

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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Minutes of VILLAGE OF CLEVES Council Meeting Held on May 27, 2015.

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Mayor Stacy began the Council Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call was taken. All members of Council were present. Clerk/Treasurer Bolton and Solicitor Hyle were present. Village Administrator Mike Rahall was also present.

**A Motion to Approve the Previous Council Meeting Minutes was made by Flynn; seconded by Meister. ALL YEAS. Before voting, Ms. Meister asked about a payment to Dave Owens and Eric Winhusen explained it was to repair a lawn mower that ran over a tool left near a water main repair by Water Works personnel. A Motion to Pay all Warrants & Vouchers and Adopt PORD # 10-2015 was made by Meister; seconded by S. Myers. ALL YEAS.**

Mayor Stacy acknowledged Bruce Brandstetter and Dan Schaefer of Brandstetter Carroll, our Water Works engineering firm. Eric Winhusen was also present for the Water Department. Bruce began by indicating they were here to give an overview of the multiple projects taken on by the Water Department over the last couple of years and the current project in the works. He indicated our service area has expanded over these years which should show us a cost savings overall when you factor in additional revenue and a more economical and updated water supply system.

Mr. Schaefer then took the floor and reviewed the project taken on over the last couple of years: Elizabethtown Expansion Phase I, Great Miami River Crossing Project, River Road Main Replacement, Elizabethtown Expansion Phase I, Phase II and Phase III project; A Valve Replacement Project and currently underway a Multiple Faceted project finishing the water supply loop and also doing upgrades and repairs on Rt. 128, Harrison Avenue and Eastern Loop of St. Ann's and Jackson in Hooven.

During this presentation several items of interest were mentioned: We currently have about 1050 water taps in the Village of Cleves. The Water Works currently pumps about a million gallons of water per day to about 8700 people. Total amounts of taps in whole water system about 3000 including the Village and water areas outside of the Village. Residents receiving Cleves water that live outside of the Village do have higher rates, but our water rates are still low by comparison with other Water Works in Ohio. About 75% of other Water Works systems have rates higher than ours. During Valve Project, about 44 valves were replaced. These valves were put in operation between 1926 and 1935. Most of our pipes were in excellent shape.

The Water Works is currently exploring other expansion opportunities as well. Mr. Schaefer indicated an update of the master plan needs to done. Mr. Rahall asked about the hard water issue and if there were plans in the works to maybe treat our water to soften it before distribution. A discussion was held about this and the potential costs to try to do this. In the meantime, it was reinforced that our water aquifer source gives us great water quality even if it is hard water.

Next to address Council was the new superintendent of Three Rivers Schools. He wanted to mention a few changes to the new school campus one of which is a three group model reinstating a separated elementary, middle and high school campus. Ms. Fenton has resigned as the Marketing and Communications representative for the school and they are currently interviewing for that position and many more openings due to retirements within the school district. He also reported the budget is balanced and looking good and they should be okay for a couple years with 2018 possibly becoming challenging. The school has purchased some property in front of the school along Cooper Road and they are anxious for the Cooper Road renovation project to get underway. Mayor Stacy indicated he was pleased the school was able to acquire that property right in front of the school along Cooper.

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## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

The Solicitor only had one item of legislation for Council's review and it was a Transfer Resolution the Clerk has requested. Clerk Bolton explained one of the transfers is the normal yearly transfer to supplement the Police Pension Fund and the other is a transferred need by the Maintenance Fund. The Maintenance Fund is experiencing some cash flow and higher than normal costs for salt and truck repairs. Ms. Pastrick indicated the Finance Committee has reviewed and approved the transfer to Maintenance. Following discussion, Council took the following action:

**RESOLUTION # 14 – 2015**      **Authorizing Fund Transfers to Maintenance & Police Pension**  
A Motion to Adopt Resolution # 14-2015, A Resolution Authorizing Fund Transfers to the Maintenance Fund and Police Pensions Funds made by Pastrick; seconded by Meister. ALL YEAS.

## **VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Mr. Rahall reported he had submitted the application for the Planning Grant. He then mentioned he would like Council to approve the Village joining the Centers for Local Government at a pro-rated cost of \$610.50 for the remainder of 2015. He is hoping to take advantage of several advantages of being a member one of which possibly joining their health insurance plan which we are looking good to be approved. The plan we would quality for with the Center for Local Government is a much nicer plan with the same cost if not lower. We may also be able to join their garbage contract with Rumpke and also reap the benefits of their data base information allowing us to do spot surveys to see what other local municipalities are doing and paying their employees. Following discussion; **A Motion to Approve the \$610.50 Membership Fee for 2015 to the Center for Local Governments made by Pastrick; seconded by T. Myers. ALL YEAS.**

Ms. Pastrick asked if he has received any health care rates yet and he indicated he hoped to get the rates in a couple days.

Mayor Stacy indicated he needs an Executive Session following regular session to discuss the Appointment of a Public Employee, Section 121.22, Sect G1 of the Ohio Revised Code.

## **CLERK/TREASURER REPORT**

Clerk Bolton asked if Council had seen the document from the State Liquor Commission about a recent Liquor License Transfer and whether or not anyone wanted to appeal and request a hearing about this. She indicated the Police Chief has no objections. Following discussion, it was determined no request for a hearing was needed.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

No Departmental Reports usually made at this second meeting of the month.

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## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Safety Committee Chair** Geri Meister had nothing special to report. Next Safety Meeting next Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**Park Committee** Chair Mike Flynn has received no complaints about the Park and the next Park Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

**Finance Committee Chair** Jan Pastrick reported a Finance Meeting was held on May 19<sup>th</sup> and she will have minutes for distribution soon. The Hamilton County budget for 2016 is due July 20<sup>th</sup> and the Clerk and Village Administrator will be working together on figures for Council's review. We are hoping for a review of budget for June 24<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting with possible adoption of budget and budget hearing being held first meeting in July on Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. Next Finance Meeting scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Planning Committee Chair** Tiffiney Myers had nothing to report at this time and the next meeting of Planning is to be determined due to a scheduling conflict.

**Street Committee** Chair Megan Randall announced the next Street Meeting will be held Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**Communication Committee** Chair Steve Myers informed every one of his next Committee Meeting would be held June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m..

## **MAYOR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL:**

Mayor Stacy reported the Auction held last Wednesday went well and he was pleased with the results of the auction. It was crowded with more than 30 persons attending the auction. He met with Shirley Smith last Friday concerning hydrants in North Bend that are in need of repair. He also indicated he was pleased with how well the Harrison Avenue project is going so far and he believes blacktopping will begin next Tuesday and the project possibly finished by end of next week. A small discussion as held about this project.

Police Chief Kraft has resigned to accept a position as Police Chief of the College of Mount St. Joseph. His last day will be Friday and the Mayor wishes him well.

At this time, **A Motion to Enter Executive Session to Discuss Appointment of Public Employee made by Meister; seconded by S. Myers. ALL YEA.** Regular Council Meeting was reconvened and Clerk returned to chambers.

**A Motion to Adjourn the Council Meeting was made by S. Myers; seconded by Meister. ALL YEAS.**

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Mayor Danny Stacy

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Clerk Linda Bolton