

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

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

	<u>Made By</u>	<u>Seconded By</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
<b>A Motion to Approve Previous Council Minutes</b>	Santen	Nichols	<b>ALL YEAS</b>
<b>Motion to Pay Warrants &amp; Vouchers and Adopt Pay Ordinance # 10- 2013.</b>	Santen	Nichols	<b>ALL YEAS</b>

A Motion to Excuse Ms. Pastrick from the Council Meeting made by Nichols; seconded by Meister. ALL YEAS.

## SOLICITOR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL

Solicitor Hyle reported he had made contact concerning the guardrail on Harrison Avenue and we should have a check within two weeks. His research into parking issues on school property shows our police officer can enforce parking issues on school property. He also mentioned the ORC allows us to lower the number of Council members from six to five and they all can be elected the same time. The solicitor then explained the procedure to be followed if Council wants to move forward with this process.

Solicitor Hyle indicated he had been looking into a Mutual Aid Agreement with Hamilton County's search and rescue and insurance requirement problems. We currently have \$2,000,000 coverage and they want us to have \$3,000,000. After a discussion, the solicitor was instructed to find out if we can request we stay at \$2,000,000 coverage due to the increased cost of \$1,968 to increase our coverage from \$2- to \$3,000,000. As to the request by John Tisch that we vacate certain parts of Martha and Creamer Streets and turn them over to him, the Solicitor explained Council would have to declare the public no longer has need for the streets and once vacated, the public could no longer use this portion of these roads. A discussion was held about the areas in question. Creamer is officially an alley and Martha a street. Creamer Alley dead ends into Mulbury from Martha Street. It was determined Frank would move forward with setting up the hearing necessary for Council and between now and then several members of Council will check out the areas involved. It does not appear that Martha and this section of Creamer is needed anymore for public use, but several council members want to study the situation a little closer before making their final decision.

Council was asked to review legislation authorizing an agreement between the Village and Hamilton County relative to Harrison Avenue reconstruction from St. Rt. 264 to 131 Harrison Avenue. Following discussion, the following action was taken by Council:

**RESOLUTION # 16 – 2013** Agreement Between Village & Hamilton Cnty for Harrison Ave.  
A Motion to Adopt Resolution #16-2013 was made by Santen; seconded by Randall. ALL YEAS.

When he asked Council about their wishes to withdraw from the storm water district it was determined they were not yet ready to act on this at this time.

## CLERK/TREASURER REPORT TO COUNCIL

Clerk Bolton had nothing special to report at this meeting.

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## COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Santen, Planning Committee Chair, had nothing special to report this month.

Ms. Nichols, Safety Committee Chair, had nothing special to report this month.

Ms. Meister, Public Utility Committee Chair, reported the Board of Public Affairs (BPA) held their meeting yesterday. She mentioned highlights from the meeting: Water Sales are up; Engineer gave updates on their capital projects; Jackson Drive water drainage problems; and update on fire hydrant repairs. She indicated she has not yet received her listing of future street projects so the Water Works can plan ahead accordingly on any needed repairs in the area of new street projects. She reported that Eric Winhusen has not contacted Hamilton County about their hydrant repair program because he is anticipating having all hydrants repaired or replaced within the next couple of months. The topic of fire hydrants started a discussion among Council about the number of hydrants currently needing repaired or replaced.

Mr. Santen asked if the Water Works was refusing to repair or pay to fix any of the hydrants. Ms. Meyers asked how many were completely out of service and Ms. Meister replied seven (7) at this time. A discussion of overall maintenance, proper way to open hydrants, and ownership of hydrants was also held. At the end of the discussion, Ms. Meyers volunteered to personally go down and speak with the Water Works about these problems and try to improve communication between the Village and the Water Works. Mayor Stacy indicated he wished the Water Works would still send a representative to our first meeting every month to personally keep Council informed.

Ms. Meister, announced next BPA Meeting to be held June 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon. Lastly, she indicated the current registered voter listing for Cleves should be on the Board of Elections website for anyone interested.

Ms. Randall, Street Committee Chair, reported the Laurelwood Drive issue has been resolved and the homeowner can now cut their grass.

Ms. Meyers, Park Committee Chair, had nothing special to report this month.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Stacy has not heard from Addyston Mayor Pillow and is assuming Mayor Pillow is no longer interested in continuing talks about possible ideas of ways to save money by sharing some Police Department services. He is going to make no more overtures to Mayor Pillow at this time. In case anyone had not heard, Mayor Stacy informed everyone a past Council member, Linda Haas, lost her oldest son and Village resident, Robert Haas Jr. recently from a sudden heart attack. He asked that everyone keep Ms. Haas and her family in their thoughts and prayers.

He then brought Council up-to-date on retirement plans for Magistrate Longano. Due to recent changes in OPERS, Magistrate Longano must officially retire as our Magistrate by July 31, 2013 and we must officially rehire him effective 8/1/2013 if we wish to maintain his services as our Magistrate. A discussion was held about this. Following discussion, **A Motion to Accept the Request to Retire as Village Magistrate from Tom Longano effective 7/31/2013 was made by Santen; seconded by Meister. ALL YEAS.**

Mayor Stacy gave a brief Finance Committee Report in Jan Pastrick's absence. Most of the meeting was dedicated to discussion about the upcoming levy request for 3.9 mills. It is their thought no yard signs will be promoted this time around and instead focus will be toward direct mailings targeting registered voters.

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The Mayor mentioned the Clerk's idea of a possible tri-fold style informational brochure for residents giving them information about the services we provide and important information and contact info to help resolve problems or questions they may have.

He reminded everyone about the Memorial Day Parade and also outlined the dates of the official closing of the schools in the Three River's School District. They are scheduled for Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> and times for each school are: Miami Heights at 1:00 p.m.; CT Young 2:00 p.m.; Three Rivers Middle 3:00 p.m.; Taylor High School at 4:00 p.m. Official opening of the new school is scheduled for Sunday, August 18 at 2:00 p.m.

A resident, Tiffiny Myers, asked about the business owner requesting the Village vacate Martha Street and Creamer Alley and asked how the Village would benefit from vacating these areas for the use of this businessman. The Mayor explained the future plans Mr. Tisch has to expand his business here in Cleves and the capital improvement projects he is working on in this area to expand his business operation. Further discussion was held and everyone was reminded the Village cannot profit from this kind of real estate transaction.

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

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Mayor Danny Stacy

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Clerk/Treasurer Linda Bolton