

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of VILLAGE OF CLEVES Council Meeting Held on November 10, 2021

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

Motion to Approve Previous Council Meeting Minutes from October 13, 2021 was made by Mrs. Brady; seconded by Ms. Meister. ALL IN FAVOR.

A Motion to Adopt of Pay Ordinance #11-2021 was made by Mrs. Brady.; seconded Ms. Meister. ALL IN FAVOR.

A Motion to excuse Mrs. Myers' absence was made by Mr. Burns; seconded Mrs. Brady. ALL IN FAVOR.

A Motion to excuse Mrs. Peter's absence was made by Mrs. Brady; seconded Mr. Burns. ALL IN FAVOR.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Ms. Layne Seifert, 295 Lower River Rd. asked about the status of the property next to her home. Administrator, Mr. Mike Rahall, explained that the Village is in the process of trying to acquire the property. Ms. Siefert said there were people dumping garbage on the property and she was hopeful the village could acquire the property. Mr. Rahall said the owner has an opportunity to pay the back taxes and retain the property, but we are hopeful the Village is successful. Ms. Siefert also asked if there was something that could be done about the speeding in the area of Lower River Rd. Mr. Rahall said we would request a speed trailer from the Sheriff that could be placed there to remind drivers of their speed. Sgt. Carney, from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department confirmed the location and said he would have Officers spend more time in the area.

Mr. Dale Oppenheimer, 607 Greyleaf Ct. stated he had three questions:

1. He asked what the plans were for the property the old water tower, which was removed, were. Mr. Eric Winhusen, Water Works Superintendent, said the property would be sold. Mr. Oppenheimer asked when? Mr. Rahall and Mr. Winhusen both said early Spring of 2022.
2. Mr. Oppenheimer said he had asked Mr. Rahall via email about Plan Examinations. He said he was told the Village has a Certified Master Planner. Mr. Rahall replied that our Building Inspector is a certified Architect, Mr. Don Mercer.
3. Mr. Oppenheimer asked about the future of the Operating Levy. Mr. Rahall said there appears to be 24 votes still outstanding which may be counted when Provisional Ballots are counted. Mr. Rahall said the expected date for the final tally is November 18, 2021. Mr. Oppenheimer asked if the Public would be invited to discuss the levy if it does not pass. He also asked if the discussion would be at a Finance Committee Meeting. Mr. Rahall said yes, at a Finance Committee meeting and also at the Council Meeting with the entire Council. Mr. Oppenheimer asked if those meetings are Public Meetings. Mr. Rahall said yes.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Resolution 17-2021: RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

Mr. Rahall and Mr. Brett briefly explained the purpose of the Resolution.

A Motion to approve Resolution 17-2021 was made by Mrs. Brady; seconded Ms. Meister. ALL IN FAVOR.

ORDINANCE NO. 3 – 2021: AN ORDINANCE MOVING THE VILLAGE OF CLEVES REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING FROM DECEMBER 8, 2021 TO DECEMBER 9, 2021.

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A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #3-2021 moving the Village of Cleves Regular Monthly Council Meeting form December 8, 2021 to December 9, 2021 was made by Ms. Meister; seconded by Mrs. Brady.
ALL IN FAVOR.

A Motion to Suspend the Rules and Read By Title Only for Ordinance #3-2021 moving the Village of Cleves Regular Monthly Council Meeting form December 8, 2021 to December 9, 2021 was made by Ms. Meister seconded by Mr. Burns.
ALL IN FAVOR.

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance #3-2021 moving the Village of Cleves Regular Monthly Council Meeting form December 8, 2021 to December 9, 2021 was made by Ms. Meister; seconded by Mr. Burns.
ALL IN FAVOR.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

POLICE

Sgt. Mike Carney provided the following information. The statistics for October 2021 included 194 calls for service. The year to date calls include 98 criminal reports, 50 non-criminal calls 22 auto accidents and 28 citations have been issued.

Administrator Rahall introduced Sgt. Carney, who was attending his first meeting, stating he is taking over for Sgt. Schlasinger. Mr. Rahall welcomed the Sgt. and said he has 31 years of service with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department.

FIRE

Fire Chief Brien Lacy provided the following department run totals for the Village for October: 3 Fire details and 28 EMS details. The Chief reported that staffing levels have been maintained despite the shortage of part time firefighters throughout the region. He stated the department had completed 45 hours of training in October. He also reported that the departments Honor Guard had participated in a 9-11 Ceremony in Loveland. Chief Lacy said the new station on East Miami is taking shape and the new building will be a multi-purpose Fire Building accommodating a training facility as well as daily firefighting services. He said the opening is expected to be sometimes in late February of 2022. Chief Lacy thanked the Local Masonic Lodge for their First Responders Appreciation Day. He announced that the Department had a new look to its website and that trick or treat went well. Mr. Burns asked about the availability for the Department to help Santa arrive on December 4th for the Christmas Walk. The Chief said he was sure they could assist Santa.

SERVICE

Service Director Knuf stated the Soccer Tournament had went very well. A lot of work went into the park prep and clean up. He said the final grass cutting of the year was complete and they would be working on the Christmas decorations in the coming weeks. Mr. Burns said he would be getting together with Mr. Knuf to coordinate the Christmas Walk preparations because Mr. Knuf said he needed a plan from Mr. Burns.

WATER

Superintendent, Mr. Eric Winhusen stated that 24 million gallons were pumped in October. He announced the first phase of the new water meter installation had been complete and they will be starting on phase 2 as soon as parts are available. He said most of the necessary parts will not be available until February 2022. Mr. Burns asked about the final cost for the Rittenhouse Tank Rehab. Mr. Winhusen said the structural repairs that were discovered after the tank was drained had added about \$200,000.00 to the project.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Village Administrator, Mr. Mike Rahall stated the Trunk or Treat had went great. Sgt, Carney agreed, everything went well. Mr. Rahall said the final layer of blacktop on 264 would be placed after Thanksgiving or whenever the weather cooperates. Ms. Meister asked if the overlay would correct the manhole height issues. Mr. Rahall said

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yes. Mr. Rahall also said a preconstruction meeting on the CDBG Parks project was held. It appears the equipment will not be available until March, 2022, weather permitting/flooding. The contractor indicated it would take about 3 weeks to get everything installed once the equipment arrives, weather permitting. Mr. Rahall discussed the Levy Vote. He said there appears to be 24 potential provisional or absentee ballots that may be counted on November 18/19. He said of the 2193 registered voters in the Village of Cleves, 393 cast a vote on the levy question. The current voting stands at 199 against and 194 in favor. In other Levy results related to the Village of Cleves, he said the Miami Twp. Levy passed 55% to 45%. The Village of Cleves tally was 197 against and 194 in favor. The County Park Levy passed 53% to 47%. The Village of Cleves tally was 268 against and 124 in favor. The Children's Services Levy passed 58% to 42%. The Village of Cleves tally was 266 against and 125 in favor.

Mr. Rahall announced that a Medical Marijuana Dispensary had applied for a license to operate in Ohio in the old Skyline building. Mr. Rahall said he had researched other communities where Dispensary's have been operating and there were no issues. He reported that 240 licenses will be issued in southern and central Ohio. The average age of those with a Medical Marijuana Prescription is 59 years old. The site expects to employ 20 to 25 people. The closest Dispensary to the Village of Cleves is in Columbia Township. He spoke with them and they have had no issues with the establishments. Mr. Rahall said that Council would have to come to a consensus on what to do about the levy once we learn the final outcome of the election. Mr. Burns asked about the timing. Mr. Rahall replied that in order to be on the ballot in May we have to have everything submitted by February 2, 2022. Mr. Burns asked about the funding from the levy. Mr. Rahall said the 2021 revenue was from 2020. The levy will not generate anything in 2022. A New Levy to replace the existing one would begin in 2023.

COUNCIL REPORTS

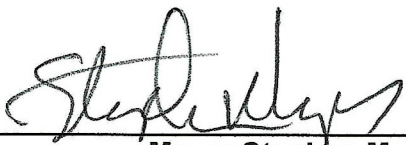
PARKS

Mr. Burns said the Committee discussed the Soccer Tournament and compliments were made to Mr. Knuf on the field conditions. Mr. Burns said the timing and equipment usage had been adjusted to get the fields into excellent shape. Mr. Burns hopes to have financial information on the season available next month. He noted that the BMX Track would be roped off next year to keep children from playing on the track when its muddy. He also said there would be some adjustments made to the parking locations next year. Mr. Burns said the Christmas Walk in the Village was discussed. He said the Village portion of the day would run from 2PM until 6PM. He gave a brief overview of activities this year. Santa will arrive at 2PM and the Tree Lighting will be at 5PM.

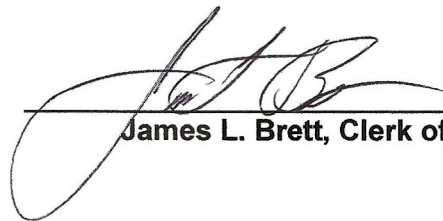
Vice Mayor Williams said there were no other Committee Meetings and he had no Mayors Report to present.

There being no further business:

**A Motion to Adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:40 P.M. was made by Mr. Burns; seconded by Mrs. Brady.
ALL IN FAVOR.**



Mayor Stephen Myers



James L. Brett, Clerk of Council