items for Council, and following discussion, Council took the following action:

RESOLUTION # 8 – 2012 AUTHORIZE PUB IMPR AGREEMENT W/3 RIVERS SCHOOLS.
 A Motion to Adopt Resolution #8-2012 made by Pastrick; seconded by Nichols. ALL YEAS.

RESOLUTION # 9 – 2012 SUPPORT OF ‘WE THRIVE’ COMMUNITY WELLNESS
 A Motion to Adopt Resolution #9-2012 made by Meister; seconded by Nichols. ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE #2 – 2012 VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION & MAINT
 A Motion to Adopt Ordinance # 2-2012 made by Nichols; seconded by Meister. ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE #1 – 2012 ESTABLISHING POLICY ON ANIMALS
 A Motion to adopt Ordinance # 1-2012 made by Nichols; seconded by Randall. ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE # 4 – 2012

PROHIBITING PLACEMENT OF MUD & DEBRIS ON STREETS

A Motion to Introduce Ord #4-2012 made by Nichols; seconded by Meister. ALL YEAS.

A Motion to Suspend the Rules Read by Title Only by Nichols; seconded by Meister. ALL YEAS.

A Motion to Adopt Ord #4-2012 made by Nichols; seconded by Meister. ALL YEAS.

The Solicitor explained he had legislation prepared in the event Council wished to move forward with the placement of stop signs at Western Ridge and Western View. He was informed Council has elected not to move forward after receiving further information concerning State Law. He then also informed Council concerning an issue with an agreement with other municipalities concerning sharing the cost of old filming equipment given to political subdivisions so they could tape their meetings and turn the tapes into Time Warner to be shown on the community access channel. The equipment is getting older and in need of repair and The Village of Cleves is being asked if they wish to join forces with other communities and share in the cost of repairing or replacing this equipment. By consensus of Council, it was decided the Village of Cleves would decline participating in the use/repair of this equipment as it currently does not appropriate any monies to tape the meetings and they do not see that changing in the near future.

A Public Hearing of Council will be held on May 9th concerning a change in the Zoning Ordinance regarding the number of parking spaces required for new businesses. Solicitor Hyle also filled Council in on his progress in getting the new TIF together which will replace the TIF currently established. A discussion was held about this. The plans for the new TIF will be for thirty years and make the school district whole.

CLERK/TREASURER REPORT

Clerk Bolton asked Council to discuss the issue surrounding the Park Fund and whether or not they wish to request to the State Auditor that this Fund stay an independent fund. During training last fall, Clerk Bolton was given all the information needed in order for her to comply with State mandated fund classification requirements on the year-end financial statements for 2011. It was during this training she was able to determine we had one fund which was currently being considered a “restricted” fund when all the criteria was not in place to technically consider it restricted. A discussion was held about this, and **A Motion to Authorize the Clerk to Formally Request of the State Auditor that our current Park Fund 2041 Remain Independent and be Classified as a Restricted Fund made by Meyers; seconded by Nichols. ALL YEAS.**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Chief Renner began with a recap of the previous monthly detail reports. Ms. Meyers indicated she had heard crime numbers are up in the Village of North Bend and she asked if we are seeing any of that crime crossing the borders into Cleves and Chief Renner indicated he has not. The Chief also reported he was going to be increasing our Auxiliary force which would provide us additional coverage at no cost. He finished by informing everyone a fundraiser is being held on Wednesday, March 21st at Skyline Chili in Cleves to help offset burial costs for Sergeant Wright’s son, Justin.

Fire Chief Ober reviewed his previous monthly run totals. He recognized three of our police officers: Wright, Goddard and Naegle who responded to the scene of a non-breather and began CPR which proved to be very helpful to his EMS crew. Miami Township has ordered a new life squad and expects to have three squads in service by the end of this year. He is hoping to schedule a tour of their fire stations for anyone interested on Saturday, March 31st and lastly, he wanted Council to know his Fire Explorers helped at CCP with the Clean Up efforts by pressure cleaning some bleachers and the heliport areas.

Street Commissioner Duncan had nothing special to report and indicated he wanted to wait until the Street Committee report was made. The Mayor mentioned he has already been in contact with Miami Township

concerning working together and using each other's equipment and he will continue to explore other areas where we can work with our neighboring municipalities to the benefit of all of us.

COUNCIL & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Meyers, *Parks Committee Chair*, began her report by recapping the Park Committee Meeting held the night before. The following issues are being explored by the Park Committee: Establishing appropriate fees for rental of shelters; A dedicated part time park employee to work no more than 24 hours a week during specified months; Special events being scheduled this spring/summer including "Fly a Kite" Day in CCP on 4/22 and a Plant Exchange on 5/19 at the Gazebo; A possible rubber duck race held at Markland Creek on 8/4; and the idea of installing a pole in CCP with a special bird's nest on it. The Clerk took this opportunity thank all those involved in the Cleanup the Park Day and reported on the events success to Council.

Ms. Meister, *Public Works Utility Committee Chair*, reported she had emailed the Water Works minutes to everyone and the next BPA meeting is scheduled for March 21st. There is a drainage issue concerning some sidewalk at U.S. 50 currently being addressed and the list of hydrants in need of repair is getting smaller. It was clarified the hydrants in questions are not out of service, they are in need of repair due to leaking issues.

Ms. Randall, *Public Works Streets Chair*, began by indicating we have a storm water problem in a drain under Rt. 50 that is clogged and in need of repair. The cheapest estimate we have received is \$4,100 to unclog and remedy the situation. She also mentioned Maintenance has some anticipated needs in excess of the \$500 guideline and would like Council to approve the purchase of weed killer and paint for the curbs and crosswalks on the streets. Following discussion, **A Motion to Approve the Purchase of Weed Killer not to Exceed \$900 and Street Paint not to Exceed \$650 made by Randall; seconded by Pastrick. ALL YEAS.**

Ms. Nichols, *Safety Committee Chair*, indicated the Safety Committee Meeting was held on March 5th. The Fire Dept. is pleased with the working relationship they have with our Police Dept. Other issues discussed in Safety were: Bill is scheduled to attend a Sexual Assault Awareness training at a cost of \$150; RCIC-MDC program will be upgrading software and new mounts will be needed for the cruisers; and increased police coverage has been identified as one of the goals coming out of the goal-setting session that Chief Renner is looking to try to achieve. Ms. Pastrick asked about whether or not any further discussion has been held about a Resource Officer at the new school and this prompted a discussion about meetings the Chief has had with school administration and about possible grants out there for this position.

Ms. Pastrick, *Finance Committee Chair*, hoped everyone had received the minutes she emailed from the last Finance Meeting. Permanent appropriations are ready to be adopted tonight. The Finance Committee would like to increase the oversight of the Village expenses and one of the ways they are going to do this is to require that unbudgeted items go to Finance prior to be voted on at Council. She also clarified items which are normal, yearly expenditures exceeding \$500 need not go to finance and can be handled at the Council Meeting. A resident of Cleves, Jason Morsch, will be sitting in on Finance Committee Meetings as a resident advisor. Jason is a CPA and will be assisting the Finance Committee in helping to determine financial projections for future levy needs and any other insight he may be able to provide which would help Council with budgetary and investment decisions. The next Finance Meeting is on Wednesday, March 21st at 7:00 p.m.

At this time Clerk/Treasurer Bolton asked Council if they were ready to adopt the 2012 Appropriations.

ORDINANCE # 5 – 2012 2012 Permanent Appropriations

A Motion to Introduce Ord #5-2012 made by Pastrick; seconded by Meister. ALL YEAS.

A Motion to Suspend the Rules Read by Title Only by Pastrick; seconded by Meister. ALL YEAS.

A Motion to Adopt Ord #5-2012 made by Pastrick; seconded by Meister. ALL YEAS.

Mr. Santen, *Community Planning Chair*, was not in attendance but the Mayor reported on his behalf that our Building and Zoning officials as well as our solicitor are staying on top of the situation with the structure on Mt. Nebo Road and monitoring to assure the owner is meeting the deadlines that have been established. A Public Hearing of Council is going to be held in May addressing the changes to our zoning code concerning the number of parking spaces needed for new commercial development. Lastly he indicated Donna Weber has volunteered to get the current zoning code into a word document that can be easily updated when necessary.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Stacy asked Council to consider the purchase of some new chairs in the council chambers. His chair in particular can no longer be adjusted up or down and currently does not allow him to see over the ledge. Ms. Randall said her company is getting rid of some chairs and perhaps she can get them donated. The Mayor then asked Council to establish a new Committee of Council. He believes we should have a "Communications" committee which would address all Village communications needs with our website being one of them. He has asked Geri Meister to chair the committee and is hopeful Megan Randall, Linda Bolton and a Village Resident Steve Meyers will also agree to sit on the Committee. Following discussion, **A Motion to Form a new Committee of Council called "Communications" was made by Randall; seconded by Meister. ALL YEAS.**

He is also looking into establishing an "informal" committee to look into and make recommendations for possible Municipal Building Renovations. His intention is to have himself, Bev Meyers and Linda Bolton initially and try to find a Village resident with some architectural or construction background also participate on the committee. The thermostats have been installed and already are making a big difference in controlling the temperatures on both sides of the building.

Mayor Stacy also reported he has received our report back from the State concerning the testing in our back parking lot and he will be moving forward as instructed on Tier I B, the Investigation Report which needs to be completed by June unless we request an extension. A couple small issues he would like to see address is the repair of the town clock, the planting of a tree in memory of Jack Rininger Sr. and some computer problems in the Police Dept. Ms. Pastrick indicated she has had contact with a resident on Facebook who indicated he may be willing to help us get that clock repaired and she will try to touch base with him again. She also volunteered to check out all the computers in the Police Dept and Administration offices as well and see if she can evaluate what their upgrade or replacement needs may be.

Lastly, he reminded everyone the next Council Meeting would be a working session and would be held Wednesday, March 28th at 7:00 p.m. Jan regretfully announced she had made previous out of town plans before knowing we would be going back to two monthly meetings and would have to miss the next meeting.

A Motion to Adjourn made by Meister; seconded by Nichols. ALL YEAS.

Mayor Danny Stacy

Clerk/Treasurer Linda Bolton