

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of VILLAGE OF CLEVES Council Meeting Held on _____, 2013.

The Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Stacy with the pledge to the flag. All Members of Council were present. Frank Hyle and Clerk/Treasurer Bolton were also present.

	<u>Made By</u>	<u>Seconded By</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
A Motion to Approve Previous Council Minutes	Santen	Meister	ALL YEAS
Motion to Pay Warrants & Vouchers and Adopt Pay Ordinance # 7- 2013.	Santen	Meister	ALL YEAS

CLERK/TREASURER REPORT TO COUNCIL

Clerk Bolton reported she would be attending a BWC Hearing this coming week concerning an active claim along with our Third Party Administrator.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL

Solicitor Hyle asked Council to consider legislation terminating the position of Part-Time Park Laborer and establish the new position of Temporary Part Time Maintenance Laborer. This new position is being created to allow the Village more flexibility with year-round scheduling. This new position would be an "on-call" position and would be scheduled to work only when needed. Duties would include any and all duties performed by our current Maintenance employees. Cleves Community Park maintenance will now fall under the complete direction and responsibility of our Maintenance Department and Street Commissioner. Following discussion, Council took the following action:

ORDINANCE # 6 – 2013 EST. NEW TEMPORARY, PART-TIME POSITION IN MAINT

A Motion to Introduce Ord #6-2013 was made by Nichols; seconded by Santen. ALL YEAS.

A Motion to Suspend Rules, Read by Title Only made by Nichols; seconded by Santen. ALL YEAS.

A Motion to Adopt Ord #6-2013 was made by Nichols; seconded by Santen. ALL YEAS.

Mayor Stacy recognized Don Marshall from Eagle Energy. Mr. Marshall explained they filed our Application on March 11th and expect to hear back soon that we have been certified to offer our residents aggregation. Obtaining a customer listing is our next step. Mr. Marshall explained he currently has several customers under contract with Dayton Power & Light for a very attractive rate offer for electric. Dayton Power & Light has expressed they are willing to add the Village of Cleves to this attractive contracted rate if Cleves is interested. Mr. Marshall indicated the rate negotiated with DP&L is a very good rate and believes the Village should take advantage of DP&L's offer to include us in this current contract. Following discussion, each member of Council was asked for a sense of Council and they all indicated they were in favor of Mr. Marshall moving forward with DP&L's offered rate. Mr. Marshall indicated he would move forward with DP&L.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

Fire Chief Ober reviewed his March monthly detail stats with Council. He indicated communications with the Water Works has improved and many of the hydrants are getting fixed. He is continuing to work with the School District over establishing a good safety plan to have it in place prior to the fall school opening.

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Police Chief Renner's report began with his monthly review of March detail numbers. He brought Council up to date concerning a minor accident one of the officers had while in pursuit on Route 50. Our officer suffered a minor head injury and was treated and released and back to work without missing a scheduled shift.

At this time the Chief indicated Mayor Stacy had asked him to speak concerning the issue of streetlights and Council's consideration of removing some of them due to budgetary constraints. The Mayor had asked them for their opinions on this issue as it pertains to safety concerns. The Chief indicated from a law enforcement position it is his opinion that increased safety is provided by street lighting. He mentioned the benefits of ambient lighting at night to walkers, joggers and residents walking to the street at night to put their trash out. He believes many head on accidents are avoided due to streetlights. The Clerk asked him if given a choice would he rather pay the additional money for streetlights or would he rather spend that money on additional officers on patrol. Chief Renner said that was a difficult question to answer since both options provide additional safety to the residents. Lt. Wright was also asked by the Mayor to offer his insight into street lighting issues. Lt. Wright gave a brief history of street lights and expressed the opinion that crime numbers would go up if we darken the streets by turning out all the street lights. Clerk Bolton indicated she believed there is no plan in the works to eliminate all the street lights, only those deemed unnecessary by the Committee. At this time a discussion was held concerning this issue.

Councilman Santen expressed he would like to see a study which showed clearly the connection between street lights and safety. Officer Delk also added he had concerns about eliminating too many street lights and how that may impact resident support of our next levy request. Mayor Stacy made it clear he stressed to the officers he wanted their honest opinions on this issue and wanted Council to hear them. Ms. Pastrick asked if some of the lights can be eliminated with minimal affect on safety and Ms. Meyers indicated she had concerns about kids walking to school in the dark without streetlights. Further discussion was held about whether or not the lack of street lighting in township areas actually have a negative impact on safety numbers. Ms. Meister indicated there are very few streetlights up Bridgetown Road past our corporation line. Ms. Meister wanted to move forward with at least presenting the list of possible street lights to Duke to find out the current status of each of them for future decisions. Mayor Stacy stressed to Council the police officers were here at his request to give their opinions to Council.

COUNCIL & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Megan Randall, Street Committee Chair, reviewed her Street Committee Minutes mentioning the following issues: Driveway issues on N. Miami during street improvement project; On-street parking issues in the same area; narrow roadway issues on Cleves and Wamsley Avenues; Supply needs in Maintenance Dept. including road paint, street signs and posts, and tires for Bobcat; mower debris issues; pothole on Morgan; switchbox replacement at Mt. Nebo & Route 50; and guardrail replacement on Harrison Avenue. She indicated the Police Department has received a lot of new "Likes" on their face book. Ms. Pastrick asked Megan to let Harold know we left an old mower deck in the building we were leasing on S. Miami and we should go get it asap as the owner of that building is getting ready for new tenants. Mayor Stacy explained additional catch basins are being put in down around CT Young due to the flat area and the need for additional basins and the Porter Street Box Culvert replacement is expected to begin in the next two weeks.

Ms. Bev Meyers, Park Committee Chair, indicated the "Go Fly A Kite Day" was planned for April 21st from 1:00 p.m. till 3:00 p.m. She is also working on securing funding for the Canal Tunnel and is hopeful we can find a state grant to renovate and do something nice with our canal tunnel.

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Mr. Santen, Planning Committee Chair, has received a complaint about a sign promoting a new business located in a place it is not allowed by the entrance of Coleman Woods and he asked the Mayor to have Harold Duncan check into it. Next Planning Meeting scheduled for May 2nd. Ms. Pastrick asked about the status of a home scheduled to be demolished and a discussion was held about possible grants available to assist communities in cleaning up blighted properties and blighted areas.

Ms. Geri Meister, Public Works Water Committee, reported the BPA Monthly meeting was held yesterday and she reviewed her minutes and topics discussed at this meeting: Gallon pumped numbers were reported; New variable speed pump is up and running to help water pressure problems of some residents in Coleman Woods; and update of expansion project given by Engineer Dan Schafer. The next BPA meeting scheduled for May 21st at 4:00 p.m. The next Communications Committee meeting is scheduled for April 29th. There are a couple more areas to distribute the survey cards to in Coleman Woods and then we will be finished.

The Solicitor was asked about the process the Village would have to follow if it were to decide to vacate a paper street or alley to a resident requesting it. Frank Hyle explained if the Village chooses to vacate a paper street/alley it can do so, but the property must be split between adjoining homeowners. A discussion was held about this and if there were any cost to the Village for this process. Frank explained the area must be surveyed and the Village usually asked the adjoining homeowners who are going to benefit from the addition of this property to pay for the survey.

Ms. Nancy Nichols, Safety Committee Chair, reviewed her minutes from the Safety Committee Meeting held on April 1st. Some of the topics discussed were: Spring increases in details; Chief changing geographical codes to include the new school in its' own code; increase in applications for auxiliary officers; and her committee is looking into establishing a Police and Fire Safety Academy to help get residents involved. Mayor Stacy mentioned he has met with Mayor Pillow of the Village of Addyston and begun discussions on identifying possible ways both Villages can benefit from possible shared services and cooperation between our Police Departments. While talks are preliminary, he is encouraged they can find ways to work together to benefit both communities.

Ms. Jan Pastrick, Finance Committee Chair, reminded everyone the next Finance meeting is scheduled for April 17th at 7:00 p.m. to review our five-year budget projects and possible levy mills to request of our residents. Medical Mutual has accepted the Village and did not increase their original quotes rates and Ms. Pastrick thanked the Clerk for her extra efforts making this happen with such short notice by April 1st. A second walk through of CT Young is being planned next week to further explore shared space options. Ms. Pastrick will be ordering the business signs for Route 50 soon and the owner of Nature Nook has agreed to help with graphics. Another Bar is looking into a more permanent outdoor fenced in area to the side of their building for patrons who wish to smoke. She has ordered the recycle bins and they will be delivered in about three weeks with the grant monies the Village has received to promote recycling. Rumpke is also willing to send out a mailing to our residents promoting recycling. New pieces of equipment has been ordered for the skate park and will arrive soon.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported on several issues the first being a change in the Ordinance we have for our Vacant Property and Maintenance Ordinance and establishing fees for registration and penalties. A discussion was held and the Solicitor indicated Council could adopt a Resolution establishing the fees. Following discussion, Council took the following legislative action:

RESOLUTION #11 – 2013 **Establishing Fees for Registration of Vacant Properties**
A Motion to Adopt Res #11-2013 was made by Nichols; seconded by Santen. ALL YEAS.

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Mayor Stacy indicated a new business in the Village, "Sprinkles" had opened on April 1st. He is also not pleased about the salt box style house on E. State that is supposed to be getting rehabbed. Nothing has been done for a long time and he wants to either get this home fixed up or move forward with demolition.

Clerk Bolton reminded all Committee Chair persons they need to be sure they take minutes of their public meetings in order to be in compliance with the Ohio Sunshine Laws and be sure she is provided a copy for our permanent records.

Lastly, Mayor Stacy informed Council he and Ms. Pastrick had met with John Tisch and has found out he is planning on moving one of his manufacturing businesses into his building on S. Miami and is in the process of fixing it up for the move. He felt like the meeting went well and he is encouraged that communications will remain open with Mr. Tisch.

A Motion to Adjourn made by Santen; seconded by Meister. ALL YEAS.

Mayor Danny Stacy

Clerk/Treasurer Linda Bolton