

**Village of Clinton  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, May 20, 2025**

Mayor Bud McDaniel called the meeting to order on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, 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: Ross Blankenship, Jan Godwin, Rita Joseph, Marissa Gensimore, and Keith Clackler. Matt Steiner was absent.

Others Present: Diane Gunter; Tabi Barbu, and Tom Knepper, residents.

**Approval of Minutes**

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

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

**Unfinished Business**

There was no new information regarding the church donation for signage at this time.

**Mayor's Communications**

Mayor McDaniel reported again about the Olde Canal Days Grand Parade and that the Village Council was invited to attend. It's not mandatory. He stated it was normally the weekend after the 4th of July, but the date was not on the form they received.

He then discussed the grant we did not get for Clinton Road. Congresswoman Sykes did send a questionnaire to our engineer, and it is a probability this year. However, nothing is for sure at this time.

The mayor replied to the email relative to the America 250, relative for putting Lock 2 on the map, and we will see how that goes.

During the power outage, Village Hall had power because we have the generator. There is not a specific procedure in place regarding someone manning Village Hall if there is a need to access this building. Mayor McDaniel did not receive any calls relative to this. Several residents in town provided water to those in need, which was very nice. Mr. Blankenship said since the generator is here, we should staff Village Hall during such an outage. It was agreed that this should be worked on. Mayor McDaniel appealed to the council members that if power goes out again, we will be available – those who can. Mrs. Gensimore said we need to look into a grant for a chair lift for the stairs that go to the basement.

Mayor McDaniel stated there is a RITA member update on June 16 in Brecksville. If anyone wants to go, he will send you the flyer. He is not in town that week and cannot attend.

**Council Communications and Council Committee Reports**

Mrs. Joseph reported that there was a Laws and Ordinances Committee meeting on Thursday where they discussed higher back stops for target shooting, and other concerns regarding the discharge of firearms. The Village attorney will be looking into this. New Franklin's police chief was contacted by the mayor as well.

Mrs. Gensimore reported that the news articles were submitted on time, so the Your Community News newspaper should reach the residents on the first of June.

Mrs. Gensimore continued to share that the fourth-grade Northwest students had a field trip and they came through the Village today. The history of several of our old buildings was shared.

One stop they made was at Village Hall where there was discussion about the Village government and how it works. They visited the fire station and the firefighters spoke to the students and provided popcorn. They also visited the OVMP.

Mrs. Gensimore reminded everyone that the Memorial Day events are coming up - the pancake breakfast and the parade. Parade lineup is at 10:15 AM and starts at 11 AM. A ceremony will be held at the cemetery.

### **Citizens Comment**

Diane Gunter said the new mulch is down and there was a great group that helped. The Memorial Day pancake breakfast is from 7:30 to 10:30 AM on Monday morning.

Mr. Tom Knepper thanked Mr. Blankenship for the offer of going to his house to get water. Many residents are not aware of the generator at Village Hall. Maybe the council could get some outlets attached to the generator for residents. He said there needs to be procedures put in place before we have more power outages.

Mr. Knepper thanked Mr. Clackler for his prompt response to his email about park cameras.

Mr. Knepper is concerned that council meeting minutes are not being updated on the website as soon as they should be. He was told it is a cost issue, and he appreciated the response.

The community garage sale is every year on the third Saturday of July. The rain date is the following Saturday. The Village funds the advertisement in the Akron Beacon Journal.

### **Resolutions and Ordinances** - No First or Third Readings.

#### **Second Readings**

##### **Resolution No. R-25-04**

A Resolution Amending the Annual Appropriations for the Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2025, and Declaring an Emergency.

##### **Resolution No. R-25-05**

Resolution No. R-25-05 Authorizing the transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Street Fund ("Project Fund") of the Village of Clinton and declaring the same to be an emergency.

### **New Business** – No new business.

#### **Council General Discussion**

Mr. McDaniel thanked everyone who helped during the outage. He did report that even though we have power here with the generator, the internet is not accessible.

There was discussion about individuals who rely on power to operate their emergency equipment. The fire department may know about this. Because of HIPPA we may not be privileged to that information. The mayor indicated this will be looked into.

**Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval**

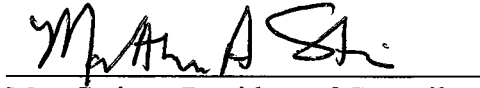
Mr. Blankenship made a motion to approve the bills in the packet, second by Mr. Clackler.

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

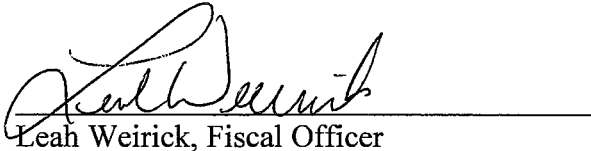
Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to adjourn at 7:43 PM, second by Mr. Blankenship. The meeting was adjourned.



Mayor Bud McDaniel



Matt Steiner, President of Council



Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer