

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of VILLAGE OF CLEVES Council Meeting Held on July 14, 2021.

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 June 9, 2021 was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mr. Williams. ALL IN FAVOR.

A Motion to Adopt of Pay Ordinance #7-2021 was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded Mrs. Brady. ALL IN FAVOR.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Dale Oppenheimer asked about the Mayors Court Status, saying it was cancelled at the last minute. Mayor Myers and Administrator Rahall explained that as stated at the June Meeting the Mayor's Court was suspended, not eliminated. Mr. Oppenheimer also asked about the Bridgetown Rd. Paving. Mr. Rahall stated it was on the schedule for this year, and the State of Ohio Highway Department indicated it would be finished this fall.

SPECIAL GUESTS

NONE

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

RESOLUTION 15 – 2021 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2022 TAX BUDGET.

The Tax Budget Hearing was held immediately prior to the Council Meeting.
Mrs. Myers moved to Approve Resolution 15-2021: seconded by Mrs. Brady.

ALL IN FAVOR

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

POLICE

Lt. Stucky attended and provided the following information. The statistics for June 2021 included 189 calls for service bringing the total for the year to 995. Of the calls 56 were non-billable, bringing that total to 318 for the year.

FIRE

Fire Chief Brien Lacey was unable to attend. Administrator, Mike Rahall, said the Chief provided the Department run totals in the Village for June as follows: 8 Fire details, and 36 EMS details. The Chief asked that Mr. Rahall announce that the Spring Hydrant Inspections were complete and passed. The Helicopter Landing Area in the Park had been approved by Air Care as a designated landing area. Mayor Myers asked if any maintenance would be needed and Mr. Rahall said he would check with the Chief. June 10th & 23rd were Touch A Truck events at TREC with the Sheriff.

SERVICE

Service Director Knuf reported that the heavy rain on June 19th had flooded the Police/Council Chambers building basement. The rainfall also caused a storm sewer collapse which is being repaired as well as creek clean outs. Has also been cutting grass, trees and bushes within the Village. Working on graffiti clean up at the gazebo.

WATER

Superintendent, Mr. Eric Winhusen stated that 24 million gallons were pumped in June. He also stated that 7 portable pressure tanks had been place throughout the system (2 more coming) to maintain pressure while the Rittenhouse Tank was being rehabilitated. Rittenhouse Tank will be out of service for 8-9 weeks and asks customers to reduce water usage if possible during this time.

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VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Village Administrator, Mr. Mike Rahall stated that the structure, a former single-family residence, at 299 Lower River Rd. had collapsed. The Building Inspector had previously condemned the property and he had already spoke to the Port Authority about the property. He said he will be checking with them now to see if any funding is available to help with the demolition costs. Mrs. Myers asked if the cost could be placed on the Property Tax Bill as a lien. Mr. Rahall said yes, and he will be taking steps to do so. He said should we receive funding from any agency he will work with them to assure they can assume the lien. He stated the property had been abandoned in 2018 and sold at the County Sheriff's Sale in 2020 to an out of state purchaser. The taxes have remained unpaid since then.

Mr. Rahall said work continues on the CDBG Park Grant. He also noted that we will be receiving funding from the American Rescue Plan. The allowable uses have just been released in a 151-page document which he will be reviewing. He said he hoped the funding would allow for storm drainage projects such as the need to address the flooding in the PD/Council Building and other stormwater projects.

Mr. Rahall discussed a meeting he attended with The Village of North Bend, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department and Hamilton County Administrator, Mr. Jeff Aluotto. The meeting was to discuss Sheriff's coverage for the western portion of the County. He said the discussion revolved around a Western Division to cover Whitewater, Crosby, Miami and Harrison Townships along with the Villages of Cleves and North Bend. The costs to the communities was discussed. He said the current proposal would have our contribution remain at our current rate for the next two years and then increase over the following years. He noted that this was the first of what is expected to be many discussions on the subject.

Mayor Myers asked Mr. Rahall if we had an amount of money we were expecting to receive from the American Recovery Plan. Mr. Rahall stated that the number has changed but currently he hopes to receive somewhere around \$350,000. He said he was hesitant to give an exact number until we were officially notified, noting that earlier projections had started out somewhere near \$660,000. He said we will have 2 years to spend the funding and once we have the exact number we can begin prioritizing projects for the funds.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Myers announce that there were no Committee Meetings held in July, he asked if any Council Members had anything to discuss. There were no items brought forth to be discussed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Service Anniversaries:

Rusty Alexander – Water Works
John Knuf – Service Department

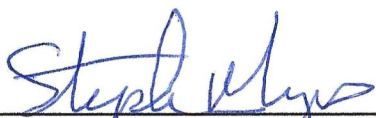
1. Mayor's Court Report – May 2021

- a. Total Received: \$420.00
- b. Disbursed to Cleves: \$395.00
- c. Hamilton County Auditor: \$0.00
- d. State of Ohio: \$25.00

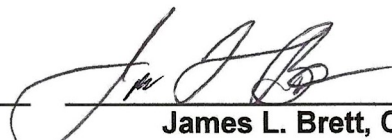
There being no further business:

**A Motion to Adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:23 P.M. was made by Mrs. Myers;
seconded by Mr. Williams.**

ALL IN FAVOR.



Mayor Stephen Myers



James L. Brett, Clerk of Council