

**Village of Clinton  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, January 21, 2025**

Mayor Bud McDaniel called the meeting to order on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 7:00 PM in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Keith Clackler and recited by those present.

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

Others Present: No one signed in.

**Approval of Minutes**

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

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

**Election of President of Council**

Mrs. Joseph made a motion to elect Matt Steiner, second by Mrs. Godwin. There were no other nominations.

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

**Election of Vice President of Council**

The reason this position was created was explained and that it has been in place for a few years. There was a discussion on signing checks as well, and who is authorized to sign them. This issue will be looked into to ensure we are in compliance.

Mrs. Godwin made a motion to elect Marissa Gensimore, second by Mr. Clackler. There were no other nominations.

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

**Unfinished Business**

Mr. Steiner reported the donation from the church for signage is on the agenda so we stay on top of it and continue to explore signage options. He will help push before the next meeting.

The playground equipment quote was in the packet and in motion for this spring to be installed. We were not awarded a grant for the equipment. The equipment there is in bad condition. We will post on the official Village Facebook page and share on the other site.

Mrs. Joseph asked if we got any other quotes and was told Mrs. Weirick would have that information.

Mrs. Gensimore will post the playground equipment online.

**Mayor's Communications**

Mayor McDaniel reported that the police chief has not heard back from the Summit County engineer regarding the intersection of what we can or cannot do.

The stop sign by Nimisila and Van Buren concerns the Mayor about speeding in that area. There is a light out that needs reported that didn't get addressed and will ask Mrs. Mayberry to report again. It was stated the Public Utilities chair should do that. Anyone can report an outage as well.

## **Council Communications and Council Committee Reports**

Mrs. Gensimore indicated there is still not a publish date for the Community Newsletter.

Mr. Steiner said the Council committee chairmen will remain the same. He indicated the schedule for committee meetings is not being adhered to as they get cancelled a lot, are not needed, or we have meetings and put off till date of the schedule. He would like to move to an "as needed", minimum once a year meeting schedule and have committee chairs schedule when needed. That could be more effective for us. Mrs. Gensimore said there is an ordinance in place with this schedule of committee meetings. Its purpose was if there were already meetings scheduled you could plan for it, and with the contingent if something is pressing before your meeting, the chairs can talk to their members and have a special meeting, if necessary, at any time. The reason for this was that there were no meetings being scheduled for committees. Mr. Steiner said when it's scheduled before a council meeting, and if the committee meeting starts late, they have to quit before council starts. Mrs. Joseph said this can be discussed in Laws and Ordinances. Mrs. Gensimore likes having the schedule and if you don't have a topic to discuss, you cancel the meeting. Mayor McDaniel said we did have more meetings with this in place. There is a regular Board of Zoning Appeals meeting every month, the third Wednesday, so all those members knew to keep that date clear.

Mr. Clackler, Streets, Sidewalks, and Parks Chairman, said he is aware of the issues on social media about speeding and other issues. The one last week of someone passing someone and driving into someone's yard, he's aware and will discuss at their next committee meeting.

## **Citizens Comments**

No comments.

## **Resolutions and Ordinances**

### **First Readings**

#### **Resolution No. R-25-02**

A Resolution Authorizing All Actions Necessary to Accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) 2025 Energized Community Grant, and Declaring an Emergency.

### **Second Readings**

#### **Ordinance No. O-25-01**

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. O-23-26, Establishing the Pay Rates for Certain Employees, Effective January 1, 2025, and Declaring an Emergency.

No third readings.

## **New Business**

In looking at the current scheduled council meetings, so far, Mrs. Gensimore stated there is no election in the spring – no May special election that affects Clinton. However, there is one in November.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to reschedule the November 4<sup>th</sup> 2025 Council meeting to Thursday, November 6, 2025, second by Mrs. Godwin.

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

Mrs. Gensimore said that also would move the committee meeting as well.

Mr. Steiner indicated the firemen applications we were given to review need approved. Mark Miller, Paul Weigand, and Leland Obrian have had their background checks come back clean.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to approve the hiring of Mark Miller, Paul Weigand, and Leland Obrian to the Clinton Fire department, second by Mr. Steiner.

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

Mr. Steiner said we received a lengthy report on changes that are recommended by American Legal for updates to our codified ordinances. This needs reviewed by February 10. He and Mrs. Joseph, Laws and Ordinances Chair, met to go over this report and concluded it needs reviewed by our solicitor to do it thoroughly and will be time consuming. It will be an additional expense for the solicitor to complete this. Our solicitor's office is qualified to review and then get with us on what they find. Mayor McDaniel agreed this is beyond our ability to ensure it is done legally.

Mrs. Joseph made a motion to have Seth Marcom, at the solicitor's office, review the American Legal report, seconded by Mr. Steiner.

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

### **Council General Discussion**


### **Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval**

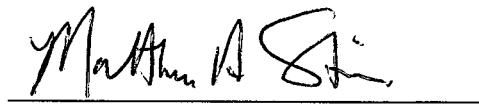
Mr. Steiner reported that the bills totaled \$34,802. He pointed out the higher bills that were on the listing.


Mrs. Joseph made a motion to approve the bills, second by Mrs. Godwin.

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

Mrs. Joseph made a motion to adjourn at 7:36 PM, second by Mr. Steiner.

  
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Mayor Bud McDaniel

  
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Matt Steiner, President of Council

  
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Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer