

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of VILLAGE OF CLEVES Council Meeting Held on _____, 2014.

The Council Meeting held on Wednesday, August 27th, 2014 was opened by Mayor Stacy with the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk Bolton performed roll call with all members of Council present with the exception of Ms. Pastrick who was expected to arrive sometime during the meeting. Clerk Bolton and Solicitor Hyle were both present.

A Motion to Approve Minutes from the previous Council Meeting was made by Nichols; seconded by T. Myers. ALL YEAS. A Motion to Pay Warrants & Vouchers and Adopt Pay Ordinance # 16 – 2014 made by Nichols; seconded by Meister. ALL YEAS.

The Mayor began by recognizing Mr. James Lee from the Ohio Public Utilities Commission. Mr. Lee wanted to introduce himself to Council and inform them of the new website which is equipped to put a lot of information in consumer's hands about their various energy options and a comparison of all the aggregations and rates in the state. He encouraged members of Council and the Mayor to check out the new website. Some discussion was held about various aggregation issues and the current status of the Village's aggregation agreements recently signed with IGS.

Next to address Council was Kate Fenton from the TRSD and she mentioned several upcoming programs being planned at the school: Character Education program at the Elementary and High School levels; Open Houses to meeting the teachers; Improvement of morning drop off procedures; and Festivities and events being planned for the new Football and Track Stadium opening on September 5th. Ms. Nichols asked about whether there is a need for reading tutor volunteers with the new third grade reading mandate and Ms. Fenton said she would check into what volunteer opportunities exist at the school. Ms. Bolton asked about the anti-bullying program and at what age it is started? Ms. Fenton indicated she believed in the elementary levels.

SOLICITOR LEGAL REPORT

Solicitor Hyle had no legislative business for Council and nothing special to report.

CLERK/TREASURER REPORT

Clerk/Treasurer Bolton indicated the first weekend of soccer season seemed to go well. She believes the new signs with directions to the fields have helped everyone to the right parking area and to their right fields. She also mentioned she had recently sent the paperwork to the County to have garbage and water lines placed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

No departmental reports normally given at the second meeting of the month.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Ms. Meister, Safety Committee Chair, had nothing special to report except to remind everyone the next Safety Committee will be held September 8th, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. Nothing special at the recent BPA Meeting except a complaint about an employee taking a vehicle home is being addressed. She has asked them to forward their minutes for inclusion on our website and their next meeting is scheduled for 9/16 at 2:00 p.m.

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Ms. Nichols, Park Committee Chair, had nothing special for Parks to report other than what has been previously reported by Ms. Bolton and the next Park Meeting would be held September 9th. She also mentioned she would be looking for plants and better dirt for the memorial garden and a discussion was held about this issue.

Ms. Tiffiney Myers, Planning & Zoning Committee Chair, had nothing special to report.

Ms. Randall, Public Works Committee Chair, indicated Harold Duncan wanted to thank those who have recently helped with a problem we were having with some of our traffic signal lights. She also wanted to discuss the glow necklaces we would be purchasing for Halloween and the Mayor reminded her he would be donating toward the purchase of those glow necklaces. A discussion was held about the exact number to purchase.

Mr. Steve Myers, Communication Committee Chair, had nothing to report as well.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Stacy began his report by mentioning he had a recent meeting with Dan Blanton, Miami Township Trustee, Doug Sammonds, Mayor of North Bend and himself and Bev Meyers with Satoli Glassmeier, a gentleman who spoke to them about putting together a quick flash video promoting our communities and their strong historical significance. A discussion was held about this and other possible applications for this video including the possible creation of an app for Cleves. Steve Myers indicated he would into this possibility. The Mayor also indicated he met with North Bend's Mayor, Doug Sammonds, about future development along the riverfront in North Bend. Mayor Stacy would like to form a Committee with Jan Pastrick and Tiffiney Myers on it to look into possible development along the river since we own property along that river as well. The Clerk reminded the Mayor we have a contract with the local ski club that leases that property from us. She would look up the contract and get a copy to Frank for his review.

Mayor Stacy next reported of the various problems that we had with the Gravelrama Parade and their blatant disregard for the guidelines that were established when the parade permit was issued. The major issue was the tossing of candy from moving vehicles which presents a safety hazard to children along the parade route. A discussion was held about this issue. (Ms. Pastrick arrived during this discussion.) Ms. Meister mentioned her father indicated he was involved in a lot of parades and ours was the only one that allowed candy to be thrown from the moving vehicles. Everyone was disappointed that the coordinators of the Gravelrama parade chose to ignore our safety mandates. This issue will be examined further before future parade permits are granted.

Mayor Stacy mentioned several other issues: Harrison Avenue Pre-Construct Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Friday; A meeting with ODOT concerning our sign issues and Route 50 being a scenic byway on Friday as well; and another Friday meeting with John Tisch regarding the construction of his new building on South Miami.

The Mayor's Court Case with Mr. Pessler has been closed due to an agreement that was reached between Mr. Pessler and the Village. The Mayor went over the details of the agreement with Council and the proposed timeline for completion. The Mayor then began a discussion with Council concerning the terms of our Gas & Electric Aggregation Agreement with IGS to supply services to Village residents for three years at a rate of 5.87. Mr. Myers had some questions about the "opt out" process and why our residents need to "opt out" instead of "opt in." The Solicitor explained that the "opt out" option is the one chosen by most municipalities. Solicitor Hyle reminded everyone we did lose the summer because of problems with the original provider who backed out at the last minute. Ms. Nichols wondered how we could avoid that happening again and another discussion was held about this issue. Our current multi-year agreement will help avoid that happening again.

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The Mayor then mentioned Cincinnati Bell Wireless will soon be getting out of the cell phone business and the Village will need to explore other cell phone options. Nextel/Sprint is not a good option for us because that is who we had previously and we good not get service in much of our Village. Ms. Pastrick indicated the Finance Committee will put this issue on the agenda.

Ms. Meister asked Ms. Randall to pass on to Harold that the weeds need to be taken care of around the skate park. She feels we need to maintain our property like we are expecting our residents to maintain theirs.

A Motion to Adjourn made by S. Myers; seconded by Ms. Meister. ALL YEAS.

MAYOR DANNY STACY

CLERK LINDA BOLTON