

**Village of Clinton
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 15, 2024**

Mayor Bud McDaniel called the meeting to order on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 7:00 PM in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Diane Gunter and recited by those present.

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

Others Present: Seth Marcom from Marshal Pitchford's office, Solicitor; Leah Weirick, fiscal officer; and Diane Gunter, resident.

Approval of Minutes

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

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

Unfinished Business

Mrs. Gensimore said she met with Trent from Small Business Technologies and there are a few things yet to do. We need to purchase a couple of shelves for the server rack and council received a copy of a quote to consider.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to approve the \$149.02 estimate for the shelves to be put in the rack so we can complete the project and get everything secure to meet our insurance company requirements, second by Mr. Steiner.

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

Mayor McDaniel mentioned an issue brought up at the last meeting regarding the rules about officials missing three meetings in a row. We could not find where this is written. Under the ORC if you miss eight meetings in a row then you can be taken off council. Mr. Marcom stated that he found if you miss eight meetings it states your seat will be vacated, however if there is an excused absence in there your seat might still be protected. Eight meetings missed means 4 months of absence.

Mayor McDaniel said to read the codified ordinances first before quoting what isn't there.

Mayor's Communications

Mayor McDaniel said the downstairs network has been moved over into the other room.

October is Fire Inspection Month. Our exit lights needed fixed, so we did fail the inspection. They have been fixed.

We have a new dispatch agreement in the packet and the numbers have been reviewed and is competitive and the best price. There is no transition. We have doubled the calls from last year.

On October 4, he attended the All-Hazards Conference. It covered the East Palestine train derailment issue. The Ohio EPA Rep spent months there and the facts show nothing escaped from that area. It's safe to drink the water.

He met with Jason Popiel about our SWMP status. We now are responsible to monitor this. We have paid for part of this work already up front. We are learning what we have to do and some things we need we may be able to get from the County. We will be requesting where septic systems are and how many are in the Village. Our street superintendent will be doing some mapping of water flow as he sees it. Mrs. Godwin said there are some old maps of waterways and she has one map in her possession. There should be others here and recorded at the County.

Mayor McDaniel stated he went to the NE Ohio Managers, City Managers and Mayors Association meeting and a highlight was on foreign investment in our communities. The Mayor explained what was presented.

He also met with Donna Skoda, Public Health, who is retiring. Her replacement was here and another person from her staff. There is a Gate Keepers program for older individuals who may need checked on. Contact Summit County Public Health regarding lower cost dental services as well.

Mr. Marcom asked to make a correction in something he stated earlier regarding elected officials missing council meetings. In the Code under 705.13, it states 10 meetings, not 8, in a row, of missed meetings. Under Ohio law, if you are not here for 5 months straight, your seat is vacated unless authorized by the legislative authority.

Council Communications and Council Committee Reports

Mr. Steiner said before the next Council meeting, there will be a Finance Committee meeting. There was question as to the date of the council and finance meeting due to the election, but all agreed this year is different.

Mrs. Gensimore brought up a concern of the fire chief needing a backup internet service for the 911 system. We may be able to get one through Spectrum. Some run \$20 per month with maybe an up-front service installation. We will continue to look at what is most economical.

Mayor McDaniel corrected the meeting date to November 7 due to the election. This was scheduled at the beginning of the year.

Halloween is October 31, 6 to 8 PM.

Citizens Comments – No comments.

Resolutions and Ordinances

First Readings

Resolution No. R-24-14

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 2025, and Declaring an Emergency.

Mr. Steiner stated that this needs to be passed tonight as this establishes our tax levies with the County.

Mr. Steiner made a motion to waive the three-reading rule on this resolution, second by Mrs. Gensimore.

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

Mr. Steiner made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R-24-14, second by Mrs. Godwin.

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

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.

Mrs. Weirick went through the line items to explain the changes. In general, there were changes to what was budgeted for street lighting (\$4,500); Mayor's position salary increase (\$1,825); legal fees (\$15,000); (RITA fees has been lower due to less admin costs on their end – decrease of \$4,000); Street fund debt payment for backhoe needed added (\$63,000); Permissive Tax fund decreased (\$69,000) due to not doing Clinton Road; the fire fund is doing some updates to the siding and gutters (\$13,000); and the FEMA fund received a grant for a new cot for the ambulance and received the money (\$20,000).

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.

This is a three- year agreement. The chief shopped around on the cost.

New Business – No discussion.

Council General Discussion – No discussion.

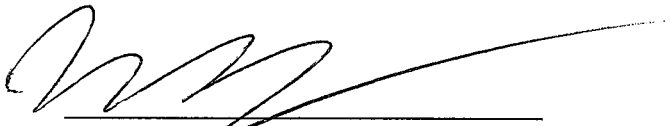
Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval

Mr. Steiner reported the Trident Asphalt and Paving of Shadow Lane cost \$12,340. The payment for solicitor is listed at \$7,000, again, which has caused the need for our budget to be adjusted.


Mrs. Godwin made a motion to pay the bills, \$57,239.92, and purchase orders, second by Mrs. Gensimore.

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

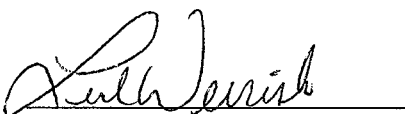
Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 PM, and was seconded by Mrs. Joseph. Meeting was adjourned.



Mayor Bud McDaniel



Matt Steiner, President of Council



Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer