

**Village of Clinton
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

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

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

Others Present: Seth Marcom, Attorney Pitchford's office; Kevin White, Street Supt., /Commissioner; Diane Gunter, resident; Officer Zampelli, New Franklin PD; Captain Wymer, FD.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Joseph made a motion to approve the minutes, and was seconded by Mr. Clackler.

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

Election of President of Council

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to postpone the election of president and vice president of council so we have a super majority, five, members of council to vote. Mr. Marcom indicated that to vote anyone into these positions today, there are only four members here, and per the ORC, so each must receive 4 votes at this meeting. He also sees no reason to not postpone.

Mrs. Joseph seconded the motion to postpone the election.

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

Appointment of Street Commissioner

Mayor McDaniel appointed Mr. White as Street Commissioner and he accepted.

Appointment of Solicitor

Mayor McDaniel appointed Marshal Pitchford as our Village Solicitor. The two-year contract was passed on December 17, 2024.

Records Commission

Mrs. Gensimore asked if we have a resident willing to be on the Records Commission. So far, we do not have a resident to fill that required position. Mayor McDaniel made a request on the live feed to anyone interested in filling this position and explained the purpose of the Commission and briefly how the records retention process works. This will get posted on the website.

Solicitor Monthly Report

Mr. Marcom said so far, the year is up to a good start with minimal issues to address.

Police Monthly Report

Officer Zampelli read his report to those present (attached). Members of council talked about the speeding in certain areas and that some are worse than others. There were 6 citations for speeding and 5 were on Cleveland-Massillon Road.

Mrs. Gensimore asked about the 23 traffic stops but only 6 citations and the difference between a citation and a warning. The officer indicated it is determined by the number of miles you are going over the speed limit. Some of the stops were for other traffic issues.

Fire Chief Monthly Report

Captain Wymer read the monthly report (attached). Mrs. Godwin wants an annual report from the fire department.

Mark Miller submitted an application for employment and Captain Wymer would like council to vote for him. There are two others as well, a total of three they would like council to review for employment. They will receive the applications and make their decision at the next meeting.

Captain Wymer said that Village Hall is a place for someone if they need shelter – who do they call and who comes to open up the building? Mayor McDaniel said to go to the website and find a person to call or call him. Mrs. Gensimore said this was discussed but no protocol was documented. We can't have people here without someone official present. The fire personnel could come, but if they get a call, would have to leave.

Street Commissioner's Monthly Report

Last month there were a few salting events and storm damage with trees on Van Buren. Mrs. Joseph asked at what time do you put salt down? He said it depends on the weather and when he feels it's necessary as he isn't sure if the snow will be falling at 2, 3 or 4 AM. He tries to get in and out before the busses and their routes, before school starts, and gets Main Street done first.

Zoning Inspector Written Quarterly Report

No report this quarter but Mayor McDaniel will talk to him about getting one to us soon.

Mayor's Report of Village Affairs

Mayor McDaniel read his report (attached).

Fiscal Officer's Report – No report.

Unfinished Business – No report.

Mayor's Communications

Mayor McDaniel reported that the Theme for 2025 for our Storm Water Management Program is, "Not hard to have a healthy yard."

He received an ornament from Amelia Sykes.

He attended a safety meeting and talked to the police chief and he did not know about the legalities of the stop sign issue that was discussed at the last meeting. Our engineer said as part of the sidewalk project we are supposed to a sign up there. No one knew of legalities. He will talk with the Summit County Traffic Engineer as this is a state route. We may need to do a traffic study as well. He wants to wait until we find out if we can do it. Mayor McDaniel needs to get more details. Mrs. Gensimore wanted only to have "Stop only if there is a train."

Council Communications and Council Committee Reports

Mrs. Gensimore said the publishers advised her the deadline is extended as Canal Fulton was not ready.

Citizens Comments

No comments.

Resolutions and Ordinances

No Second or Third Readings.

First 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.

New Business – No new business.

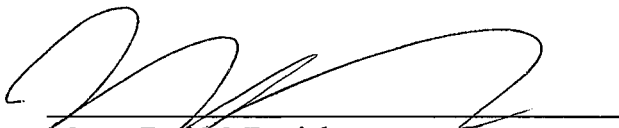
Council General Discussion – No discussion.

Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval


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

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

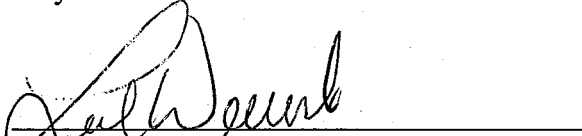
Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to adjourn at 7:44 PM, was seconded, and the meeting adjourned.



Mayor Bud McDaniel



Matt Steiner, President of Council



Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer

Mayor Bud McDaniel
State of the Village - 2024

Welcome to the State of the Village for 2024

Street Department

This year we were able to chip and seal all of the downtown roads as well as Comet. Clinton, Comet Rd., and Shadow Lane all got much needed road repairs. Surface road also saw some improvements.

We can also thank Kevin for keeping the grass cut and routine maintenance of our roads and equipment.

Fire Department

As of December 21st, 2024 the Clinton Fire Department responded to 280 calls of which 60 were Fire related and 220 EMS. we provided mutual aid for 89 calls and received mutual aid for 9 calls. No OSHA and 1 Worker's Compensation claim filed while responding to these calls.

We re-applied for and received the Assistance to Firefighters Grant for a new tanker to replace our existing 1994 tanker for which the maintenance costs have continued to increase. Tanker has not been delivered yet. We purchased a new ambulance to replace our 2001 ambulance, and are waiting for delivery. We began the process of the AFG grant for a new Engine, hoping that within the next 5 or 6 years it may be awarded.

We had our long time only full-time person retired towards the end of 2024 and would like to again thank Capt. John Yohey for his many years he dedicated to the Village of Clinton.

2024 we were able to we replaced the siding on our apparatus bay at our manned station. We also able to make much needed improvements to the living quarters of the manned station.

Chief Wayne Conroy has kept the fire department's budget in the black again this year.

Zoning

Our Zoning Department has had a very productive year in 2024. They have continued to register contractors, review plans and issue permits in a timely matter.

We would like to welcome 3 new members to our Village teams, 1 on the Planning Commission and 2 on the Board of Zoning Appeals; Councilwoman Gensimore to Planning, and Mike Robinson and Jackie Goch to the BZA. Thank you all that serve on these committees.

Jeff and the Inspector have had many meetings this past year with property owners on Main St., discussing the future and the possibility of more business in Clinton.

Currently, the past 3 to 4 months, zoning has been overseeing a rezoning project that will contribute to future business in the Village.

We look forward to more improvements in 2025.

Village Government

Our council passed 16 Resolutions and 3 Ordinances in 2024.

Lewis Rash has also continued his food donation program for the Thanksgiving holiday consisting of mostly turkeys to needy families.

We have also updated our lighting in doorways of our village hall.

Historical Society

Through the efforts of Diane Gunter and her team at the Historical society, the Memorial Day breakfast and fall Applefest were once again successful events enjoyed by a great number of people. Our village hall and main street looked festive for the Christmas season as she facilitated the decoration of downtown.

OVMP

The veterans park has many events throughout the year, but the most recent and notable is our annual Corvette club car show. This was the second year for it and it was a great success. In 2024, the food trucks couldn't make it, so the members and volunteers pulled out a grill and made hot dogs for all in attendance. That was the second show and they are planning on continuing this tradition in the future.

Staff

I would also like to thank Sue Mayberry and Leah Weirick for their work throughout the year in keeping the Village running smoothly.

Final Thoughts

As last year, I look forward to serving this village throughout 2025. My doors are open to anyone for questions, comments, concerns, or just general discussion.

Respectfully,

Bud McDaniel
Mayor