

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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Minutes of VILLAGE OF CLEVES Council Meeting Held on October 14, 2020.

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

**Motion to Approve Previous Council Meeting Minutes from September 9, 2020 with a correction by Ms. Meister was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mrs. Brady. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**A Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes for the Emergency Council Meeting Minutes from September 29, 2020 was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mrs. Brady. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**A Motion to Adopt of Pay Ordinance #10-2020 was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded Mr. Williams. ALL IN FAVOR.**

## HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Chuck Birkholtz, Coleberry Ct., asked about the Pay Ordinance Council reviews and approves. Solicitor Nicholas provided a copy of the Ordinance to Mr. Birkholtz. Mr. Birkholtz asked about the details of the contract with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department. A brief discussion was had.

## SOLICITOR'S REPORT

**RESOLUTION NO. 8 – 2020 - AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO 2020 CARES ACT LOCAL JURISDICTION AGREEMENT WITH THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO BE USED TO REIMBURSE THE VILLAGE FOR EXPENSITURES INCURRED DUE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY KNOWN AS COVID-19.**

Mrs. Myers moved to approve Resolution No. 8-2020 - AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO 2020 CARES ACT LOCAL JURISDICTION AGREEMENT WITH THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO BE USED TO REIMBURSE THE VILLAGE FOR EXPENSITURES INCURRED DUE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY KNOWN AS COVID-19, Seconded by Mrs. Brady. ALL IN FAVOR.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9 – 2020 - TO ACCEPT PARCELS TITLED IN THE NAME OF THE DREES COMPANY INTO THE VILLAGE OF CLEVES.**

Mrs. Myers moved to approve Resolution No. 9-2020 TO ACCEPT PARCELS TITLED IN THE NAME OF THE DREES COMPANY INTO THE VILLAGE OF CLEVES, Seconded by Mr. Williams. ALL IN FAVOR.

## DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

### FIRE

Acting Chief Lacy was not in attendance.

### WATER

Water Superintendent Eric Winhusen advises that 33.342 million gallons were pumped in September. He stated that 900 ft. of the Gum Run extension was complete. The entire project on Gum Run consists of 1,080 ft. The Mt. Nebo portion of the Miami Township Extension will begin after Gum Run is completed.

### SERVICE

Service Director Knuf reported that the storm water-piping project to eliminate storm water from Monteith Street onto North Miami should be completed this week. He also said the Department had assisted North Bend with work on the US 50 Barrier Wall. Mr. Knuf also reported a large section of pavement on Aston View Ln. had been repaired by cutting and removing the failing blacktop and replacing the entire area.

### POLICE

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Sgt. Schlasinger and Captain Butler were in attendance. Sgt. Schlasinger reported the transition was going well. He noted that they had additional officers on duty to assist with the Church's Halloween celebration on October 10<sup>th</sup> and the public has welcomed them.

Captain Butler thanked the Village for the opportunity to serve as the Village Police Dept. He reported that the Property Room contents had been transferred to the Sheriff's property division. He said the Sheriff would be providing School Resource Officers to the Three Rivers Schools. He also stated that three of the Village Police Vehicles had been remarked and were in service in the Village. Ms. Meister asked about the number of Vehicles. Captain Butler explained that he and Mr. Rahall had reviewed the vehicles and determined that retaining the third car, which was in better condition than previously thought, would extend the life of the Village Fleet. The oldest of the cars will be used for the SRO vehicle.

Ms. Meister expressed that she felt Council should have been consulted on this or notified. Mr. Rahall explained that no contract had been finalized with the Sheriff due to the pending Legal Proceedings. Ms. Meister stated Council should have been notified the third car would be used and she felt they should have to approve things like this. She stated she wanted to be informed of these types of decisions.

Mr. Burns asked about current Village Officers and the transfer of intellectual property regarding the Village between our staff and County Officers. Capt. Butler said they were able to gather information from the Village staff as well as County Officers who covered the immediate surrounding areas who had assisted the Village Officers in the past. He stated he felt the officers were aware of hot spots and problem locations. Mr. Burns asked about the status of the Village Officers. Captain Butler said the Vetting process was not complete on the Full Time Officers.

## VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Village Administrator Rahall stated the Specifications for Miami Ave. are being completed and expected the project to go out for bids in the early spring.

Ms. Meister asked about the status of our Police Officers. Mr. Rahall stated that Officer Habig is still on duty and working with former officers to collect village property and to transfer the department information to the Sheriff's Department. Ms. Meister asked if all the Village Equipment had been turned in. Mr. Rahall said yes. He said the plan was to offer the officers their service revolvers at a rate of 50% of the cost to the Village, which is consistent with the Hamilton County Sheriff's policy. Ms. Meister stated she felt that it should be a decision made by council. She asked Mr. Nicholas if a Resolution should be voted on by Council to make the decision. Mr. Nichols said it would not have to be but could be if all of Council wanted or felt the needs to do so. Mrs. Myers asked if the Village paid for the firearms originally. Ms. Meister stated she was not opposed to the idea, but feels Council should approve it. Mr. Rahall stated he would work with Mr. Nicholas to prepare a resolution, noting that nothing could be finalized until the legal proceedings are resolved.

## COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Myers reported that there had been no Committee Meeting due to the resurgence of COVID-19 in the area causing the County Alert Level to change to Red.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

### Mayor's Report:

#### 1. October Service Anniversaries

- a. Doug Nicholas – Solicitor & Prosecutor: 9 years
- b. Mike Litteral – Water Works Dept.: 8 years

#### 2. Mayor's Court Report - September

- a. Total Received \$2,670.00
- b. Disbursed to Cleves: \$1,946.00
- c. Hamilton County Auditor: \$7.50
- d. State of Ohio: \$391.50

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**Mayor Myers asked if there was any Additional Business:**

Mr. Burns stated that Mr. Oppenheimer brought up an issue of exploring the idea of placing the Agenda on the Website so the residents could see what is scheduled to be discussed at the meetings. He suggested the Documents sent to Council could be placed on the website. Mayor Myers said he thought it was possible, but it could lead to confusion if things were to change prior or during the meeting. Mr. Burns asked about proposed Ordinances, Resolutions and Pay Ordinances. Solicitor Nichols explained to those in attendance that many time Council only received the Title of the Proposed Ordinances and Resolutions because they are not complete at the time of distribution to Council before the meeting. Mr. Burns suggested perhaps just posting the proposed agenda but further discussions may need to be had before doing so.


**There being no further business:**

**A Motion to Adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:40 P.M. was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mrs. Peter.**

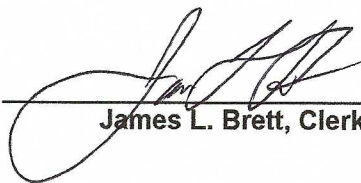
Ms. Meister asked that the Mayor recognize a question from the audience. Mr. Myers agreed. Mr. Ron Meister questioned the installation of the pipe and pipe size that Service Director John Knuf is using for the drainage project on North Miami at Monteith that was discussed earlier. After a long discussion, Mr. Knuf invited Mr. Meister to meet him at the site on Thursday morning to view the project with him. Mr. Meister agreed. There being no further discussion, Mayor Myers asked that the question for Adjournment having been properly moved and seconded be called.

The roll call vote at 7:54 P.M. to Adjourn resulted as:

**ALL IN FAVOR.**



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Mayor Stephen Myers



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James L. Brett, Clerk of Council