

**Village of Clinton
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 19, 2025**

Mayor Bud McDaniel called the meeting to order on Tuesday, August 19, 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: Jan Godwin, Rita Joseph, Ross Blankenship, Marissa Gensimore, Matt Steiner, and Keith Clackler.

Others Present: Diane Gunter, Kent Goch, Marcy Wilson, Doug Wilson, Tom Knepper, and Tabi Barbu, residents.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to approve the minutes of August 5, 2025, second by Mrs. Godwin.

There was one correction that needed to be made regarding the approval of the minutes at the August 5th meeting – the motion for approval and the second.

Mrs. Gensimore made the motion to approve the minutes with the correction of who made the motions to approve the meeting minutes of August 5, 2025, second by Mr. Steiner. (The motion was made by Mrs. Godwin and seconded by Mr. Clackler.)

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

Unfinished Business

Mr. Steiner reported that the new signage for Village Hall was delivered and a time will be scheduled with Kevin White and Jason Spencer Electrical Service regarding installation.

Mayor's Communications

Mayor McDaniel reported that Kevin White, Street Supt., wants to make some improvements around the street garage. The salt shed is being installed and the fencing from that building to the garage needs to be fixed. Mr. White suggested we just side that, and the Mayor agreed. Siding will hide anything stored in that area and make it look aesthetically better. Mayor McDaniel also wanted to fix gaps in the fencing, and some people could get stuck trying to go through and this will be fixed. In the back we will store grindings too and put a gate up to back the truck up and drop off. Some grindings will go to the fire station and there are a few other places where grindings will go.

The Akron Zoo has zoo tickets for Village residents, and now they need to go online to get tickets. There is a limit of four per household. This is for the month of September. Please reserve your spot. There are 20 tickets here for those who cannot go to the site to reserve.

The Mayor then reported about an article he read about how there are scams going on using the turnpike easy pass, outstanding traffic tickets, pay pal, etc. Remember to be careful responding to any texts about these or similar issues. There is also information regarding personal safety and self defense in these articles.

In Summit County there will be a State of the County address on October 1st. They want pictures of our community. It will be part of their slide show. The mayor would like to make a contribution to this endeavor.

Mayor McDaniel asked Mr. Steiner to continue with a couple issues. He presented an application from Danielle Wartman for employment to the fire department and her paperwork came back and all is good. He will request a motion to hire later in the meeting.

Mr. Steiner reported on the state inside millage which are unvoted tax increases. The County is trying to put something on the ballot this fall to limit how much your taxes can be increased without a vote. A County Representative noted inside millage accounts for nearly \$41,000,000 of revenue that goes into the County's general fund - unvoted on – coming from the increase of the value of your home. Mr. Steiner was not sure how the County will address this on the ballot. They are trying to correct after the fact.

Mr. Steiner congratulated those who made the November ballot. Mr. Goch and Mr. Henry are on the ballot and if your name does not appear, they may still be in the certification process and you may receive a call from the Board of Elections.

Mr. Steiner made a motion to approve Danielle Wartman for employment to the fire department, second by Mrs. Gensimore.

Mr. Blankenship asked if she was a firefighter/paramedic as it's not listed. It's just listed as paramedic. Mr. Blankenship said it doesn't say where she went to school. Mrs. Gensimore said she is already employed in Plain Township as both so she's met the requirement, and Mayor McDaniel agreed.

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

Council Communications and Council Committee Reports

Mrs. Gensimore said the deadline for articles for the next *Your Community News* publication is September 1. She also reported that two individuals who were formerly with LEK and TMS, our old email and website providers, have formed a new company called AEITS, Applied Engineering Information Technology Services. She asked for a quote for those services. She feels others need to be looked at as well and will research that further.

Mr. Steiner reminded everyone that the Finance Committee will be meeting tomorrow night at 6 PM to discuss the 2026 budget.

Citizen's Comments

Tom Knepper asked about when the fiber was coming into the community as his yard was tore up, somewhat, and he thought that was what was being put in. The Mayor clarified about this issue and that it will be a while before fiber reaches the Village. Mrs. Gensimore indicated that if he was not satisfied how they restored his yard he could let the Village know and we would contact the company who did that work. He indicated it was not that bad and he was fine with how it was.

Resolutions and Ordinances

First Readings

Mrs. Joseph motioned to table Ordinance No. O-25-07 until the Laws and Ordinances Committee meet to review, seconded by Mr. Steiner.

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

Ordinance No. O-25-07 - Tabled

An Ordinance Amending the Codified Ordinance, Section 30.02 Council Rules of the Administrative Code for the Village of Clinton and Declaring it an Emergency.

Resolution No. R-25-06

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 2026, and Declaring an Emergency.

No Second or Third Readings.

New Business – No new business to report.

Council General Discussion

Mrs. Gensimore reminded everyone that Apple Fest is coming up, Sunday, September 21, 2025. Volunteers are always welcome so contact Diane Gunter or the Heritage Society to sign up.

Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval

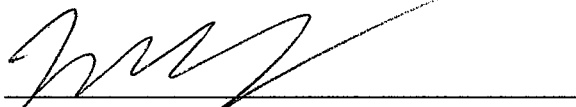
Mr. Steiner reported on the bills in the amount of \$35,071.74.

Mr. Steiner asked for a motion to pay the bills. Mrs. Joseph asked about the payment to the Wood Guy and what it was for. She was told that this company removes trees from power lines, storm debris, etc., that can't be reached by the street department. Every year they do trimming back of the canopies that hang into the roadways.

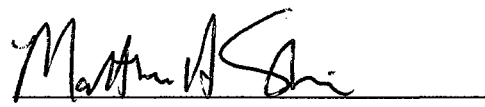
A motion was made by Mrs. Joseph to pay the bills, seconded by Mrs. Godwin.

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

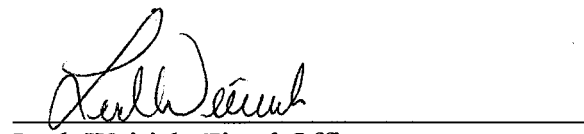
Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to adjourn, second by Mr. Steiner at 7:33 PM. Meeting was adjourned.



Mayor Bud McDaniel



Matt Steiner, President of Council



Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer