

**Village of Clinton
Regular Council Meeting**

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Mayor Bud McDaniel called the meeting to order on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 7:00 PM in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mac Kunkle 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: Mac Kunkle, Hannah McDaniel, and Diane Gunter, residents.

Approval of Minutes

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

Mayor McDaniel would like to amend some verbiage in his Mayor's Communications section. He indicated wording needed changed about his comments on illicit drug use and suicides. It should state that in the LGTBQ crowd and Hispanic women, illicit drug use was down but still higher than the rest.

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

Records Commission Appointment

Mayor McDaniel appointed Chris Keblesh as the Village resident on the Village Records Commission.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Steiner reported that he will follow up with Mrs. Weirick about the church signage issue when she returns.

He then brought up the Kimble Contract, which is in the packet. There are two versions, and the one without the Veterans' Memorial Park Dumpster listed was not included in the packet, and should have been. The Veterans' Memorial Park is not Village property and with that comes with concerns of liability, optics, and that we are not providing free service for other entities in the Village. Kimble indicated that according to their records the Veterans' Park was on the list since 2015. Mrs. Gensimore said no dumpsters were indicated on the prior contracts either. Mr. Steiner said Mrs. Mayberry never saw one like that. Basically, all she got was the cover letter.

Mr. Steiner stated we don't need a three-time reading, and approve the contract without the Veterans' Memorial Park being included. We need to correct this now.

Mr. Steiner made a motion to accept the proposed 3-Year Kimble Contract not including a dumpster at the Veterans' Memorial Park, second by Mrs. Gensimore.

Mrs. Gensimore asked if Kimble made any indication that they might offer that to the Veterans' Memorial Park? Mr. Steiner said they didn't indicate either way.

Mayor McDaniel announced that the Tuskegee Airmen that were to come to the Veterans' Park the weekend after Memorial Day has been cancelled.

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

Mr. Steiner asked Mayor McDaniel if he was President at the Veterans' Memorial Wall and the answer was no, not at this time. He was for about two weeks but not anymore.

Mayor's Communications

Mayor McDaniel reported that the 1.2-million-dollar grant for Clinton Road will not happen. It was rejected at the House and Senate. He is working with Jason Popiel, OHM Advisors, to seek funding from AMATS to hopefully get this road done. It's also a county road, and in a couple years the county may take care of it.

Mrs. Gensimore asked if we could limit the tonnage on that road so it doesn't deteriorate more. Mayor McDaniel said it's the main road into the Village and industrial park. She wondered if we could re-route the traffic. Mayor McDaniel said re-routing could tear up other roads. He brought up that the street superintendent did reinforce the sides of Clinton Road. Mayor McDaniel did say the PD are patrolling and doing an exceptional job. Mr. Steiner said we have a road schedule and Nimisila Road keeps getting pushed back as well. He indicated that Mr. White can revisit the budget and adjust to see what else we can do.

Mayor McDaniel will stay in touch with the Village engineer on this.

Mayor McDaniel mentioned that Eileen Shapiro's office is offering Summit County high school seniors scholarship opportunities and the information is available if anyone is interested. He can email the information to anyone interested.

Council Communications and Council Committee Reports

Mrs. Gensimore indicated the schedule for the next Community Newsletter to be delivered is the first of June. She needs articles the beginning of May covering events through the end of September.

She got an email about residents receiving open enrollment letters from NOPEC for gas in mid-April. The Village will also be getting more information from NOPEC that will be posted. Mr. Steiner wanted to remind everyone that you don't need to do anything to stay on our program. He indicated that residents will be receiving third-party letters in the mail trying to get them to join, along with the NOPEC letters. It's important to know it's NOPEC the Village is with. Mayor McDaniel added that we just got another grant from NOPEC based on the residents who are on the Village plan.

Citizens Comments

No comments.

Resolutions and Ordinances

First Readings

Ordinance No. O-25-04

An Ordinance Enacting a Code of Ordinances for the Village of Clinton (Village), Summit County, Ohio, Revising, Amending, Restating, Codifying and Compiling Certain Existing General Ordinances of the Village, Dealing with Subjects Embraced in Such Code of Ordinances, and Declaring an Emergency.

Mr. Steiner said this legislation is from our Codification Company and will get sent to Seth Marcum who will review and may do something different. There will be some changes on the second reading.

Second Readings – No second readings.

Third Readings

Ordinance No. O-25-03

An Ordinance Amending Codified Ordinance Section 121.02, Entitled “Rules,” and Declaring it to be an Emergency.

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

Mrs. Gensimore stated that the ordinance as it is written is not correct. It’s false. There was nothing wrong with our standard committees as they were – it worked. It’s just different. What is not flexible is this current legislation that limits committees from holding a meeting on the same day of a council meeting. She reiterated how the schedule already had a committee meeting on the same day as a council meeting which made a lot of sense not having to find another meeting time.

Roll Call: Steiner, Godwin, Joseph, and Clackler voted yes. Gensimore, voted no. Motion passes.

New Business – No new business.

Council General Discussion

Mrs. Godwin stated that there will be a Safety Committee meeting on Monday, March 31, 2025, at 5:00 PM. We will talk with the Fire Chief about the Fire Department and get his input on what the future might be. It’s not a presentation for the Village.

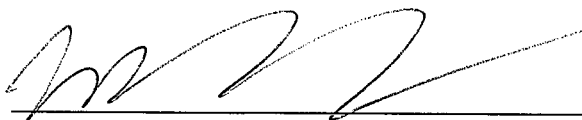
Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval

Mr. Steiner reported that the bills totaled \$ 63,515.88. The \$6,000 was a deposit for the fire house roof, and the \$4,000 was to Cargill for salt.

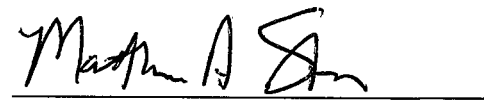
Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to approve the bills, second by Mr. Clackler.

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

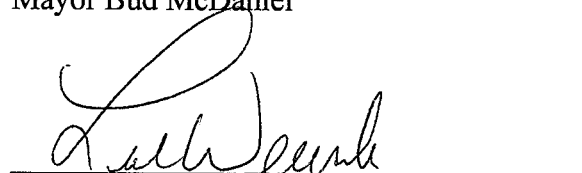
Mrs. Joseph made a motion to adjourn at 7:36 PM, second by Mrs. Gensimore. Meeting was adjourned.



Mayor Bud McDaniel



Matt Steiner, President of Council



Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer