# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

# Minutes of VILLAGE OF CLEVES Council Meeting Held on November 9, 2022

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

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

Motion to Approve Previous Council Meeting Minutes from November 9, 2022 was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded by Ms. Boyce.

ALL IN FAVOR

A Motion to Adopt of Pay Ordinance #11-2022 was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded Mr. Burns.

**ALL IN FAVOR** 

A Motion to excuse Mr. Williams' absence was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded Ms. Boyce.

**ALL IN FAVOR** 

A Motion to excuse Mr. Hume's absence was made by Mrs. Myers; seconded Mr. Burns.

**ALL IN FAVOR** 

### **Three Rivers School District Report**

Superintendent, Mark Alt, provided Council with an update on events, acknowledgements and awards the district and students had received.

# **Hamilton County Public Library Report**

Mayor Myers announced that Ms. Paula Brehm-Heeger, from the Public Library would be attending the January Council Meeting. She was added to tonight's Agenda in error.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Chuck Birkholtz, 604 Coleberry Court, congratulated Council on the passing of the levy in the November election. He said that he believed the Public Meeting that Council held helped the Village residents understand the need for the Levy. Ms. Meister added that the Newsletter also helped explain the need for the levy. Mr. Birkholtz questioned Sgt. Carney as to weather there were "Newsworthy Events" that could be provided to him for his newsletter. He discussed statements made at a North Bend Council Meeting by Sgt. Carney.

#### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

RESOLUTION NO. 14 – 2022: 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. Brett explained the purpose of certifying of the Rates and Amounts to the Auditor. After the discussion:
A Motion to approve Resolution 14-2022 was made by Mrs. Myers. Seconded by Ms. Meister.

ALL IN FAVOR

RESOLUTION NO. 15 – 2022: Resolution Authorizing The Village Administrator To Enter Into An Agreement For The Purchase Of Electricity For The Village's Electricity Aggregation Program

Mr. Rahall explained the current electric rate situation and the opportunity to adjust the rates in the future. After the discussion: A Motion to approve Resolution 15-2022 was made by Mrs. Myers. Seconded by Ms. Meister.

**ALL IN FAVOR** 

Solicitor Nicholas stated he had a late addition to the Agenda. He read and explained the proposed Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 16 – 2022: A Resolution Requesting County Prosecuting Attorney To File A Motion With The Court For Sale Of Property Pursuant To A Decree Of Foreclosure Filed In Hamilton County Common Pleas Court Case A1806526.

A Motion to approve Resolution 16-2022 was made by Mrs. Myers. Seconded by Ms. Meister.

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# **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

#### POLICE

Sgt. Mike Carney had presented his report. The statistics for October, 2022 included 150 calls for service, 38 which were considered non-billable. The calls included 3 criminal reports, 4 non-criminal, 10 auto accidents and 6 citations were issued for the month. Sgt Carney respond to Mr. Birkholtz's question about "Newsworthy Items". He explained his report to North Bend's Council. The Sgt explained items and issues he could and could not comment on. The Sgt. Updated Council on issues at 171 Pontius, 3 N. Miami and 119 N. Miami.

#### FIRE

Fire Chief Brien Lacey was not in attendance, Mr. Rahall stated that the Asst. Chief had contacted Mr. Brett to let him know they were on a detail and would not be able to attend. Mr. Rahall provided the information from the Chief's written report that included that the department run totals for the Village for October were: 7 Fire details, and 31 EMS details.

# **SERVICE**

Service Director Mr. Knuf said they feel the grass cutting was finished up for the year. He stated that 22 truck loads of asphalt millings from the Miami Ave. project had been placed and spread at the park. He said the Christmas Decorations would be going up next week and would be turned on the Monday following Thanksgiving. He also announced that ODOT would be doing the Snow Removal on US 50 this year. He said Hamilton County had discontinued the service to the State due to a lack of personnel.

### WATER

Superintendent, Mr. Winhusen was not in attendance. Mr. Rahall stated 25 million gallons were pumped in October. Mr. Rahall also said the sale of the property which the former Water Tower was located on had closed and he is still waiting on more new meters. Five (5) water main breaks in Whitewater Twp.

# **VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Village Administrator, Mr. Rahall, said, as Mr. Knuf stated, the S. Miami improvements had been completed. Soccer is done for the season. He thanked the poll workers. He also said the Roy Rogers Restaurant was still on track to open this month barring no issues. He announced that the newest member of our Service Department had resigned due to a health issues. Ms. Boyce asked about the starting salary for the position. Mr. Rahall stated it was \$15.00 per hour, and we had run into difficulties finding applicants in the past at that rate.

# **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### Parks

Mr. Burns stated they discussed and congratulated Mr. Knuf on the playground installation. He stated the walking trail issue with sediment building up along the walkway was discussed and Mr. Knuf had informed them that the approximant 24 inches of silt, which is deposited each flood event, required two to three full days of man hours to clean up. He noted that the pickle ball court net was up and that the current net was a loaner until next spring, when the new net would be installed. Mr. Burns said the Christmas walk was discussed and the committee was planning on having hot chocolate and a gift basket raffle. He said the normal participants all seemed to be participating this year.

#### **Finance**

Ms. Meister thanked the residents for voting and reported that Mr. Brett had asked Ms. Jennifer Trowbridge, with RedTree Investment Group, to attend and explain the services they could offer the Village. Mr. Brett explained that the Fiscal Officer was required to have additional certifications to make these types of investments. He stated he had the required CPIM and Bankers Paper Certifications. Mr. Brett is also beginning the process to set up a Star Ohio Fund. She stated Mr. Rahall had reported that the newsletters were out and seemed to be well received. In addition, she said Mr. Rahall would be bringing legislation forward to authorize him to enter into a new Electric Aggregation Plan. Mr. Rahall had also announced that the sale of the property to North Bend had been postponed and that he had discussed the Police Contract with Hamilton County's Administrator. Mr. Jeff Aluto.

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## **Mayors Report**

Mayor Myers thanked the Village Residents for their support in passing the Levy at the November Election.

There being no further business:

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

**ALL IN FAVOR** 

Mayor Stephen Myers

James L. Brett, Clerk of Council