

**Village of Clinton**  
**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**  
**of**  
**August 18, 2020**

Mayor Clarissa Allega called the meeting to order on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Terry Siegenthaler and recited by those present. Due to COVID-19, this meeting was held using Zoom to live stream those participating outside of Village Hall. Residents watched via Facebook Live.

Council members present: Mayor Clarissa Allega, Council members Marissa Gensimore, Lewis Rash, Kent Goch, Ellen Conroy, Bud McDaniel, and Jan Godwin.

Others Present: Terry Siegenthaler, Street Supt; Autumn Russell, Akron Zoo (on Zoom).

Approval of Minutes – August 4, 2020

Mr. McDaniel made a motion to approve the minutes as written, second by Mr. Rash.

Roll Call: Rash, Gensimore, McDaniel, Godwin, Conroy and Goch, all voted yes. Motion passes.

Presentation: Mrs. Autumn Russell, Director of Education from the Akron Zoo

Mrs. Russell had an Armadillo in her hands at the very beginning of her presentation. Her name is Daisy, an animal ambassador and they go out in the community and meet people of all ages so they can learn about the animals the Zoo holds, but see in person. Daisy has connected with 27,000 people, at a minimum, over the last five years. The zoo is growing and there is a levy renewal that will be on the ballot this November. Since 2011, the zoo has grown over 14%.

Mrs. Russell added that her presentation is to explain the Zoo's mission of community, education and conservation. Her full presentation is attached to these minutes and can be found on the Clinton Village Website. Due to COVID, she explained how to obtain tickets online. She also asked for the Village of Clinton's endorsement of their upcoming levy.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion that the Village, as a Council, endorse the Akron Zoo levy, second by Mrs. Godwin.

Roll Call: Gensimore, McDaniel, Godwin, Conroy, Goch and Rash, all voted yes. Motion passes. Mayor Allega will be personally endorsing as well.

Solicitors Report: No report.

Police Report: No report.

Fire Chief Report: No Report.

## Street Commissioner Report:

ODOT advised Mr. Siegenthaler that Deerfield will be opened the end of the month. State Route 21 will be down to one lane till the end of September. Tomorrow, Cleveland-Massillon Road will get its final coat put down and will be complete.

The Wood Guy has not gotten back to him yet about the trees – he's swamped with work. There is a tree branch on the corner of Hickory and Chippewa that hit a truck on Saturday and has caused other issues as well. Will call someone ASAP to remove. Mr. Siegenthaler thanked Eric for changing a light bulb for him at the four way stop for free. There are two trees on private property across from St. George's Church that are dangerous. The zoning inspector needs to be made aware of this, according to Mrs. Gensimore, and the procedure is in our code. He can send the property owner a letter concerning this issue. Once the tree's canopy is in the road right of way, it's our responsibility according to Mr. Siegenthaler. We need to keep the roadway clear. Mr. Goch said the trees in question need to be declared they are hazardous.

Also, regarding the triangle area at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Hickory, the zoning inspector contacted the property owner about cleaning up the property. The property owner is working on clearing out the area with a front loader and is taking out the ruts and valleys, which detours water. Years ago, from that same area, water ran down to the Barbara Lee estate, into the basement, but we fixed it. They put in new driveway which saved the house but eroded underneath the driveway. Mr. Siegenthaler went to 2<sup>nd</sup> and Hickory today and worked there to hopefully correct the problem.

The back hoe needs new front tires. They have been plugged several times and they are paper thin. He is not sure what they will cost. Mr. McDaniel said he needs the new tires and it was stated it is in his budget to buy them.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion authorizing the Street Superintendent to get a quote and replace the tires on the back hoe, second by Mr. McDaniel.

Mr. Siegenthaler a company wants to sell us a monitor system that they put in the road that monitors heavy snow on the road, temperature of the road, ice, windspeed, and temperature outside. The County used to have one in the area and removed it. He said they have not told him a price, and the guy keeps calling him. Mr. Goch said he will speak with him, if necessary, as council is not interested at this time.

Mrs. Gensimore asked about the bridge on 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will be closed after Deerfield opens up. It needs fixed and Mayor Allega will check on this.

Roll call: Godwin, Conroy, Goch, Rash, Gensimore and McDaniel all voted yes. Motion passes.

Zoning Inspector Report: Mr. Ferjutz provided a written update and sent out several high grass notices and zoning applications are coming in and getting approved. He attended a Planning Commission meeting last week. Mayor Allega and Mr. Ferjutz attended a meeting in Summit County Soil and Water about the Tuscarawas Watershed regarding the flooding and funding that will be coming in the future. Dominion East Ohio Gas will be doing a pipeline replacement at Van Buren sometime in September. Mayor Allega read a written statement from the zoning inspector geared to Village residents about upkeep and of their property.

Fiscal Officer's Report – No report.

Unfinished Business

Mr. McDaniel said the video recording broadcasting system is built. Eric's house fire set him back a while. He did get the camera installed. Hopefully by Friday everything will be complete. The monitor still needs to be installed. This system will be good for years to come. At the next meeting we should be on Facebook live, You Tube and our Village website at the same time from a central camera with sound. Will also work on integrating Zoom as well.

Mrs. Gensimore asked how many people received their Community Newsletter? She had not, and not all the articles got put in which was disappointing. Residents can donate to Historical Society and the Holiday Cheer Basket program, and other pertinent information did get in.

Mayor's Communications

Mayor Allega reported on the Payroll Protection Funds discussed in a County Executive phone call. She explained this program that is still being worked on that will free up funds for us. We need additional instructions on how this will work.

The Summit County CARES.org Utility Program is not open to new applicants yet. Once they get through with those who have already applied for assistance on utility bills, they will open the window to other applicants.

Census door knockers are out there. They will have identification on them.

Holly Miller from Summit County indicated our CDBG funds are officially approved. Once the necessary paperwork is signed Mayor Allega will go over it with the County. We will then be able to the generator.

Contact your legislators and let them know we would like to get access to local government money that's out there but not spent yet.

Regarding the Historical Marker, Sue Mayberry asked guidance as to waiting until next year to apply using the information we have provided in the past along with adding new information on the counterfeit coin detector inventor information, or apply this year, specifically on the counterfeit coin detector inventor information.

Mrs. Gensimore added that council already approved, via legislation, approving a Village Marker. The Historical Society was supposed to be doing this. Sue has been working hard on putting this together and she can send out information on this inventor and his invention. We have lots of interesting pieces throughout the Village – whatever will get us the marker approved. The funds came from the Bicentennial and the committee gave that to the Historical Society for the purpose of getting the marker. Information will be sent to Council as requested.

## Council Communications and Council Committee Reports

Mr. Rash said the sewage is working slowly, they are working on the price. It was stated that there is a written report that is in the works on this issue and when we get it, we will discuss at a future meeting.

Mr. Rash went on to talk about trees needing trimmed/removed and also had other specific questions that will be discussed later in the meeting.

Mr. Goch indicated there is legislation in the packet regarding the Village of Clinton Road paving project. There was discussion on what will be done next year.

Mrs. Gensimore brought up the health insurance. It's increasing almost 19%. She said this needs to be discussed in a committee/council meeting. Quotes were obtained, some are less expensive but the details need to be gone over for what is best for the Village and its employees for the benefits received.

Also, there are three pieces of legislation in the packet that she worked on to take care of some issues that were brought to her attention.

Mrs. Godwin said she needs to meet with members of the Safety Committee sometime soon. Mr. Goch asked that she let him know when she is ready to schedule a meeting.

Resolutions and Ordinances – No third readings.

### Second Readings

#### Ordinance No. O-20-16

An Ordinance Amending Codified Ordinance No. O-19-11, Adopting Amended Credit Card/Purchase Cards Policies for the Village of Clinton, and Declaring it an Emergency.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to set aside the three-reading rule, second by Mr. Rash.

Roll Call: Conroy, Goch, Rash, Gensimore, McDaniel, and Godwin all voted yes. Motion passes.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-20-16, second by Mr. Rash.

Roll Call: Goch, Rash, Gensimore, McDaniel, Godwin and Conroy all voted yes. Motion passes.

#### Resolution No. R-20-17

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Summit County Regarding Animal Control Services, and Declaring an Emergency. This contract will expire so it needs passed tonight.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to set aside the three-reading rule, second by Mr. Rash.

Roll Call: Rash, Gensimore, McDaniel, Godwin, Conroy and Goch all voted yes. Motion passes.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to adopt Resolution R-20-17, second by Mr. Rash.

Roll Call: Gensimore, McDaniel, Godwin, Conroy, Goch and Rash all voted yes. Motion passes.

First Readings

Resolution No. R-20-18

A Resolution Approving the Village of Clinton Road Paving Project with Hensel's Paving Co., In The Amount Not To Exceed \$49,920.00 as Indicated in the Attached Bid Proposals, Confirming and Authorizing Future Actions of the Mayor and the Street Superintendent To Proceed With This Project, and Further Authorizing the Fiscal Officer To Pay Any Invoices Submitted Pursuant To This Proposal, and Declaring an Emergency.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to set aside the three-reading rule, second by Mr. Rash.

Roll Call: McDaniel, Godwin, Conroy, Goch, Rash and Gensimore all voted yes. Motion passes.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to adopt Resolution R-20-18, second by Mr. Rash. Mr. Goch reiterated that this is the Village of Clinton Road paving project – not just the Clinton Road paving project.

Roll Call: Godwin, Conroy, Goch, Rash, Gensimore and McDaniel all voted yes. Motion passes.

Ordinance No. O-20-19

An Ordinance Amending Codified Ordinance O-19-11, Adopting Amended Absenteeism and Tardiness Policies for the Village of Clinton, and Declaring an Emergency.

Ordinance No. O-20-20

An Ordinance Amending Codified Ordinance O-13-15, Establishing a Reference to the Ohio Revised Code Concerning Hunting in the Village of Clinton, and Declaring it an Emergency.

Ordinance No. O-20-21

An Ordinance Amending Section 549.08 "Discharging Firearms" of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Clinton, Summit County, Ohio, and Declaring an Emergency.

Resolution No. R-20-22

Resolution No. R-20-22 Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from the General Fund to the Cleveland-Massillon Culvert Phase II Project Fund ("Project Fund") of the Village of Clinton, and Declaring the same to be an Emergency.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to set aside the three-reading rule, second by Mr. Rash.

Roll Call: Goch, Rash, Gensimore, McDaniel, Godwin and Conroy all voted yes. Motion passes.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to adopt Resolution R-20-22, second by Mr. Rash.

Roll Call: Rash, Gensimore, McDaniel, Godwin, Conroy and Goch all voted yes. Motion passes.

Resolution No. R-20-23

Resolution No. R-20-23 Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from the General Fund to the South Cleve-Mass Road Project Fund (“Project Fund”) of the Village of Clinton, and Declaring the Same to be an Emergency.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to set aside the three-reading rule, second by Mr. Rash.

Roll Call: McDaniel, Godwin, Conroy, Goch, Rash, and Gensimore all voted yes. Motion passes.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to adopt Resolution R-20-23, second by Mrs. Godwin. This money was previously budgeted and is just being moved to a new fund.

Roll Call: Godwin, Conroy, Goch, Rash, Gensimore and McDaniel all voted yes. Motion passes.

New Business

Mr. Rash asked that we try to straighten out the zoning on the 50’ right of way from the road to the front of the house. Mr. McDaniel said Summit County handles this. This is not in our jurisdiction to do. It was determined Mr. Rash was talking about set back and the Planning Commission’s decision at their prior meeting. Mayor Allega indicated the logistics in what the Planning Commission decided on at that meeting.

Mr. Rash asked about what was going on with the police department. Mrs. Godwin is working on this issue. Mrs. Gensimore indicated that Mr. Rash can attend the next Safety Committee meeting or directly speak to her about it.

Council General Discussion – Nothing to report.

Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval


Mr. McDaniel made a motion to approve the purchase orders and bills, second by Mr. Rash.

Roll call: Goch, Rash, McDaniel, Gensimore, Conroy, and Godwin voted yes. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned.

  
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Leah Weirick, Village Fiscal Officer

  
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Mayor Clarissa Allega

  
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Bud McDaniel, President of Council