

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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Minutes of VILLAGE OF CLEVES Council Meeting Held on September 13, 2023

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Mayor Stephen Myers began the Council Meeting at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call was taken. Ms. Boyce, Mr. Williams, Ms. Meister, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Hume, and Mr. Burns were present. Village Administrator Rahall was also present.

Motion to Approve Tax Budget Hearing Minutes from July 12, 2023, was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mr. Williams.

**Roll Call Vote: Ms. Boyce, Yes, Mr. Williams, Yes, Ms. Meister, Abstained, Mrs. Myers Yes, Mr. Hume, No, and Mr. Burns, Yes.**

Motion to Approve Previous Council Meeting Minutes from July 12, 2023, was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mr. Burns.

**Roll Call Vote: Ms. Boyce, Yes, Mr. Williams, Yes, Ms. Meister, Abstained, Mrs. Myers Yes, Mr. Hume, No, and Mr. Burns, Yes.**

Motion to Approve Special Council Meeting Minutes from October 2, 2023, was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Ms. Meister. **ALL IN FAVOR**

A Motion to Adopt of Pay Ordinance # 8-2023 was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded Mr. Burns. **ALL IN FAVOR**

A Motion to Adopt of Pay Ordinance # 9-2023 was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded Mr. Williams. **ALL IN FAVOR**

## **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

**Ms. Monica Maddy**, asked if the Village had Ordinances. Mayor Myers replied yes. Ms. Maddy asked who enforces them. Mayor Myers asked which ordinances. Administrator Rahall said Mr. Ed Lindenschmidt is now enforcing zoning ordinances if that was the question. Ms. Maddy said she expects better when the Village gets seven million dollars from the new levy. Mr. Rahall corrected her, saying it is a seven-mill levy, not a seven-million-dollar levy. She then stated she has videos of drug addicts and homeless people at the Sealey residence at 119 N. Miami. She stated she received a restraining order against a Sealy at that address today.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

**Mr. Nicholas was not in attendance. Mr. Rahall presented his items for consideration.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 13 – 2023- A Resolution Approving Joining the Hamilton County Public Health “We Thrive” program.**

**A Motion to approve Resolution 13-2023 was made by Mrs. Myers. Seconded by Ms. Meister.**

**ALL IN FAVOR**

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

### **POLICE**

Sgt Carney was not in attendance. Corporal Smeag from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department had arrived late at the start of the meeting. Mayor Myers asked him to present his report to Council. He stated the information on calls for service for the month of August 2023. The statistics included 164 calls for service, 102 of which were considered non-billable. The calls included 13 criminal reports, 3 non-criminal and 7 auto accident reports.

Ms. Boyce complimented the Sheriff's response to the accident at US 50 and Cooper involving the School district employee. Mr. Hume thanked Mr. Rahall for getting together with Dr. Ault so quickly to keep everyone informed on the steps being taken to review the traffic light situation. Ms. Meister asked about ODOT's involvement. Mr. Rahall said initially they said we could not make changes, but then changed their stance allowing us to make changes if needed. Mr. Rahall said they are assessing changing the Turn Arrow sequence. He stated traffic records only showed 5 accidents in the past 5 years at that intersection.

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Mr. Hume said he travels St Rt 32 in Clermont County regularly, and suggested we look into flashing yellow caution lights saying "be prepared to stop". Mrs. Myers asked if the timing of the light could be adjusted. Mr. Rahall said that is being looked at. Mr. Burns asked about lowering the speed limit. Mr. Rahall said that was not on the table at this time because of the timing of lights along US 50 in total.

### FIRE

Lt. Jack Bonnert presented the information provided by the Fire Department. Run totals for the Village for August were: 9 Fire details, and 34 EMS details. He said there were multiple fire hydrants out of service. Mrs. Myers asked Water Superintendent, Mr. Eric Winhusen, how many Cleves Water Works Hydrants are actually currently out of service. He stated 8, including 6 that had been hit by a vehicle and stolen. They are being replaced as replacements are available. He also stated some of the missing hydrants have been stolen multiple times.

### SERVICE

Service Director Mr. Knuf stated they are catching up on clearing weeds along the roadways. He also said potholes were being patched with hot mix blacktop. He stated the brush along Morgan Street had been cut back in July and the GaGa Ball Court had been installed in the park. Ms. Meister asked about clearing some of the silt material out of the creek. She asked if the project could be done before winter. Mr. Knuf said he would get estimates for the work and check on the time frame the contractors could complete the work. Mr. Hume asked about a pothole at US 50 and St Rt 264. Mr. Knuf said it would be patched with Hot mix and is on his list. Mr. Williams asked about the RR crossing at the Park entrance. Mr. Knuf said he has it on his list as well. Mr. Williams asked if the RR should make the repair. Mr. Knuf said they should, but in the interest of the residents using the park, it was not worth waiting on them, based on their responses in the past and they would just put loose gravel in the area.

### WATER

Mr. Winhusen stated 25 million gallons were pumped in August. He stated the Phase III meter installation for all 5/8-inch meters will be complete by the end of the month.

### MAYOR MYERS

The Mayor said that Mrs. Bernard, from the Hamilton County Library, was unable to attend, but she had provided information on upcoming events that will be on the Village website. He also stated that Zoning and Property Inspector, Mr. Ed Lindenschmidt, is working with the owner at 119 N. Miami to bring them into compliance with the Village Regulations/Ordinances.

### VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Village Administrator, Mr. Rahall, reported on the following items:

He updated Council on the sidewalk issue on St Rt 264/E. State, saying we are getting cost estimates together and he will have a Resolution to place the cost on the tax bills when we have the actual costs. He said he had met with Dr. Ault regarding the light at US 50 and Cooper. He said Dr. Ault said it was just a tragic accident, and he appreciated the Village looking into ways to prevent accidents in the future. Mr. Rahall stated that research on accidents at that location showed less accident than other intersections on US 50 over the past few years. Mr. Rahall said Soccer Season continues and the end of the year Tournament is scheduled for the last week in October. He announced that the Taylor High School Homecoming Parade is scheduled for October 6, 2023. He said there would be a twilight walk from the Presbyterian Church to Harrison's Tomb on October 8, 2023. Mr. Burns asked about the events that led up to the sidewalk issue on St Rt 264 becoming our issue. Mr. Rahall and Mr. Knuf explained the issue and the final resolution that it would be repaired and placed on the tax bills. Ms. Meister asked if the bill would be split between the 8-individual condos. Mr. Rahall said yes.

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## COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **Parks**

Mr. Burns updated on the Parks Meetings for August and September. He said the August meeting focused on the GaGa Ball Court and that he had contacted Representative Cindy Abrams about concerns regarding the Rail Road Crossing leading to the Park. The September meeting focused on trees to be placed near the new playground equipment. The upcoming round of CDBG grant cycle was discussed with additions to the Village playground Equipment being a possible target for funding. He discussed additional pickleball courts and said he would look at the data from our last survey to gauge the interest in other activities. Mr. Hume asked about moving and upgrading the skate park. Mr. Burns said it had not been assessed but he felt it would be good to look at any options. Mr. Hume suggested anyone who has the opportunity, to look at the Delhi park and park in Lawrenceburg for examples. He said the Christmas Walk was not covered, but would be the focus of upcoming meetings. Ms. Boyce commented that the Farmers Market sponsored by the Beautifications committee was doing better than expected.

### **Finance**

Ms. Meister stated they discussed repairs to the Water Works F-450. She said Mr. Brett explained that because of the expenses in moving the meter project up and having purchased a vehicle already this year, Mr. Winhusen and Mr. Rahall had opted to repair the 2016 vehicle. The upcoming Levy was discussed and Mr. Brett provided an update on what elected officials were permitted to do in support of a levy initiative.

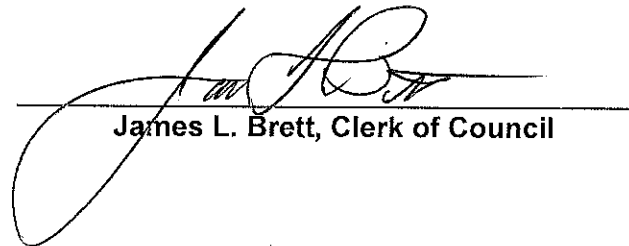
### **Mayors Report**

Mayor Myers reported that he had nothing to add at this time.

**There being no further business:**

**A Motion to Adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:43 P.M. was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Ms. Meister  
ALL IN FAVOR**

  
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Mayor Stephen Myers

  
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James L. Brett, Clerk of Council