

**Village of Clinton
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, November 7, 2024**

Council President Matt Steiner called the meeting to order on Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 7:00 PM in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bev Waseman and recited by those present.

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

Others Present: Diane Gunter and Beverly Waseman, residents. Officer Drummond, New Franklin PD; Seth Marcom from Marshal Pitchford's office, Solicitor; and Leah Weirick, fiscal officer.

Mr. Steiner made a motion to let the Clinton United Methodist church speak before Unfinished Business and after the Fiscal Officer's Report, second by Mrs. Gensimore.

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

Approval of Minutes

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

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

Solicitor Monthly Report

Mr. Marcom stated that he was currently assisting the Fire Chief with a request and a research project he received from the solicitor.

Police Monthly Report

Officer Drummond read his written October report. (Attached in packet)

One of the PD's incidents was questioned by Mr. Steiner and was advised the individual involved in the train accident was in a shelter in Canton. It was also stated that the train stopped on the tracks as a car was detached and was separated for emergency vehicles.

Fire Chief Monthly Report – Attached in the packet. Mr. Steiner read the written report.

Street Commissioner Monthly Report

Mr. White did tree trimming on 2nd Avenue by the tracks. He worked on a driveway pipe on Serfass Road and mowing was finished. The new zero turn mower can be ordered as the money is in the appropriation amendment in the legislation receiving a second reading tonight.

Street opening areas that needed patched were fixed as well by Embridge/Dominion.

Fiscal Officer's Report – No report.

Clinton Methodist Church

Mrs. Waseman and two other church members presented a letter and read it to the Village Council. The church, as it has closed, donated \$5,000 to the Village of Clinton for a new digital sign, and \$2,000 to the fire station for a sign to replace the one currently being used.

Mr. Steiner said we would need to do research on this issue and look into grant money.

All appreciated the generous donation given by the church.

Mayor's Communications

Council President Matt Steiner heard from the Mayor and Jan Godwin, and they could not be here for personal reasons. He had not heard from Mr. Blankenship.

Mr. Steiner attended the Trinity Lutheran Church's 150 Year Celebration.

The current Village engineer prepared an RFQ for their next contract and is posted on the website. This is done every 5 years. We also will be reviewing a contract from the Village Solicitor. The rates have gone up to keep in line with what is charged to other communities he contracts with. There will be three readings on these contracts.

Mr. Steiner thanked the police and fire departments for patrolling during Trick or Treat.

We had a \$1,100 bill for a public records request from our email provider. This, plus the other fees we were charged totals about \$10,000. Some of those requests are coming from within. We can't continue this – we must communicate with each other. We can't recoup this expense.

Council Communications and Council Committee Reports

Mr. Steiner said he was the only committee member to show for the Finance Committee meeting tonight. We need to reschedule and he will contact Mr. Blankenship and Mrs. Godwin about this.

Mrs. Gensimore spoke with representative from the Canal Fulton Library about the Free Little Library project and it will be worked on through the winter and installed in the spring. She will be working with the library to go over the particulars. This free library will hold books for anyone to take – books are donated by whoever wants to give. The library will maintain.

Mrs. Gensimore praised the police and fire departments for patrolling the streets on Trick or Treat.

Citizens Comments – No comments.

Resolutions and Ordinances – No first readings.

Second Readings

Resolution No. R-24-15

A Resolution Amending the Annual Appropriations for the Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2024, and Declaring an Emergency.

This includes the mower spoken about earlier.

Resolution No. R-24-16

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor of the Village of Clinton to Enter into a Dispatch Service Agreement with the South Summit Council of Governments, and Declaring an Emergency.

New Business – No discussion.

Council General Discussion

Mrs. Gensimore brought up the care baskets done by the Historical Society. Names for those who may need to receive a basket are needed by December 1. Open House at the Harter House is December 8. Santa Claus comes to the Village on December 1st as well.

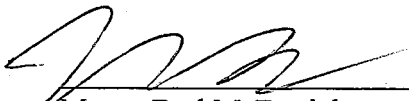
Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval

Mr. Steiner reported the payment listings totaled \$56,385. We had an expenditure of \$9,095.01 for a sick and vacation time pay out when Mr. Yohey retired. That was already set aside in a separate fund. Bad Day Training and Consulting was \$4,500 grant, we received the money and we are paying it out. It's hazardous material training for the fire department.


Mrs. Joseph made a motion to pay the bills and purchase orders, second by Mr. Clackler.

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

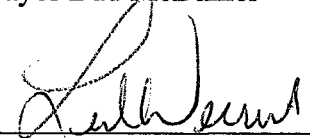
Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to adjourn at 7:32 PM, and was seconded by Mr. Steiner. Meeting was adjourned.



Mayor Bud McDaniel



Matt Steiner, President of Council



Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer