Village of Clinton Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Council President Matt Steiner called the meeting to order on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 7:00 PM in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by LeeAnn Dreurey and recited by those present.

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

Others Present: Diane Gunter; Ken Noon, Summit Memorial; Carol Parker Park, OVMP; Erin Rader; Lee Ann Dreurey; Kim Kovesic; David Thompson; Amy Hilton, Kent Goch, Ellen Conroy; Seth Marcum, Solicitor's Office; and Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer.

Approval of Minutes

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

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

Unfinished Business

Mr. Steiner reported that he will discuss the church donation for signage this next week with the church and fiscal officer.

Mrs. Godwin made a motion to amend the agenda and move Citizens Comments after Mayor's Communications, second by Mrs. Joseph.

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

Mayor's Communications

Mr. Steiner reported that there were complaints from residents of the number of heavy trucks, around 30, coming off Rte. 21 through town. Mayor McDaniel contacted the job foreman at ODOT about this and was advised that there was a truck blocking the way they needed to go and this was a detour. ODOT did say they should not be doing this. Mr. Steiner asked residents to please take note if this continues and notify the Village.

Mr. Steiner thanked the Community Action Group for their cleanup at the Clinton Auto Repair shop. He indicated this is a good time to review our zoning and ordinances. If we don't have zoning and ordinances to keep that kind of thing from happening, we have to tighten that up. If this is not an ordinance or zoning issue, we need to figure out our enforcement issues. We did get a ticket book last book for better zoning enforcement and once we get that handled, we need to stay ahead of it. Some of the clean-up items were hard to see. Primary issues are abandoned and unregistered vehicles for zoning to focus on. Mrs. Gensimore stated that our zoning inspector has been looking at this issue and as long as progress is made, is giving some grace. We don't want to come down so hard on residents and Mr. Ferjutz is doing that. Mr. Steiner said the grace period is getting less and less acceptable.

Citizens Comments

Ken Noon owner of Summit Memorial spoke on an issue that happened at the OVMP. His full comments and associated documents are attached.

Mr. Noon stated the original OVMP minutes, they would not give to him, was 13 pages long - but they brought it down to 4. There is also a video/audio available to listen to as well, which he has.

Mr. Noon was asked what land they are speaking of. The property, two acres, they want to move the memorial to is behind the fire station. The cemetery board talked to the OVMP, and now there are lawyers involved. The agreement between the OVMP committee and the Clinton Cemetery Association states that it will be a permanent memorial. The OVMP needs cemetery approval on anything beyond what was agreed upon and they refuse to do it. Mayor McDaniel took Gary Kindig to show him the land as they are upset with the cemetery board because they want to do whatever they want back there.

Mrs. Gensimore asked, for the record, Mr. Noon to submit the information just read to them, including the OVMP minutes, to the Village for the official minutes.

Mr. Noon does not want to see the OVMP moved. There was no signed contract – there was only the agreement to build the memorial. He is not mad that it is being turned over to the cemetery – he thinks that is great.

The next to speak was Carol Parker Park. She is a board member at the OVMP since 2012. She abhors what is going on with the current board and does not agree with what they want to do with the park. She indicated the agreement has always been there and the park has always been the cemetery's. The board didn't want to know the regulations. Mr. Noon took the time and effort into the park. She hopes that you will see there is a real current of mistrust against Ken. The altercation they said took place was when Mr. Noon called the treasurer "girl" when he was explaining about the board, old board, cemetery, and OVMP. He apologized since she didn't appreciate being called that. She holds Ken Noon in high regard and hopes we can come to an agreement.

Next was Lee Ann Dreurey, Cemetery Association secretary. She addressed this to the mayor and read her statement (attached). She added that what Ken Noon said was absolutely true as she was at that first meeting when he and Mr. Stevenhagen approached that board years ago, as she was a member at that time. There has never been any discord among these organizations until, I believe, when the mayor got involved and there is a conflict of interest.

Ellen Conroy reported on the clean-up event at Gordon's and thanked everyone who showed up. They filled several dump trucks. There is a lot more to do, but there is a big difference. They scrapped 4 tons of scrap. The tires need picked up yet but will be addressed. What is left could not go to scrap as everything had to be sorted piece by piece.

Council Communications and Council Committee Reports

Mr. Clackler indicated that Mr. Steiner met with the camera company at the park today. We will put security cameras on the new playground equipment and the door of the garage. The \$2,000 was approved for that. He also reported that there will be paving done on Van Buren and chip and seal Shadow Lane and Diebel and part of North Street. Van Buren will be out of permissive tax. Striping was approved and will be done on Comet, North and Fulton. The cover for the salt shed was also approved. A speed limit sign was also discussed to purchase with the NOPEC money and put on Cleveland-Massillon Road. There will be legislation at the next meeting to put towards these projects – just moving the money since we didn't get the funding for Clinton Road.

The little library we approved is being constructed and will be installed next month. This was an Eagle Scout project.

She got a quote for a brand-new computer as we need to update several computers at Village Hall.

She is working with the IT company on which ones we need to replace. There is money in the budget for this.

The articles for the next Community News are needed no later than May 1. These cover events from summer through the end of September. It will come out the first of June.

Resolutions and Ordinances - No First, Second, or Third Readings.

New Business

Mrs. Weirick said that we had discussed in October about putting our zero-turn mower on GOV deals as well as a tractor and mower. We put a reserve on the zero-turn based on the trade in value. It went on GOV deal and did not meet our reserve as the high bid was \$3,050 and reserve was \$3,500. I have the option to accept or decline the bid. We can put it back on GOV deals and try again. We accepted the other two bids. Mrs. Joseph felt we should try Market Place, as well, and also put back on GOV deals.

Gensimore made a motion to move the Tuesday, May 6 meeting to Thursday, May 8, 2025. Second by Mrs. Joseph.

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

Council General Discussion

Mrs. Gensimore wanted to discuss what was brought up at the last meeting. There were comments made about our meeting minutes. If anyone has ever taken the time to look at other governmental body meeting minutes, they are very brief. Our minute are pretty detailed compared to others. If you have a dispute about our minutes, you have an opportunity to send Sue revisions or ask to write exactly what was said in the minutes. Our administration does an excellent job deciphering what takes place at these meetings. You can get a copy of the audio as well.

Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval

Mr. Steiner highlighted the \$31,000 to Outdoor Escapes for the new playground equipment. We also purchased a used, asphalt hot box for \$5,000. Kevin, our street superintendent is one person and would get maybe two tons of asphalt. Shoveling two tons of asphalt before it hardened was not realistic. With this hot box, what isn't used during patching can be used the next day by just plugging it in overnight. We can also lend it to neighboring communities. Brand new is over \$20,000. Thanks to Kevin White for spear heading this.

Mrs. Joseph made a motion to the bills totaling \$94,325.70, second by Mrs. Gensimore.

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

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 PM, second by Mrs. Godwin. Meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Bud McDaniel

Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer

Matt Steiner, President of Council

My name is Kenneth Noon
I'm the owner of Summit Memorials
My company was hired to build the Ohio Veterans Memorial

I'm here speaking today in regards to April 1st village council meeting.

In that meeting, it was brought up that the police were called in advance to the OVMP for Thursday March 6th meeting by the OVMP Vice President, Bud McDaniel. I was the "unwanted person."

Your council questioned the reason for having the police prearranged and the mayor's response was that you all could listen to the taping of that meeting if you wished. He also stated he didn't prearrange because of a difference of opinion.

The reason for the prearranged police call goes back to the February OVMP meeting where I was speaking on behalf of the past board members and the Clinton Cemetery Association Agreement from 2007 to build a permanent memorial on Clinton Cemetery Association property.

You have this agreement in front of you to refer to.

- 1 The police referred to the March meeting as being closed. It was not. Other than me, 3 other guests were present.
- 2 I notified Gary Kindig, the acting president of the OVMP, several days in advance that I was attending the meeting to receive a copy of the minutes from the Feb meeting. I spoke in Feb for over ½ hour explaining the agreement that still stands the board was not happy about what I had to say.
- 3 I wanted to see my part to see if it was recorded correctly. A couple of board members who also attended that February meeting who had not received the minutes. Erin Rader and Carol Roberts had asked for copies of the minutes. Erin who was still a board member did not receive them. Carol who had resigned at the February meeting was emailed a copy by Gary. When asked why she received them, Gary stated that she asked nicely. Gary was picking and choosing who would get the minutes.

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This made me very concerned with what might be said about my presentation. I worked on a book about the park with Erin Rader. Did they believe that she would share them with me before approval?

- 4 Bud was acting president for that meeting. I requested a copy of the minutes and was told I couldn't see them until they were approved by their board. At that time, they tabled the approval of the minutes and called for a closed meeting and asked all guests to leave.
- 5 I stood up with the others, they left, and I stepped forward and asked the board again may I have a copy before approval just to see it and before I leave.
- 6 Within minutes I was surrounded by 3 officers and a 4th in the parking lot.
- 7 Of course I left without the minutes.

THIS WAS A DIFFERENCE of opinion I was not threatening anyone for the past 20 years I have been involved with this memorial before it even came to Clinton.

The reason I spoke at the February meeting was to explain to the present board members their OBLIGATIONS AND COMMITMENT to the Clinton Cemetery Association (Agreement) just as it has applied to every past board member. There is no signed contract between the two parties as stated by Bud McDaniel, the only signed contract is between me and OVMP. The OVMP does not own or lease the property or the building.

The Huey helicopter is now at the OVMP memorial, and it is the final piece of the commitment we had with the Clinton Cemetery Association to finish the memorial. The current board wants to display this helicopter on the ground, and they do not want to follow the agreement that the past board members agreed with the cemetery to put it up no less than 6 feet in the air like the cobra helicopter.

Being the contractor to build the memorial, I came to their Feb meeting to explain to the current board what this commitment was with the cemetery. At the end of that meeting Gary Kindig, the president, resigned. Due to that fact, Bud became president. He HAS BEEN vice Pres since April of 2024.

There was a lot of anger from the current board. They did not seem to want to hear what I had to say.

This anger spilled over to the March meeting.

A text was shared with me from the board's group chat where before that meeting, Bud McDaniel assures them not to worry about my showing up because he had it "handled."

I was told recently by Gary Kindig, acting president AGAIN, that the police were called ahead of time in March because I verbally abused the female treasurer while giving my talk to them in the Feb meeting. That did not happen, I have the audio of that meeting and it is available to anyone.

Because the Mayor of Clinton who is also the VP of the OVMP used his influence to have 4 police cruisers at the MARCH MEETING.

This is only one conflict of interest issue with this mayor.

The conflict of interest with the Clinton Cemetery Association is that he is offering property in Clinton that he and the president, Gary Kindig, of OVMP visited that they can move the memorial to if they don't get their way.

I find their behavior very offensive and they are defaming me personally and professionally and I feel that it was all a set up and it is continuing

Thank you for the opportunity to clarify the reason I FEEL that the police were called to the OVMP that evening.

Questions?

Mr. Mayor,

As a 6th generation citizen of this community, a former member of village council on which I served for four years along with my Mother, Grandfather and Cousins and as the current Clinton Cemetery Association Secretary - I can assure you, you have no right to discuss any business of the Clinton Cemetery Association and furthermore, as tax paying citizen, I can speak for many of my fellow citizens who believe that the Mayor, whom we elected, should concern himself with the matters of this village rather than that of a private Association of which you have no authority or right to discuss any business. We would all be better served if you concentrated on getting grants and making improvements to the village rather than sowing discord among the few organizations in town. I was happy to see that you participated in the Clinton Community Action Clean-up day however, it seems to me that you have a personal agenda at work here rather than the best interest of this village at heart.

Lee Ann Dreurey

OVMP Minutes for February 6th, 2025

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meeting was held Thursday, February 6th, at 5:30pm, at 8005 Cleveland-Massillon Road, Clinton, Ohio 44216

The February 2025 meeting of OVMP was called to order at 5:30pm by President Gary Kindig. He asked those in attendance to rise and everyone to uncover while Bud McDaniel gave the opening prayer. President had everyone salute the flag and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Moment of silence for those we lave lost, our first responders, and our military.

Gary, identified the guests who attend this meeting, Ken Noon, John Stevenhagen and Russ Mottmiller. They were ask to address the group but Ken Noon requested to address the group after the general meeting, which was honored by President Gary Kindig.;

Secretary:

We have no secretary tonight so we will not have any secretary report. Mellisa is in Chicago attending her son graduation from Navy Basic Training ceremony.

Treasure:

Danielle gave the monthly report for December and January since we didn't have a January meeting. The ending balance for each category as shown:

<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>
\$17,936.68	\$17,936.83
\$54,130.55	\$12,581.64
\$72,067.23	\$30,518.47
\$54,779.49	\$54,779.49
*\$13,734.56 <i> </i>	\$14,781.39
\$140,581.28	\$100,079.35
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December Deposits: \$6,405.47 from Clinton Church for OVMP Book December Expenses: Steve Wallis \$1,215.00, American Made Bags (t-shirts) \$600.00, Salute Magazine \$1,274.00, Midwest \$159, Leavin A Mark \$300, Summit Memorials \$19,500 for 6 military branch monuments to be placed in front of each flag, along with our normal electric and gas charges.

January Deposits: \$954,61 from PayPal givings who made donations January Expenses: Huey \$39,500, Tuskegee Air Show \$2,000 deposit, Book \$688.45 and Midwest \$134, along with our normal electric and gas charges.

Old Business:

Erin gave update on progress of the OVMP History book. The book is being sent to Erin from the editor for its final review. Erin will be adding pictures, and writing a full production form for the publishing company that needs to be completed before it's sent for publication. The book and book cover will be sent back and forth three times before it goes for final print. It is estimated that this final stage will take any where from 6 to 8 weeks, so we are looking at about two months before we see the actual release of the book.

Bob stated that he did a draft of the process we would use to reimburse individuals who takes the time to provide a review of the book on Amazon. This draft will be attached to the minutes.

Bob, also stated that he attended a Northern Ohio Veterans Association (NOVA) meeting where he discussed the Tuskegee Airman event. After the meeting he was approached by the Berea Police Chaplain who said his father was part of the original Tuskegee Airman. Since he was from UnionTown PA, there is a monument dedicated to his father in Pittsburg. He is not associated with any local Tuskegee chapters but is interested in attending our event..

Please let any donors, making donations for the Huey or the Tuskegee event to mark in the memo area of the check exactly what it's for, Huey, Tuskegee, general funds, etc. Make sure the address on the check is accurate so a thank you can be sent.

On Wednesday, January 22nd Gary, Erin and Bob attended a meeting at MAPS to review the Tuskegee Airman event to discuss their involvement with this event. They are excited to participate with us in this event and made helpful suggestions on how, when and who should be invited, since they brought to our attention that not all the schools will still be open come May 30th. The meeting started at 1pm but after the meeting they took us for a tour of their whole facility. We didn't leave there runtil about 4pm but the exchange of information and the tour was well worth our time. Erin is calling the schools to attend the Friday, May 30th event so she can schedule busses of school children throughout the day. The trailer that contains their theater that tells the history of Tuskegee Airman will be position in OVMP parking lot and can only accommodate 36 individuals per showing, which takes about 45 minutes. We estimate we can accommodate about 240 children on Friday, which is why it's so critical that Erin has a headcount from the schools and schedule them at different times throughout the day. We do expect the Tuskegee plane, "Red Tail" to do a fly over a few times throughout the day. As 36 of the children are in the trailer watching the history of the Tuskegee Airman, we will need help showing OVMP and the history of the park. We will need help both on Friday, May 30th and Saturday, May 31st so please keep those date available. Danielle suggested Erin contact Doylestown School's as well as some of the assisted living facilities.

Carol Roberts reported that Memorial weekend the City of Norton will be dedicating their Veterans Memorial Park. She thought it would be a good time to pass out. Tuskegee Airman flyers. I have not been able to find the exact date of the dedication other than it's scheduled over Memorial weekend..

Danielle stated that she wanted to get together with Carol Roberts about the June Golf outing. Danielle has a few individuals who might be a sponsor of the Golf Outing, along with others who want to help this year.

Not talked about at meets

New Business:

Prior to our OVMP meeting, Gary, Danielle, Bud and Bob had a meeting our insurance agent Tim Jolly, Insurance is through Lake Shore Insurance, policy though Erie Insurance Exchange. Danielle requested this meeting to make sure we had everything covered. Tim informed us that for any event that takes place at OVMP we will need a "Special Event" policy written for that specific event, such as the race and car show. He stated it could cost as much as \$5,000 per event. Tim Jolly will provide us with a new quote with the additional items added and the actual cost for any Special Events.

The Huey was delivered this morning in the freezing rain. Gary made arrangement for the crane, which along with the crane came two riggers who helped with lifting the blades into position and helped Dave Pickens with bolting everting together.

Bob reported that we have collected \$4,000 so far towards the purchase of the Huey. He also stated that he did 120 mailings to Ohio military organizations, such as VFW, American Legions, Vietnam Veterans of America, Purple Heart, AmVets, etc. Along with mailing them asking for a donation towards the Huey, pictures of the Huey were included and the Tuskegee Airman flyer. Danielle suggested we recognize the donors, and I agree we need to do something for the donors who support OVMP. We will decided at a later meeting how the recognition will take place.

Our website designer, Joel was at the meeting and answered questions regarding the site. Erin wanted the book on the front page, which Joel stated he would add the book and the Tuskegee event on the front page. He reported there was a bug in the software which has been corrected. He said traffic was up over December by 2.9%. Had 229 visitors in January but had 26 organic visitors which are brought to our site by a generic search. Bud has worked with Joel to reduce the number of files, which also allowed us to reduce our cost by \$500 plus. Joel would like a dedicated page for items we have at the park, telling the history of the item. He would also like to work on QR codes for different parts of the park that would link to our web page, to tell the history of what they are viewing. Since our meeting Erin did receive approval from Tuskegee Airman to use their logo on any of our documents.

Guest:

Appendent Agreement

Ken approached the officers and board members. He stated that he was there on behalf of the original OVMP board and Clinton Cemetery Board, who were at the contract signing; Daniel Delarosa, Joseph Paonessa, Sandra Dreary, and Linda Murphy. He attended this meeting to make sure OVMP board members know that the cemetery board expects us to follow what the original agreement is from the time the contract was signed on February 10th 2007 to present. Ken passed out the original contract between OVMP and Clinton Cemetery Board that was signed in 2007. He had highlighted two area's on the contract that he reviewed. One was # 5 of the contract which covers improvements which stipulates all improvements must coincide with the development plans as indicated by the artist's (Ken Noon) fendering. The artist rendering is the model that was in the hall and now in the barn (see attached picture). When the contract was entered into there wasn't any model just drawings, which I passed out at a later meeting. Ken stated he is the artist for this park. Originally Daniel Delarosa did have a drawing of a Veteran Memorial park he wanted to build next the Mansfield prison which eventually fell through. His drawing was similar to Ken's drawing but not exactly. Ken is the original artist of the OVMP park. The other highlighted area is # 16 Integration that No modifications or amendment of this contract will be valid unless stated in writing and executed by the parties. This is part of the contract where individuals refer that OVMP needs written permission on anything being added that is not part of the original model.

It's unfortunate but every time a new board member joined OVMP they should have been given a copy of the rules and regulations, by-laws, and the agreement between OVMP and the cemetery board. but it hasn't happened. It's a shame no one at the meeting knew we needed to get cemetery board approval on events and new memorial's we wanted to have at the park. It's something that should have been passed along to a new board member but maybe the reason it wasn't is because those who left were so pissed off that they didn't care what if nothing was passed along. Yes, we didn't know about going to the cemetery board but not once did the cemetery board come to any OVMP meeting expressing their concern. They want to communicate to Ken who then communicates to the OVMP board but yet Ken is not a member of the cemetery board nor is he currently a member of the OVMP board. I believe the OVMP board members would rather have heard directly from the cemetery board than from Ken, based on his past history as OVMP President.

Danielle, questioned if there is a list showing what was originally approved to be at the park. Ken responded that there isn't a list, it's just what shows on the model. Danielle stated that the model was over at the school house for years, it's recently been at the hall and now it's in the barn. There are things that have been knocked off the model, how do we know what was originally on the model, that might be missing today? Ken stated that he is here to let us know what can be placed at the park. Danielle stated that all the years she has been involved since 2017, she can't remember ever going to the cemetery board for approval on anything.

According to Ken the OVMP gave the cemetery everything they requested because the group wanted to build the memorial. There were other cities and towns wanted to give us land but we first had to raise over \$350K before we could even break ground. The reason this was such a high figure was that Dan Delarosa estimated the memorial would cost over \$1 million to build. Dan felt the more expensive it would be the more donators would contribute. John Stevenhagen brother got in touch with the cemetery committee. He wanted all the grounds but Ken told the committee we would need around 2 acres to fill our obligation OVMP would have with the cemetery. This consisted of a 125ft wall, 6 monuments in front of the wall, POW pond, Purple Heart Memorial, Cobra, Huey helicopter, thats it. Everything else that has been placed within our 1.7 acres in beautiful, looks great but its not within the agreement we have with the cemetery. Every time we did anything outside of the established agreement from 2007 we would have to go to the cemetery board for approval, such as the medal of honor memorial, gold star mother & father memorial, etc. The OVMP Board has stopped getting approval from the cemetery board, which they are not happy about it since our original agreement was to build the park based on the model. What has been added without their approval such as the ambulance, duce-n-half, fire pit, gazebo, TOW water feature. is not part of the original model. They love everything we have done, except it wasn't part of the original plan. Remember, once we are all gone and the park is managed by the cemetery, they really don't want to maintain everything we currently have, even though it all looks great. The Huey helicopter was never to be placed as an amusement piece where people could walk-in, sit-in, it's to be placed on a pedestal, in the air which was agreed to in the original agreement signed in 2007. This place was never to be a hands on place but a place to honor our fallen.

Ken stated some thought the cemetery should have started in the back and work forward but Ken stated they don't operate that way, they start in the front and move towards the back and they were going to start in front of the barn. Ken convinced them to start on the side as phase 1 and allow for parking in front of the barn for the run. They are OK with the run but that will need to stop sometime in the future due to parking.

Ken used the car show as an example that if they have a burial on the same day as the car show that would present problems. We questioned that if the cemetery knows the date of the car show then they should let the funeral home know that burial for that particular day was not available. Ken stated it doesn't work that way and many questioned that logic and even gave examples. Carol Roberts questioned why couldn't we have events on Sunday since I've never known of a burial taking place on a Sunday. Erin stated when we had the meeting with the cemetery board she got the sense this is now a cemetery and they don't want the car show here any more. Ken stated there was a starting point, which was when the wall was built and the ending point is the final piece of the puzzle, the 6 memorial and the Huey in place. According to Ken once we accomplish the two things we have met our commitment to the cemetery board and at that point it's over, no more fund raisers. This doesn't mean we can't add additional items to the park, we just would need their approval.

Ken stated the Huey needs to be placed on a pedestal exactly like the Cobra and from the front of the wall it will be centered, at an angle following behind the Cobra, tilted with the doors open and the skids will have the appearance as if it's sitting on top of the wall. If you want the Huey here then it needs to be displayed as originally agreed back in 2007.

Ken-commented how disappointed he was the way the Huey was brought into the park on Thursday morning. Ken felt we should have demanded the Huey be delivered on Friday and not Thursday since we were paying for the Huey to be delivered. Ken claimed he had spoken to the seller, Gary Hyndman from Dallas. Ken may have spoken to Gary in the past but other than providing Erin with an internet add (attached to these minutes) of three individuals selling Huey helicopters. I don't believe he was involved with this transaction at all, other than sending the add to Erin. Erin sent me the add and I contacted all three individuals that were listed in the add. When I contacted Gary, who had three Huey's for sale only had one left. He said he had been in the business for 32 years, he was 78 and was selling his business and if we wanted his last Huey he would sell it to us for \$39.5K and not the \$47.5K as it was advertised. After contacting Gary Kindig to let him know the price he gave me the approval to buy it. He required that someone fly in to inspect the Huey, which Gary and I did on Monday February 3rd. We were scheduled to fly in and back home on the same day, but we missed our return flight and had to stay overnight and returned on Tuesday. Since I wasn't sure the price we paid was a fair price, so the other two sellers of Huey's did call me. One was from California and he didn't have any to sell but to sell a Huey for display only and with nothing on the inside he would charge \$50K for a unit not painted and if we wanted it painted it would cost \$100K. The other seller call me as well and he was from Tampa, Florida. He was already working on two that were sold but if he had one to sell he would change between \$45K to \$50K. Based on the calls I received from the other two sellers of Huey's I felt we received a good deal.

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Gary Hyndman provided me with a person he uses to transport Huey's he had in the passer. I contacted his person, Ryan Fedric to make arrangements to have the Huey transported from Dallas to Clinton at a cost of \$3,700. I told him we were not in any hurry and if it didn't get delivered until next month, March, that would be fine but work it out between you and Gary the seller. Ryan called me back and said Gary wanted it remove ASAP so he was going to pick it up the next day and should have it in Clinton by Thursday. The driver was Max who I contacted after he left Texas to see what tome he thought he would be arriving in Clinton since bad weather was forecast. I ask him if he could deliver on Friday, he said he could not since he had another load in Morgantown Wha to pick up on Friday. I told him if he didn't arrive until noon or later in the afternoon would be fine but he said he thought he could be there by 9am. The weather Thursday morning was terrible since we had an ice storm and the roads were like an ice skating rink. I called Max at 6am to let him know the roads were terrible that he might want to wait at the hotel and let the weather improve. He said he walked over to the truck stop and they told him tat 71 North was fine so he was going to get on the road. He arrived at the park around 9am, and Gary Kindig and the crane was on-site waiting for the Huey.

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Dave Pickens a Veteran who worked on Huet's for years and volunteered to help with unloading the Huev from the flatbed and then stay to put the blades on the Huey, due to road conditions Dave didn't arrive until around 9:30am. Along with the crane, it came with an operator and two riggers, who helped Dave with mounting the blades. I must say the decision to use the crane that came with three individuals worked out great. Gary was able to get the crane and the three individuals at no cost to the park. Once Gary found out when the Huey was going to delivered he call one of his donors to let him know that the park got a Huey. His donor ask what he needed and Gary said it would be nice to have a crane. The donor said let me see what I can do. The next call Gary received was from the crane owner offering his service. While Gary was working to find how we were going to get the Huey off the flatbed I was in communication with Ken Noon to see if he had equipment to unload the Huey. I actual visited Ken's shop and yes, he had a forklift and a crane that could be used but Ken really wanted it delivered on Friday. No disrespect to Ken but Gary had already committed to the person with the crane to have it on-site Thursday. Ken feels if he was involved he would have had the Huey escorted in like the Cobra from Zanesville in October 2011 and the M-60 Patton Tank from Defiance in October 2016. Both of these items were brought to the park in October, not the dead of winter, early February. If an escort had been arranged I'm not sure any two wheel motorcycle would have been on the road that day due to the weather and road conditions. To be honest neither Gary nor I gave it any thought about having an escort for the Huey, our biggest concern was getting it off the flatbed once it arrived. It's unfortunate we didn't use Ken with the unloading since he has been involved with everything in the past but having the crane and the three individuals, especially the two riggers worked out great, just ask Dave Pickens who worked with the riggers on top of the Huey on a very cold day. I'm not sure Dave could have completed everything if it was for the help he received from the two riggers. It was not done intentionally to keep Ken from not being involved but it had to be unloaded on Thursday not Friday. When Gary ask Dave what we owed him he said all I would like is to name the Huey after his unit in Vietnam, "GHOSTRIDERS", Gary said OK you got it. I know Dave has already ordered the "GHOSTRIDERS" stencil and he will place it on the Huey once the weather gets warmer. I know feelings were hurt and no one wanted that. In stead of a joyous day, Thursday, February 6th when the Huey was delivered but it was anything but joyous due to the contentious discussion that evolved at the end of the meeting.

Ken stated the TOW was never presented to the cemetery board since based on the agreement, all monies have to be raised first. Since we didn't have the money it was never taken to the cemetery board. Danielle questions if we raise the money and then they don't approve the memorial we had raised the money for, do we refund the money? Ken said the reason the TOW wasn't taken to the cemetery board was that the design never got approved. Where the TOW water feature is now was never approved, we just placed it there and then they questioned Ken as to what is that since they didn't know what was built. Once again, in my opinion poor communication. Why did the cemetery board ask Ken what was being built and not ask Gary, since Gary is at the park every day? To me it seemed like they were the ones not communicating to the right person.

Ken stated the following individuals and organizations were sued; Ken Noon company, cemetery board, Village of Clinton, OVMP, and Manchester because we were not doing things right as far as the treasure report and minutes. Even though money had been stolen, expenses were being paid that were not associated with OVMP, it was ruled that since the OVMP board agreed to the monthly treasurer report then the board agreed to the expenses that were paid. Even though everyone received a copy of the treasurer report it didn't contain details from the treasure report at the time. Ken stated as board members, it's their job to know where every penny is spent before approving the treasurer report. I believe Danielle does a very good job at providing the board with a print out of the dollar balance for each account we have, along with a listing of each deposit and expense for the month. She has stated that if anyone needs to see the details behind each number then she has it on a spreadsheet and would be more than happy to provide it to anyone. Discussion between Ken and Danielle about how she handles the money. She was never told to use a spreadsheet but Ken claims she was told. Does it really matter now since she has been using a spreadsheet since Bob McCullough joined the board. Ken claims the secretary is the most important person on the committee since the secretary needs to get the mail, disperse the mail to the proper people, log everything that comes in and give to treasure to log. This is based on the lady at the bank according to Ken. I will say that I've never seen an organization I've been involved with either locally or at the state level that any secretary does what Ken claims the secretary should do: Some of these organizations have multimillion dollar accounts.

Ken stated we should not have insurance on any monuments, after all the cemetery does not have insurance on any of their monuments. He also stated we can have insurance on anything we want, he just doesn't see a need to have it. Gary stated that so much of this is new to him, which Ken claimed it isn't true that he has told Gary in the past that he needed to communicate to the cemetery board on anything being added that isn't part of the model.

Ken stated that the cemetery board wants us to be here, greet people, talk to people, show them the park. They just don't see a need to continue to have events here if everything in the original contract and model has been completed. Once everything is done, the cemetery will take care of all the maintenance of the park. The park is the center piece of the cemetery and will maintain it with their funds. According to Ken once the cemetery takes over they will cancel the internet, and cable will be gone. They will cover all the maintenance, including cutting the grass. Cemetery is not kicking us out, as a matter of fact they want us to stay and volunteer our time like we always have, they just don't see a need to continue having events to raise money. They don't mind the birthday parties, graduation parties, class reunions, etc that are held in the ball and can continue as someone from the board is present to verify no alcohol is being consumed.

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Discussion also occurred about ordering benches. Individuals are being sent to Ken without Ken knowing anything about the bench or customer. Long discussion about the process. Ken wants OVMP to follow this process, which I reviewed with Ken after our meeting. Botton line, Step 1 - OVMP takes the order and Step 2 - charge \$3,500 and Step 3 - send paperwork to Ken. ALL OVMP benches cost \$3,500, if the customer wants something special, picture, special letter, etc, note on the order form and Ken will contact customer. All OVMP needs to worry about is completing the form, enter as much information as possible, collect \$3,500, and send form to Ken. Ken will handle everything once he receives the form. Ken will review everything with the customer and if the cost will be more than the original \$3,500 charge then Ken will invoice the customer for the balance. Don't make the process anymore complicated than what's been described.

It was stated that once a burial took place next to the hall then it became hollow grounds and respect the cemetery as a whole. We have always respected the cemetery, and have always viewed our 1.7 acres as hollow grounds with the up most respect since these are our brothers and sisters whose names are on the wall and the benches that we honor daily. WRONS

Since our February meeting, I understand ALL events have been canceled. Now we need to decide how to move forward knowing that we are at the end and our this was not talked about at meeting commitment to the cemetery board is complete.

Good of the Order:

I. Closing:

Meeting adjoined at 8:30pm

Present = P

Absent = A

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Author of xxxxxxxx



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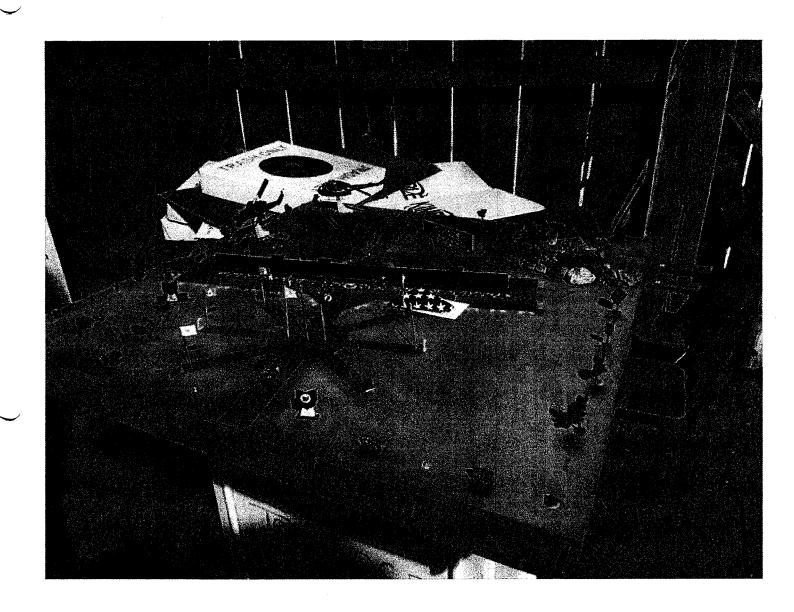
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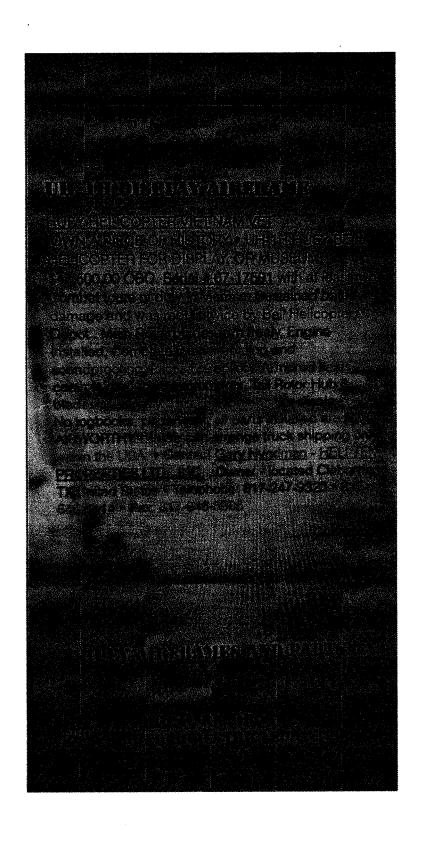
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Ken Noon artist model of the park



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Add that Ken Noon sent to Erin model



Ohio Veterans Memorial Park (OVMP) Meeting Minutes February 6, 2025

Call to Order:

The OVMP Monthly Meeting was held on Thursday, February 6, 2025, at 5:30 PM at 8005 Cleveland-Massillon Road, Clinton, Ohio 44216.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by President Gary Kindig. He requested that attendees rise and uncover, President Kindig then led the group in saluting the flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, opening prayer, delivered by Bud McDaniel followed by a moment of silence for those we have lost, our first responders, and our military.

Guests:

President Kindig recognized the guests in attendance: Ken Noon, John Stevenhagen, and Russ Mottmiller. While all guests were invited to speak, Ken Noon requested to address the group after the general meeting, which was honored.

Secretary's Report:

There was no secretary's report, Melissa was excused, however meeting minutes from all previous meetings can be found in the file at the officer's desk.

Treasurer's Report:

Danielle provided the financial report for both December and January, as there was no meeting in January. The balances for each category were as follows:

Account Type	December Balance	January Balance
Tears of War (TOW)	\$17,936.68	\$17,936.83
Checking Account	\$54,130.55	\$12,581.64
TOW & Checking	\$72,067.23	\$30,518.47
CD Account	\$54,779.49	\$54,779.49
PayPal Account	\$13,734.56	\$14,781.39
Total Assets	\$140,581.28	\$100,079.35

- **December Notable Deposits:** \$6,405.47 received from Clinton Church for the OVMP Book.
- December Notable Expenses: Steve Wallis (\$1,215.00), American Made Bags (t-shirts) (\$600.00), Salute Magazine (\$1,274.00), Midwest (\$159.00), Leavin A Mark

- (\$300.00), Summit Memorials (\$19,500.00 for six military branch monuments), along with normal electric and gas charges.
- January Notable Deposits: \$954.61 from PayPal donations.
- January Notable Expenses: Huey (\$39,500.00), Tuskegee Air Show (\$2,000.00 deposit), Book (\$688.45), Midwest (\$134.00), along with normal electric and gas charges.

Old Business:

- **OVMP Book:** Erin provided an update on the progress. The book is being reviewed by the editor before the final publication stage. She will be adding pictures and a final production form for the publishing company. The process will take approximately 6-8 weeks before the book's release.
- **Book Review Reimbursement:** Bob drafted a process for reimbursing individuals who review the book on Amazon. This draft will be attached to the minutes.
- Tuskegee Airman Event: Bob attended a Northern Ohio Veterans Association
 (NOVA) meeting to discuss the event. He was approached by the Berea Police
 Chaplain, whose father was a Tuskegee Airman. Though he is not affiliated with any
 local chapters, he expressed interest in attending.
- Donor Check Memo: Donors contributing to the Huey or the Tuskegee event should specify their intended designation (e.g., Huey, Tuskegee, general funds) in the memo line. Ensure their address is accurate for thank-you letters.
- MAPS Meeting Recap: On January 22, Gary, Erin, and Bob met with MAPS representatives to discuss their involvement in the Tuskegee event. They suggested inviting schools and highlighted that some schools may not be in session on May 30. Erin is coordinating with schools to schedule buses. The Tuskegee history trailer will be in the OVMP parking lot, with limited capacity for 36 individuals per 45-minute session. Volunteers will be needed for May 30 and 31. Danielle suggested contacting Doylestown Schools and assisted living facilities for participation.
- City of Norton Veterans Memorial Dedication: Carol Roberts reported that the dedication is scheduled for Memorial Weekend, though the exact date is unknown. It was suggested that Tuskegee Airman flyers be distributed at the event.
- June Golf Outing: Danielle plans to coordinate with Carol Roberts about the outing. She has potential sponsors and volunteers for the event.

New Business:

- Huey Delivery: The Huey was delivered in freezing rain. Gary arranged for a crane
 due to the transport company having a load that needed picked up the next
 morning, and two riggers assisted in assembling the blades and bolting
 components together.
- Huey Fundraising: Bob reported that \$4,000 has been raised so far. He sent 120 donation requests to Ohio military organizations (VFWs, American Legions, Vietnam Veterans of America, Purple Heart, AmVets, etc.), including Huey photos and the Tuskegee flyer. Danielle suggested recognizing donors, with details to be decided at a later meeting.
- Website Updates: Website designer Joel attended the meeting. Erin requested the book and Tuskegee event be featured on the homepage. Joel fixed a bug in the software, reported a 2.9% increase in traffic from December, and noted 229 visitors in January (26 organic search visitors). Bud worked with Joel to reduce the number of files, saving over \$500 in costs. Joel proposed adding a dedicated page for park exhibits and QR codes to provide historical context.
- Tuskegee Airmen Logo Approval: Erin received approval to use the Tuskegee Airmen logo on OVMP documents.

Ken Noon addressed the OVMP officers and board members, stating that he was speaking on behalf of the original OVMP board and the Clinton Cemetery Association. He distributed copies of the original 2007 agreement, directing attention to two highlighted sections. Ken emphasized that the agreement designates the 1.7 acres as property of the Clinton Cemetery Association, clarifying, "Contrary to everybody's beliefs, this land was not given to us. This land is the cemetery's land." He explained that the cemetery board had asked him to raise certain concerns.

Throughout the meeting, Ken shifted between stating that the cemetery association wanted the OVMP board to remain at the park and suggesting that the cemetery association would assume responsibility for its maintenance. While addressing cemetery-related concerns, Ken also introduced several unrelated topics, including past bench order handling, financial mismanagement by a previous president, and the OVMP's decision to report itself to the Attorney General.. He also referenced a past lawsuit involving the OVMP, the cemetery association, and the village.

Ken raised concerns about the treasurer's report, questioning the breakdown of funds. The treasurer clarified that a detailed financial spreadsheet is maintained. He further stated that the OVMP had fulfilled its obligations and that any additional additions to the park would require cemetery board approval. Ken expressed disappointment in the way the Huey was delivered, suggesting it lacked the level of ceremony he had envisioned.

He also relayed that the cemetery association opposed most fundraising events at the park, with the exception of the race, which would eventually be discontinued at an undetermined date. He referenced a bank associate's statement that the secretary holds a critical role in the organization, particularly in managing correspondence, prompting discussion among members regarding various responsibilities.

Ken reviewed the "original" Huey placement design, the cemetery's perspective on hall usage, concerns about suspected alcohol consumption at events, and his and the cemeteries belief that the annual car show should no longer be held at the OVMP due to its location on cemetery grounds where burials have taken place. Several board members countered, stating that the grounds have always been hallowed.

Board members posed numerous questions about the future of the park and the continuation of events, but no resolutions were reached during the meeting. At times, the discussion became tense, with an aggressive tone emerging in certain exchanges.

A full transcript of the guest meeting is available upon request

AGREEMENT TO ERECT A PERMANENT MEMORIAL

THIS AGREEMENT is made and executed this	10世	day of
February , 2007, by and between	en the CLINTON	CEMETERY
ASSOCIATION of the Village of Clinton in Summit County, O	hio, and the OHIO	VIETNAM
VETERANS' MEMORIAL COMMITTEE, a 501©3 tax-exemp	ot organization.	

WHEREAS THE OHIO VIETNAM VETERANS' MEMORIAL will be constructed on approximately 1.7 acres of land owned by the CLINTON CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, the parcel hereinafter to be referred to as "Premises," in accordance with the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereto intending to be legally bound hereby, in consideration of the above covenants and conditions and those hereinafter stated, mutually covenant and agree as follows:

- 1. <u>Premises.</u> THE OHIO VIETNAM VETERANS' MEMORIAL will be constructed on a 1.7-acre parcel within the grounds of the future Clinton Cemetery addition located at 8005 Cleveland-Massillon Road, Clinton, OH 44216. (See attached copies of General Warranty Deed, Quit-Claim Deed, Map of Survey, and artist's rendering of park.)
- 2. <u>Term.</u> This is to be a **PERMANENT MEMORIAL**, with dedication and construction to begin no sooner than February 3, 2007.
- 3. Access Road. The CLINTON CEMETERY ASSOCIATION grants to the OHIO VIETNAM VETERANS' MEMORIAL COMMITTEE the right to install a 20-foot asphalt driveway of approximately 500 feet in length from Cleveland-Massillon Road to and around the

location of the memorial park area. It will be the responsibility of the OHIO VIETNAM VETERANS' MEMORIAL COMMITTEE to maintain the driveway at its sole cost and expense, including paving, sealing, and snow removal.

- 4. <u>Utilities.</u> It will be the sole responsibility of the OHIO VIETNAM VETERANS' MEMORIAL COMMITTEE to pay all utility charges, including but not limited to water, sewer, electricity, gas, telephone, and any other utilities when due to the appropriate utility companies. All utility charges will commence on the effective day of this Agreement.
- 5. <u>Improvements.</u> THE OHIO VIETNAM VETERANS' MEMORIAL COMMITTEE shall have the right to make and construct improvements as they coincide with the development plans as indicated by the attached artist's rendering and the contents of this Agreement.
- 6. Maintenance of Premises. It is the responsibility of the OHIO VIETNAM

 VETERANS' MEMORIAL COMMITTEE to care for and maintain the Premises, including but not limited to lawn mowing and leaf removal, in reasonable condition to the satisfaction of the CLINTON CEMETERY ASSOCIATION.
- 7. Repair of Damage. In the event the Premises is either partially or totally destroyed or damaged by fire, flood, or other casualty, the repair shall be the full responsibility of the OHIO VIETNAM VETERANS' MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.
- 8. <u>Insurance.</u> THE OHIO VIETNAM VETERANS' MEMORIAL COMMITTEE is responsible for insuring the Premises and all improvements including any buildings and their contents located thereon, against fire, theft, and any and all other casualty and loss. In addition, it is responsible for securing liability insurance for the premises to cover both parties to this Agreement.

- 9. Security. Security of the Premises is completely and solely the responsibility of the OHIO VIETNAM VETERANS' MEMORIAL COMMITTEE and the CLINTON CEMETERY ASSOCIATION will not be held liable for any theft or vandalism on the Premises.
- 10. Office Building. THE OHIO VIETNAM VETERANS' MEMORIAL COMMITTEE agrees to construct an office building with a stone exterior, and to designate a reasonable portion of that building to be used by the CLINTON CEMETERY ASSOCIATION at no cost to it, and to be responsible for its own designated telephone lines and Internet service.
- 11. <u>Laws, Regulations, and Codes.</u> At all times the OHIO VIETNAM VETERANS' MEMORIAL COMMITTEE shall comply with all local, state, and federal laws, building, fire, and sanitation regulations and codes.
- 12. Waste and Nuisance. THE OHIO VIETNAM VETERANS' MEMORIAL

 COMMITTEE agrees not to commit waste on or at the Premises nor allow it to be committed nor permit maintenance of a nuisance or any other noxious matter which may interfere with or affect the Premises.
- 13. <u>Construction Schedule.</u> THE OHIO VIETNAM VETERANS' MEMORIAL COMMITTEE agrees to construct the memorial park in phases. No construction is to begin on any phase until all monies related to the construction of that phase have been raised, received, and collected.
- 14. <u>Binding Effect.</u> This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties, hereto, their respective successors and assigns.
- 15. <u>Governing Law.</u> This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio.
- 16. <u>Integration.</u> This Agreement contains and constitutes the final expression of the intent of the parties hereto and is the complete and exclusive statement of the terms and

conditions agreed upon by the parties hereto. No modifications or amendment of this Agreement will be valid unless stated in writing and executed by the parties hereto.

17. <u>Counterparts.</u> This Agreement may be executed simultaneously in one or more copies or counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute and be one and the same Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands on this	f
February , 2007.	
OHIO VIETNAM VETERANS' MEMORIAL CLINTON CEMETERY ASSOCIATION MEMBER	-
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in County, State of Ohio, and as such officers, acknowledged the signing and sealing of the foregoing Agreement to be their voluntary act and deed, for the uses	
and purposes therein mentioned. In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed my official	
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