Minutes of VILLAGE OF CLEVES Council Meeting Held on August 14, 2019.

# COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVERMENT AND /LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED

Administrator Rahall explained the programs stating there were usually low or no interest loans associated with it. After a discussion of the program:

A Motion to Adopt Resolution #23-2019 A Resolution to authorize the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement for the purchase of electricity for the Village's Electricity Aggregation Program was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mr. Burns.

#### **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

Resident, Mr. Crone, who resides at 162 Symmes St., addressed Council regarding the issue of his basement flooding, which he had discussed at the July Council meeting. Village Administrator, Mr. Mike Rahall noted that during an inspection of the area he noticed that downspouts had been added to the gutters on the house. Mr. Crone said that was correct. Mr. Crone stated that many others were having the same issue with flooding basements but would not attend meetings.

Mr. Robert Renfro, Indiana resident, joined Mr. Crone stating that he formerly resided two doors down from Mr. Crone. He stated he feels the problem was from the excavation of the hill located at the railroad tracks on the east side of Mt. Nebo Rd.

Mr. Rahall reported that he has a meeting scheduled with Mr. Crone's daughter to discuss the drainage issue and several issues regarding the condition of the property and items stored there. He also said he plans to have the property issue examined by our Engineers. He also stated that the Mt. Nebo property appears to have a bowl shape to the surface, so any runoff would have to overflow the bowl shaped surface, run approximately 600 feet, turn left and run approximately another 150 feet uphill to get to Mr. Crone's house. Mr. Rahall said there had not been any heavy rainfall since the last meeting so he had not had the opportunity to verify the runoff was actually making it to Mr. Crone's property.

Mr. Renfro interjected that he had seen it run down that way. Council discussed the drainage in the area and the improvements made at the railroad tracks to the culverts. Mr. Rahall assured Mr. Crone he would continue to work with him.

Mr. J. F. Booth, Indiana resident, joined Mr. Crone to say a crew had made changes to the earth on the corner and caused the overflow and he was worried someone would get hurt if the water in Mr. Crone's basement got into the electric.

Mayor Myers stated the Village Administration is scheduled to meet with Mr. Crone's daughter next week and he would continue to look into the issue.

Mrs. Carrie Bernard from the Miami Township Library Branch discussed the Eviction Prevention Program they were offering saying four residents had participated in that program. They also offer Computer Sessions and over 13 families had participated in that program. She invited anyone to stop in and see what was available. She also thanked us for posting all of her requests for the Library.

#### THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT

Superintendent Hockenberry reported to Council that school was in its second full day and no unexpected problems or glitches had popped up. He stated that the Strategic Plan for the District was completed. He also announced that the State Report Card had been completed and the results would be released soon. He said he expects the results to be positive. Mr. Hockenberry said the relationship with Miami Township was going great and the Health and Wellness Center planning was moving forward with possibly either the YMCA or UC Health. Mrs. Myers asked for a presentation to Council regarding the report card and new programs, etc.

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### VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Village Administrator Rahall discussed the water issue Mr. Crone had brought before Council earlier in the meeting, noting again the distance to his property. Mrs. Myers asked if we could get a Formal Statement from our Engineers just to satisfy the issue. Mr. Rahall stated that he, along with Mayor Myers, Service Director Knuf, Zoning Inspector Evan Koons and a representative from JMA Engineering were scheduled to meet with Mr. Crone and his daughter. Mrs. Myers asked if Mr. Rahall would send a list of the zoning issues they will be discussing.

#### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

#### WATER

Water Superintendent Eric Winhusen reported 40 million gallons were pumped last month and he estimated that approximately 500,000 gallons were a result of the main break on Scott Street. Mr. Winhusen reported that the Lawrenceburg Rd. extension project was complete and we are awaiting the final invoicing. Mrs. Myers asked about the number of new taps on Lawrenceburg and Mr. Winhusen stated he had eight requests and three had been installed to date but he expected more in the near future. Mayor Myers asked about illegal tapping of fire hydrants and Mr. Winhusen reported that he had found one illegal hydrant tap. He thanked Chief Reid for his help in rectifying the situation with Sheriffs Dept.

#### **FIRE**

Chief Ober reported 11 Fire details, one involving a US Postal vehicle, and 35 EMS details for the previous month, 2 of which were Heroin related and he stated that 1 of those had resulted in the death of the patient. Mrs. Myers asked about the Swift Water Rescue Training he had previously discussed, which he had scheduled for August. Chief Ober reported that it was still scheduled and he would coordinate with Chief Reid for providing training for the Village Police Officers.

