

The Council Meeting held on September 20, 2012 was called to order by Mayor Stacy with the Pledge to the Flag. Members of Council present: Meister, Meyers, Nichols, Pastrick, Santen, and Randall. Clerk/Treasurer Bolton was present as was Solicitor Hyle..

Made By Seconded By

RESULTS

A Motion to Approve Previous Council Minutes Santen Meister

ALL YEAS

**Motion to Pay Warrants & Vouchers and Adopt
Pay Ordinance #15- 2012.** Santen Meister **ALL YEAS**

Mayor Stacy acknowledged the following residents and guests who wanted to address Council:

Greg Anness was unhappy he received a ticket for going the wrong way on the newly designated one-way Howell Street. He believes the fines and costs are too high. Solicitor Hyle explained the Village of Cleves has a magistrate who conducts Mayor's Court and has the authority to decide the penalty for breaking the law. If he wishes to, he can go to Court and appeal to the magistrate to dismiss.

Linda Tendunfeld shared with Council a piece of metal she has obtained from the collapsed World Trade Center in New York City. She is willing to loan this traveling piece of steel to any community who would like to display it for a while.

Lisa Cappel, from the Hamilton County Library gave an update about new things going on with the libraries. They will be transferring to a new on-line system and also doing some remodeling at the Cleves/Miami Township Branch. They are expanding their kids programs and with computer usage increasing they welcome any donations of computers for the library.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Frank asked that Council consider legislation allowing old property being held in our Police Department's property room to be destroyed. A discussion was held and the following action was taken:

RESOLUTION # 36-2012 DESTRUCTION OF POLICE PROPERTY PER COURT ORDER

A Motion to Adopt Res #36-2012 made by Santen; seconded by Nichols. ALL YEAS.

He will have more legislation ready for their consideration at future meetings concerning the regulation of sexually oriented businesses in the Village. He also indicated the Ohio Attorney General assists local municipalities in drafting appropriate legislation and if they use their sample drafts, they will give legal help and assist in defending any challenge to the laws. There will be a license fee of \$500 and that can be changed if the Village wishes to do so. He will forward draft copies before the next meeting.

CLERK/TREASURER REPORT

The Clerk informed Council of the status of her computer hard drive crash. The Audit report for Cleves has been filed and will be reviewed at the next Finance Meeting. The audit report was good overall. The budget was submitted and we are expecting documentation soon from the County accepting and approving our proposed budget for 2013.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Street Commissioner Duncan began his report by explaining he is going to need new tires for the F650 and he believes he will need approximately \$1400 for six tires. He has priced them out at multiple places and he is looking for "G" rated tires to handle the weight and loads of this F650. Our MSD problem at the Maintenance facility has been corrected. The Mayor took time to fully explain to Council the problems encountered at the Maintenance building. Mr. Santen indicated Drees had attended the last Planning Meeting and they were waiting for Harold to approve the streets. It was reported our Engineering firm has given the okay for saw cuts for storm drains. Ms. Nichols complimented Harold on how nice the Parks look as well as the memorial garden on the side of the municipal building.

Fire Chief Ober reviewed the August detail reports for EMS and Fire in Cleves. He also mentioned he is making progress on fire hydrant repairs.

Police Chief Renner started off by summarizing last month's detail reports. He reported his cruiser was involved in a small mishap when a vehicle being hauled on a trailer rolled off the trailer going up E. State Road. Our cruiser has been inspected and there is no damage. He will be holding our final shooting qualification for his officers next week. Our Department will be giving a presentation at the Bloc House on Saturday, 9/22 at 9:00 concerning domestic violence.

COUNCIL & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Meister, **Public Works Water & Utility Committee**, had nothing new to report at this time. Next Board of Public Affairs meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday and Communications meeting Monday, 9/24 at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Meyers, **Parks Committee Chair**, indicated at the last Park Board Meeting it was announced Park revenues are up. Plans are being made for a Twilight Walk to benefit our Canal Tunnel. She also had a conversation with Wayne Pole Barns and she believes they are looking into making plans to donate two small work huts for our Park employees. Lastly, the Park Committee discussed the placement of a Public Board in the tree area of the new Skatepark.

Nancy Nichols, **Safety Committee Chair**, mentioned Chief Renner and Chief Ober had already covered the items discussed at the last Safety Meeting with the exception of her involving truancy issues in the Village of Cleves. Chief Renner informed Ms. Nichols of the current procedures and cooperation with the school district to deal with any truancy problems.

Jan Pastrick, **Finance Committee Chair**, reviewed minutes from the Finance Committee meeting. Highlights included requests that Department Heads receive multiple bids on any capital spending items including those items the Village is looking to sell and/or trade in. Next Finance Meeting is scheduled for September 19th.

Megan Randall, **Public Works Streets Chair**, reviewed the following items from the last Street Committee Meeting: The Hamilton County Storm Water District representatives will be attending the next Street Meeting; Upcoming road salt purchase for this winter; and the opening of the Miami & Cooper Road Street project bids.

At this time a lengthy discussion took place about awarding the bid to the apparent lowest bidder, but due to the Clerk's computer hard drive crash we did not receive our Engineer's recommendation letter. It was decided we would wait until the next meeting before awarding this bid. At this time the Mayor explained to Council our Engineers believe we may have the possibility of installing sidewalks

on N. Miami on both sides of the street from Cooper to the post office at no cost to the Village. Discussion was held with Council overall supporting checking into the matter further as long as it would be at no additional cost to the Village. Concern was brought up there may not be enough room on the post office side to put sidewalks there closer to Cooper. The Mayor agreed he would further check into the possibility of sidewalks on both side of the street. Ms. Randall closed her Streets report by saying our Maintenance received a “Thank You” from the Water Works for help they have provided to them recently. As for our Facebook pages she also brought everyone up-to-date on the status of our Facebook pages.

Mr. Santen, *Community Planning Chair*, began by indicating he is still having problems with his water meter leaking again and he will be contacting Jim Wasserbauer. Drees attended Planning and is requesting another section of Coleman Woods be approved. A small business owner on N. Miami was also at Planning to review the process for him to request a change in zoning for his property. Ms. Pastrick provided more background on this property at N. Miami & Scott Streets; it has had a business operating on it for many years but is technically zoned residential. The SKYLINE sign on the guitar shop building is also being addressed and a decision on whether or not to change our current zoning ordinance to allow this kind of signage will also be determined.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Stacy will be meeting with the Three River’s School District son on Phase II of the Cooper/Miami street project. He will inform those interested as soon as he has a date and time. He wants everyone to step up efforts to get the information together and out to residents concerning the need for our safety-related operational levy request in November.

He is still working on problems on Sweitzer’s property and blocking access to the river. Mayor Stacy again informed everyone he is forwarding any and all complaints about the Water Works and fire hydrants to Eric Winhusen and the Water Board.

Ralph Meierjohan asked about the low bid results on Miami and Cooper Road project. The Clerk indicated she had a typed listing of all of the results if they wanted her to go get one. A discussion was held about this and the Clerk indicated she would make sure Mayor and Council got a copy of those bid results.

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

Mayor Danny Stacy

Clerk/Treasurer Linda Bolton