

**Village of Clinton
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 17, 2024**

Mayor Bud McDaniel called the meeting to order on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 7:00 PM in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lee Malcolm and recited by those present.

Council Members Present: Ross Blankenship, Jan Godwin, Rita Joseph, Marissa Gensimore, Keith Clackler, and Matt Steiner.

Others Present: Diane Gunter, resident; Leah Weirick, fiscal officer; Karen and Jared McDaniel; Lee Malcolm, Planning Commission Chairman.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Steiner made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Mrs. Godwin.

Roll Call: Joseph, Gensimore, Steiner, Godwin, Clackler and Blankenship voted yes. Motion passes.

Mr. Steiner made a motion to amend the agenda. He asked that Lee Malcolm from the Planning Commission be moved up to present their findings. Second by Mrs. Gensimore.

Roll Call: Gensimore, Steiner, Godwin, Clackler, Blankenship and Joseph voted yes. Motion passes.

Lee Malcolm, Chairman of the Planning Commission

Mr. Malcolm introduced himself and history of his residency in this Village. He and the Planning Commission members are vested in the past, present and future of the Village.

He explained the conversations held with the current owners of the property in question – parcel number 2701730, 10 acres, 7927 Cleveland-Massillon Rd. The request of the Belknaps, who also own the drive thru, want to build an inside wedding venue similar to the one in Canal Fulton, and to rezone the entire parcel to B-1. The area by the baseball fields where they want to build the new structure is currently zoned R2.

The Planning Commission unanimously approved rezoning the entire parcel to B-1 at their meeting on December 4, 2024, and Mr. Malcolm explained all of the issues discussed in coming to that decision. He indicated the pluses to the community discussed and the potential concerns, such as noise, golf cart traffic from Hillside Park, outdoor alcohol consumption, parking loss at OVMP events, traffic pattern/control at a confusing intersection, etc. It is an active business, very attractive, can inspire future business, will be well lit that will help with vandalism and vagrancy. The area where the new structure will be is on the eastern half where the baseball fields are. In the future, a conditional use, plans are to renovate the old school into an overnight facility only for wedding guests. Not open to the public. This was supported by the nearby neighbors. The venue activity and music will primarily be behind closed doors.

Mrs. Gensimore asked him if the zoning inspector was able to deduce whether the planning book put together by the previous Planning Commission and legal team shows that section already zoned as B-1. Was that already in force or just for future. He indicated that there were still some questions on the table about that parcel as there were two different maps, a zoning and a land use map. They did not align 100%.

Council has 30 days to have their own public hearing. It was asked if we flush out which map is correct, do we still have to have the public hearing? Mr. Steiner said we will follow through with the process.

Mr. Blankenship asked if there were any plans to do anything about the intersection as it's horrible and 80 to 100 cars may be coming in for an event. Mayor McDaniel will be seeing the Chief of Police this week and he will discuss this issue with him and maybe a Summit County traffic engineer can be asked about legalities of manipulating/changing this area. Mr. Steiner said we had traffic there when the school was still open. There will also be someone there to direct traffic as they do at the Locust Street venue.

Mrs. Gensimore said the Stop for Train sign on Main Street is confusing and may need changed. Mayor McDaniel will check on this as well.

It was decided to hold Council's public hearing on either the 6th or the 9th of January, 2025 at 6:30 PM. The necessary publication will be done by administration.

Mayor McDaniel is very pleased to have this venue in the Village.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Steiner brought up the signage donation from the church and want this issue placed on future agendas. The cost for the signage is higher in cost than we first expected so will need time to review and research. The fire department needs one the most and will be easier to start with that one.

Mrs. Gensimore gave an update on the building and installing of the lending library. The Eagle Scout and his father will be doing this project in the Spring.

She needs articles for the Newsletter on January 3, 2025.

Mayor's Communications

Mayor McDaniel will be having lunch at a safety meeting this Thursday and he will talk to the Chief of Police, who will be there, about issues brought up at recent council meetings.

He reported that Census.gov is 30 years old.

AMATS emailed the Mayor about crash-related fatalities dropping.

Council Communications and Council Committee Reports

No reports.

Citizens Comments

No reports.

Resolutions and Ordinances

No First or Second readings.

Third Readings

Resolution No. R-24-17

A Resolution to Provide Legal Services for the Village of Clinton and Confirming the Appointment of Marshal M. Pitchford as Village Solicitor for Years 2025 and 2026; and Declaring an Emergency.

Mrs. Joseph motioned to adopt, second by Mrs. Gensimore.

Roll Call: Steiner, Godwin, Clackler, Blankenship, Joseph and Gensimore voted yes. Motion passes.

Resolution No. R-24-18

Mrs. Joseph motioned to adopt, second by Mr. Steiner.

Mr. Steiner spoke with the Jason Popiel, OHM, the dollar amount is not a fixed amount. It's a budgetary number. We pay by the hour. Some months will be more and some less.

Roll Call: Godwin, Clackler, Blankenship, Joseph, Gensimore and Steiner voted yes. Motion passes.

Resolution No. R-24-19

A Resolution Adopting the Annual Appropriations for the Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2025, and Declaring an Emergency.

Mrs. Joseph motioned to adopt, second by Mr. Steiner.

Mr. Steiner said included is the mowing of the property at Village Hall. These dollars have not been included as Kevin will be mowing this summer.

Roll Call: Clackler, Blankenship, Joseph, Gensimore, Steiner, and Godwin voted yes. Motion passes.

Ordinance No. O-24-20

An Ordinance Amending Codified Ordinance No. O-19-11, Adopting Amended Policies for The Village of Clinton Concerning Non-Elected Non-Contracted Administrative Employees, and Declaring it an Emergency.

Mrs. Gensimore motioned to adopt. There was no second. Motion fails.

New Business

The First Renewal of the Summit County-Akron Regional Radio System User Agreement for maintenance every year for the fire department's radios needs the Mayor's signature. Council had no issues with this renewal.

Council General Discussion

Mrs. Gensimore said the open house at the Harter House was quite a great event. The house is gorgeous. About 40 people went through.


Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval

Mr. Steiner announced the bills were \$26,218.21.


Mrs. Godwin made a motion to pay the bills, second by Mr. Clackler.

Roll Call: Blankenship, Joseph, Gensimore, Steiner, Godwin and Clackler voted yes. Motion passes.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to adjourn at 7:38 PM, and the meeting adjourned.



Mayor Bud McDaniel



Matt Steiner, President of Council



Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer