

**Village of Clinton  
Council Meeting Minutes  
of  
September 1, 2020**

Mayor Clarissa Allega called the meeting to order on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by a New Franklin Police Officer 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: Street Supt; Marshal Pitchford, Solicitor, via zoom.

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Mrs. Godwin brought up the triangle property issue that was discussed at the last meeting. There was a brief discussion on that.

She also indicated that the word “detector” should be added in the verbiage relative to the minutes discussing the historical marker. It should read counterfeit coin “detector.”

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

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

Solicitors Report: No report at this time.

Police Report: The report was read aloud to all present. Mrs. Gensimore said she was glad to see cruisers in the Village more often. Mr. McDaniel mentioned having an electronic speed sign on North Street. The officer said there is a waiting list, but will get it down on North Street soon. Mrs. Gensimore brought up unlicensed 4-wheelers running the streets especially at night and the officer is aware of this and getting them to stop is another thing.

Fire Chief Report: Chief Conroy read his report. They applied for a couple grants – an SCBA Fill Station, that was approved, but the one for the tanker didn't get approved. Roofing estimates are coming in and the lawn mower transmission went out again. He is requesting \$7K for a commercial lawn mower – the same type that Mr. Siegenthaler has. Mr. Goch said the 53” Ferris is the best deal going. A tanker costs about ½ million dollars. They have tried now for four years. A new one can have our needed specifications on it, versus used as we are going to need to replace every 25 years. Buying used limits what you can do with it.

We had some trees over at the State Park (Metro) fall on some other trees. We had Eric come out and remove them. The Metro Parks ranger had said to leave them as they are particular as to who removes, but they were already down. They did clean up after they were removed.

Street Commissioner Report: No report.

Zoning Inspector Report: Jeff Ferjutz spoke on what he has been handling in the past week such as pool permits and high grass notices. He feels our pool code is missing a line. Any pool under 4 feet needs a fence around it. He thinks a permit for a fence should accompany a pool permit when applied for and that our code is fine, but needs amended. It was suggested by Mr. Goch that you must describe the pool and the fence in the application and the Solicitor agreed. Walls of the pool four feet or above the ground does not require a fence - you would may have a set of removable stairs and possibly a gate on a deck that can be locked. Our pool application does state on it that you need a fence depending on the height of the pool – less than 4 feet requires there be a fence. Mr. Pitchford will review our code on this as it needs cleaned up. This issue will be further discussed in the Laws and Ordinances Committee who will amend the form and legislation that will be forwarded to the Village Solicitor for review.

Fiscal Officer's Report – No report.

Unfinished Business

Mr. McDaniel reported on the video broadcasting system and he explained how the new system works and overall operations.

Mrs. Gensimore got the City of Canal Fulton's reason for the missing newsletter articles in the Community Newsletter. She spoke to Alyssa Bettes who said she didn't understand how she missed including them in the newsletter and apologized. All articles to be included were indeed sent. Mrs. Gensimore also said she did not get one and if any residents didn't get one either, to please contact her or Village Hall and she will see they get one.

Mayor's Communications

Mayor Allega reported on the Census and that the door knockers are out. The County is at 72% response rate and Clinton's number is still growing. The County is going to be tracking the communities that have been poor responders, historically. They are making phone calls and you may still get a live person come to your door even if you sent your Census information in, for quality assurance purposes.

The Summit County Board of Health passed a mask ordinance that applies to the entire county. This mirrors the State. If the State alleviates the ordinance, Summit County may still remain under this enforcement by the county health department.

More CARES ACT funding is coming under HB 481 – 50% of what we received the last time. This is round two. Our fiscal officer is on top of the record keeping. We may need a piece of legislation directly with New Franklin. We would need detailed information regarding which officers they will be paying counting for payroll purposes through the CARES ACT. The mayor would like council's approval to do a MOU with New Franklin directly on this issue. This would be giving them a portion of what we received that will go towards our police contract. Another Bill has been introduced for additional funding on a per capita basis which would be more money coming our way – COVID related. If this passes and more money is sent to many communities in Summit Count, there may be multiple communities that may not be able to spend all of the

money on their own. As such, they may be setting up more programs to assist residents and small business owners in need. They are looking at giving Villages, Cities and Townships the opportunity to forward some of our money back to them and administer the programs but we can say you can only give our portion to our residents for specific grant programs. County Council will look at this at the end of September.

The County is going to do another round of small business grants and other programs to those strongly impacted by the pandemic.

Mr. McDaniel made a motion allowing Mayor Allega to pursue an MOU with New Franklin regarding HB 481, CARES ACT funding relative to payroll purposes for police officers, second by Mrs. Conroy.

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

#### Council Communications and Council Committee Reports

Mr. McDaniel stated the Finance Committee met and reviewed the preliminary budget for the coming year. There are some issues due to COVID-19 we need to work on and will be doing so in the near future to finalize and will have more information at the next meeting.

Mrs. Conroy brought up how to do Trick or Treat in the Village. Mr. Pitchford was asked his opinion on this issue. Should the Village initiate? He wants to look at the Summit County order. There is the 6 ft. distancing still in effect, but right now from a liability stand point, we can allow neighborhoods to do it as long as we are not a sponsor. Mrs. Gensimore said we don't sponsor, but we have indicated if residents are going to do it, this is the day to do it. Mr. Pitchford will reach out to the legal counsel at the Summit County Health Department on this and see if they have any guidelines on that. All agreed to wait on this information from Mr. Pitchford.

Mrs. Godwin reported that the Safety Committee approved a general announcement/presentation to Lawrence Township regarding them supplying our police service for next year. It was stated we will wait to get a number from them.

Mr. Rash reported that there will be a virtual sewer meeting on Thursday, September 24, 2020, explaining features of the grinder pump and what is happening regarding the Sewer at this time.

Mrs. Gensimore said the health care options for our employees was reviewed and as we didn't want to put our employees in an unfair hardship, we decided to increase the employees' contribution of the premium as it would offset our cost. They only put in 10%. We want to raise to 11.5% which will cost them \$10 more per paycheck this will offset the Village cost. Keep the same policy with this increase. Going forward we would be hiring new employees, and at that time we can revisit this and increase their contribution to 25% and the Village pay 75% of the insurance premium.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion that we increase the current employee healthcare insurance contribution 1.5% - from 10% to 11.5% and any newly hired employee after January 1, 2021, they will contribute 25% to their insurance premium, seconded by Mrs. Godwin. This will go into effect on October 1, 2020. The overall increase is 19%.

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

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the modified health insurance renewal, second Mrs. Godwin. It needs signed by the 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

### Resolutions and Ordinances

Third Readings – No third readings.

### Second Readings

#### 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.

### First Readings

#### Resolution No. R-20-24

Resolution No. R-20-24 Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from the General Fund to the Street Fund (“Project Fund”) of the Village of Clinton, and Declaring the Same to be an Emergency.

New Business – None.

### Council General Discussion

The meeting on-line is doing well.

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