

**Village of Clinton
Council Meeting Minutes
of
September 15, 2020**

Mayor Clarissa Allega called the meeting to order on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 7:01 p.m. in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Lewis Rash 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, and Jan Godwin. Mr. McDaniel was absent.

Others Present: Street Supt., Terry Siegenthaler, Jeff Ferjutz, zoning inspector; Eric Brettschneider, Village Computer Tech; and Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer.

Approval of Minutes – September 1, 2020

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, second by Mr. Rash.

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

Solicitors Report: No report.

Police Report: A report was read aloud to all present at the last meeting.

Fire Chief Report: No report.

Street Commissioner Report: He attended a Village meeting along with the engineer about getting a paving grant for the north end of Cleveland Massillon road next year. Chippewa Township will be helping us mow some brush this fall. There is a jeep on Van Buren close to the Village limits that got stuck down there. Has been 3 weeks ago. The license was checked and finally located the owner who has felony warrants. The property owner does not want it there, and he asked for approval to get out and at least on higher ground. It would cost \$2,000 to remove and no one wants to spend money on this. There was discussion on how to get this vehicle removed. They felt they should ask our solicitor and the police. The Village does not want to be liable in dealing with this issue.

Mrs. Gensimore asked about if the trailer that is possibly a meth lab been checked on by the New Franklin PD? There was not an answer to that question.

Zoning Inspector Report: No report.

Fiscal Officer's Report – No report.

Unfinished Business – No unfinished business.

Mayor's Communications

Mayor Allega reported that she is still doing briefing calls regarding COVID-19.

Summit County is in the Red again due to hospitalizations and an increase number of ER visits due to COVID. Could be due to not enough tests available.

The grant programs at the County level will be reopening. The grants for various Assistance programs can be found on the Summitcountycare.org website for an application and information and the qualifications.

There will soon be another grant program available geared for non-profits, Arts and Culture. There will also be a third round of small business grant funding. Previous grant recipients will be able to apply as well. All of this is coming from CARES ACT funding.

The Health Department reported on Trick or Treat – door to door is acceptable. You should be masked and practice social distancing. Wash your hands frequently. No trunk or treats unless set up as a drive-up event and cars are 6 feet apart.

The Ohio Depart of health said public meetings can resume and the 10-person gathering will not apply but the 6-foot distancing rule still applies, and masks are required. We can open Village Hall. We need to measure out meeting room and advise how many can attend. Village Hall doors need to be reopened, masks will be required and temperatures will be checked. If someone wants to address council specifically, they be here early to insure they can attend in person before we would reach our limit.

Council Communications and Council Committee Reports

Mrs. Godwin reported that they held a Safety Committee before the Council meeting and deferred to Mayor Allega to report on the discussion. The zoning inspector would like to have a police radio so he has the ability to contact dispatch before he steps on a person's property and notify when he leaves. The Village fire department has spares, and he will receive one of theirs.

Mrs. Gensimore advised council they have replacement legislation for Ord. 20-20 and 20-21. They came from Mr. Pitchford this afternoon and does not change the intent, just better language inserted.

Mrs. Gensimore also reiterated that the County has given them the go ahead on opening Village Hall. This, like trick or treat, is in the hands of the local government and COVID guidelines are part of this. Halloween is on October 31, Saturday, this year.

Mr. Goch made a motion that we do Trick or Treat on Saturday, October 31, from 6 – 8 PM. Second by Mr. Rash.

Roll Call: Godwin, Conroy, Goch, Rash, and Gensimore voted Yes. Motion passed. State social distancing is still in place. A flyer with this verbiage will be posted.

Mr. Rash said it was the third time he has reported on the big tree on the hill on Hickory Street, it's dead and is going to cause a problem. It is hanging on a utility line. Mrs. Gensimore said the street commission and zoning inspector should be talked to first, the proper channels.

Mr. Seigenthaler said it is on private property. Mrs. Gensimore said it is in the zoning section of our code which states how this should be handled.

Mr. Rash asked who will be responsible for getting holiday turkeys for the less fortunate for Thanksgiving? Mayor Allega said in the past the prior mayor and Mr. Rash worked that out. It takes a while to get them. He would like to start early in getting these turkeys. He wants to help the less fortunate. Maybe the local churches will help out.

INTERNET WAS LOST AT THIS TIME AND THE MEETING WAS PUT IN RECESS TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE.

We are back on the record:

Mayor Allega will get Mr. Rash a list of those who will need turkeys. He wants to give directly to the people.

Resolutions and Ordinances

Third 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.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. O-20-19, and Mr. Goch made a second to the motion.

Roll Call: Gensimore, Godwin, Conroy, Goch, and Rash voted Yes. Motion passed.

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.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. O-20-20, second by Mr. Goch.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to substitute the new version of 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. Second by Mr. Goch.

Mr. Rash asked her to explain. She said this legislation was further reviewed by the solicitor and he determined it needed more legal verbiage and was added.

Roll Call: Goch, Rash, Gensimore, Godwin, and Conroy, voted Yes. Motion passed.
Mrs. Gensimore stated we need a roll call on the ordinance as substituted – motion by Mrs. Godwin, second by Mr. Goch.

Roll Call: Conroy, Goch, Rash, Gensimore and Godwin voted Yes. Motion passed.

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.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. O-20-21, second by Mr. Rash.

She again stated this legislation is the same as Ord. No. O-20-20, Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to substitute the new version for the original version, second by Mr. Goch.

Roll Call: Godwin, Conroy, Goch, Rash, and Gensimore voted Yes. Motion passed.

Mrs. Gensimore stated we need a roll call on the ordinance as substituted, second by Mrs. Godwin.

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

Second 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.

First Readings

Resolution No. R-20-25

A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and, Certifying them to the County Fiscal Officer for 2020, and Declaring an Emergency.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to suspend the three-reading rule, second by Mr. Goch.

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

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to adopt, second by Mr. Rash.

Mrs. Weirick stated this is to certify to the county that we still require and need the property taxes that were levied.

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

Resolution No. R-20-26

A Resolution Authorizing the Village of Clinton Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to Execute Contracts as Required, and Declaring an Emergency.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to suspend the three-reading rule, second by Mr. Goch.

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

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to adopt, second by Mr. Rash.

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

New Business

Mr. Rash asked how much are we (inaudible). Mayor Allega said she will have a better answer for him in October once September money is in from RITA.

Council General Discussion – Nothing to discuss.

Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval

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

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

The meeting was adjourned.

Leah Weirick, Village Fiscal Officer

Mayor Clarissa Allega

Bud McDaniel, President of Council