#### POLICE

Chief Reid reported to Council a written report of the department's stats for the month and a brief discussion was had about the report. The Chief reviewed for Council complaints regarding speeding and parking violations in Colman Woods. The duty officers are spending additional time patrolling the area to deter the violations. Mr. Burns asked about the Departments position on the model airplane flying in the park that Chief Ober had brought up, asking if there were any FAA issues. Chief Ober said the type of model plane that was involved would not be able to reach a height to be of concern to the FAA.

#### **SERVICE**

Service Director Knuf was unable to attend. Administrator Rahall read Mr. Knuf's report. It included the normal department activities and work involving the street and driveway at the Scott Street Water main break, which they assisted with, Chief Reid, thanked the Service department for their assistance in cleaning up around the grounds at the Police Building. Mr. Burns asked about the Laurelwood Drive drainage and repair patchwork. Mrs. Myers responded saying that she had discussed it with Mr. Knuf and he was waiting for the area to dry out. He had told her it should be completed in August.

#### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

<u>Finance Committee:</u> Administer Rahall reported on the Finance committee meeting in the absence of Councilman Demaree. Mr. Rahall reported that the Finance Committee had discussed the need to continue to develop a 5-year plan. He also laid out the options that were discussed to provide Fire and EMS Services for the Village.

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Mrs. Myers: Mrs. Myers reported that the Planning and Zoning Committee had met last week. She stated the Committee is diligently working through several issues throughout the Village, such as getting processes in place as well as resolutions to open issues. In addition, they are working towards getting fine structures linked to ordinances to bring to council to pass and having a civil docket added to Mayor's Court as needed. Mrs. Myers announced that on August 30<sup>th</sup> the Volunteer luncheon would be held at the Senior Center. Mrs. Myers asked Chief Ober if all hydrant checks had been completed for the year, which they have and their goal is to clean and paint (with reflective paint) approx. 200 yearly in the unincorporated areas. Chief Ober said they were still working on the project. He estimated there are 1500 total hydrants in the coverage area and that he estimated 700 were in the Village. He noted that the Waterworks Department was assisting with small repairs as well.

Mr. Burns: Mr. Burns reported the Committee was working on setting priorities for the future. He stated that keeping the Bike Path clear from fallen trees and debris had required the Service Department to spend more time there this season than in the past. Mr. Burns reported that they were discussing having the Christmas Walk 2 nights as opposed to 1 but discussion was had to keep it to one day. He said they also reached out to stakeholders to see what their thoughts were. The date they are considering is December 7th, 2019. That date does not coincide with the Schools Breakfast with Santa.

**Ms.** Meister: Ms. Meister stated she had nothing new to report at this time.

<u>Mr. Williams:</u> Mr. Williams reported that one of our Police Cruisers had been involved in an auto accident. Fortunately, there were no injuries; however, our Officer was at fault in the accident. Mr. Williams stated that the additional Officers hired tonight would be helpful in scheduling, especially during the school year.

**Mr. Demaree:** Mr. Demaree discussed the planning and forecasting for future budgets. He noted that we are waiting on additional information regarding possible Fire and EMS contracts before the Committee can proceed with long term forecasting.

As part of the Open Council Discussion Mr. Demaree suggested creating a Diversity Committee to promote Community Inclusion. He stated that he hoped to increase involvement from more members of the community in the Village's Community activities. He suggested that the School Districts Diversity Program might be a guideline that Council could use. Superintendent Hockenberry, from the Three Rivers School District, discussed their program with Council. The Councils discussion included suggestions from Mr. Burns, who suggested that Council set clear goals for such a Committee. Mrs. Myers asked Superintendent Hockenberry if he could present the information he provided at the Kiwanis Meeting, regarding the schools program, to Council in order to get the Committee up and going. He responded that he would be glad to.

Mrs. Peter: Mrs. Peter stated she had nothing new to bring before the Council.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Myers reported that there were three service anniversaries in July.

- Justin Habig: Police: 3 years
- · Brian Gilligan: Clerk of Courts: 2 years
- Evan Koons: Police Clerk/Zoning: 2 years

He reported that the Mayor's Court collected \$4,178.00 last month and distributed \$4,098.00 to the Village. Mayor Myers stated he was unable to attend the School Board meeting last month. The mayor discussed the Meeting he and Administrator Rahall had with ODOT and the Railroad regarding the crossing at the Park Entrance. The result of the meeting was both the Railroad and ODOT felt no additional signaling equipment was warranted at this time. He stated that when he asked about the possibility that a train had not signaled its entering the crossing with its horn, the Railroad representatives were upset and strongly denied that could have ever happened.

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<u>HEARING OF THE PUBLIC</u>
No one wished to address Council at this time.

A Motion to Adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:06 P.M. was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Mr. Burns.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Mayor Stephen Myers

James L. Brett, Clerk of Council