

Village of Clinton
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, November 6, 2025

Mayor Bud McDaniel called the meeting to order on Thursday, November 6, 2025, at 7:00 PM in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lewis Rash and recited by those present.

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

Others Present: Seth Marcum, Solicitor's Office; Kevin White, Street Supt./Commissioner; New Franklin Police Officer; Diane Gunter, Marcy Wilson, Doug Wilson, Jennifer Cradduck, Tom Knepper, Tabi Barbu, and Lewis and Vicki Rash, residents.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Gensimore had a couple of corrections to make in the minutes of October 21, 2025. Under Council Communications and Council Committee Reports, 2nd paragraph, 1st sentence:

Mrs. Gensimore said, regarding GoGov the emergency texting system mentioned by Chief Conroy, that she asked our IT company if they had any experience with that system. They have not had experience with GoGov, however, are familiar with similar systems. At first blush it looks to have good features.

On page 4, paragraph 3, sentence 5, it is not a continuation of what I said. She wants to insert, Mr. Steiner said, the mayor is the chief executive and boss of operations, and we can legislate to have him do what we legislate.

Mrs. Gensimore motioned to approve the minutes as corrected, second by Mrs. Godwin.

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

Presentation by Lewis Rash

Mr. Rash reported that for 8 years he has helped distribute turkeys to those in need at Thanksgiving. He advised how the situation with SNAP funding has affected the organizations who yearly distribute turkeys and food. The mayor indicated that at the next meeting everyone can bring in their turkeys and canned goods to Village Hall.

Solicitor Monthly Report – No report.

Police Monthly Report

The police officer shared New Franklin's monthly report (attached in packet). He indicated that during Trick or Treat they were patrolling as there were five or six areas having trick or treat that night. He didn't work that evening. They didn't park here in Clinton in the normal place.

Street Commissioner Monthly Report

Mr. White wrapped up moving. He replaced a drive-way pipe on Cleveland Massillon Road and got the equipment ready for the winter. The mayor stated the striping looks fantastic and the driveway pipe looks great too.

Regarding railroad notification, the street commissioner is working with the engineer on this. Mrs. Gensimore said whatever advance warning to give, can we incorporate coming down Cleveland-Massillon, on the sign, can you add the word "only" for a train? Mr. Marcum stated that we need to follow a very specific manual on this. The state and federal government create these signs.

Fiscal Officer's Report – No report.

Unfinished Business

Mrs. Joseph made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending or eminent litigation per the Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (g) (3), and invited council, the mayor and solicitor, second by Mrs. Gensimore.

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

Those in Executive Session went downstairs to the meeting room.

Mrs. Joseph made a motion to exit Executive Session, second by Mrs. Gensimore.

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

Mayor's Communications

Mayor McDaniel reported on places to donate regarding the SNAP program.

He also reported on the Summit Connects/Middle Mile Project - fiber optics. They are in the last stages and will soon be in Clinton and need a Planning Commission meeting to discuss waiving the fees they would incur. This project does not benefit the residents at this time. This phase needs completed first.

Mayor McDaniel advised in the health commission report there is an item about a mosquito report of the data and how they treated and went after them this past summer.

Amelia Sykes' office contacted the mayor about federal funding and there will be a meeting on Nov. 20. He advised Council if there is anything they want him to discuss at that meeting, to please provide their input. The mayor indicated his main goal is to get funding for Clinton Road.

He said that Jason Popiel, our engineer, indicated we cannot limit trucks on Clinton Road. He said it is still solid for the trucks to drive on, and they are not tearing it up.

He signed another paper for the Opioid settlement yesterday.

The mayor spoke with zoning, and thirty junk cars have been towed away. One of the houses that had been complained about due to odor, which was bad, the drive-thru bought it and it will be demoed soon. The property will also be cleaned up. He was asked about what is planned for the school and the mayor was not aware at this time. Jan Godwin added about how the dirt got dumped behind the property there. Wheel barrows and shovels - taking up the hill when there was no work to be found – WPA.

Council Communications and Council Committee Reports – No reports.

Citizen's Comments

Louis Rash asked if the congressional redistricting changed around here. Mr. Marcum explained where Amelia Sykes district is, which is all of Summit County and into Canton and Kent.

Resolutions and Ordinances

First Readings

Resolution No. R-25-13

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the Summit County Combined General Health District and the Village of Clinton, and Declaring an Emergency.

Second Readings

Resolution No. R-25-12

A Resolution Adopting the Annual Appropriations for the Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2026 and Declaring an Emergency.

Third Readings

Resolution No. R-25-09

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Summit County Regarding Animal Control Services and Declaring an Emergency.

Mrs. Joseph made a motion to adopt, second by Mrs. Godwin.

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

Resolution No. R-25-10

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Summit County Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Job Creation, Retention and Tax Sharing Effective October 1, 2025, and Declaring an Emergency.

Mrs. Joseph made a motion to adopt, second by Mrs. Gensimore.

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

Resolution No. R-25-11

A Resolution Authorizing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Regarding the South Summit Fire Investigation Unit and Declaring an Emergency.

Mrs. Joseph made a motion to adopt, second by Mrs. Godwin.

Mr. Blankenship asked how many years this is for. The fire chief was not present and Mr. Marcum did not see a time limit and believes it is an older MOU. For every community that opts in, there is another signature sheet as an addendum to the agreement. It is a continuous agreement. Most are 2022's as signatures go. The mayor asked if we could vote to get out of it. Mr. Marcum said it's pretty open-ended language.

Mr. Blankenship does not want Clinton to be on the bill every year when we only have maybe one fire a year.

Mr. Marcum read through the agreement and indicated there is no expiration of this agreement. It's not compulsory we have to send our investigator out every time. Council should be able to pull out of this at a later date if they want to. The chief can limit the investigator to only go to certain fires. Mrs. Gensimore said if this affects the FD's budget, and if the chief sees it's affecting his budget, we would need to back up on it. Mr. Marcum needs to review more closely and does not like giving legal advice on the fly. Council can table this until the chief can be at the next meeting to answer our questions.

Mrs. Joseph made a motion to table Resolution No. R-25-11 until the next meeting, second by Mr. Blankenship.

Roll call: Blankenship, Joseph, Gensimore and Godwin voted yes. Motion passes to table until the next meeting.

New Business – Nothing to report.

Council General Discussion


Mrs. Gensimore said she spoke to the police officer about not patrolling during Halloween which was concerning to her. She indicated it was the busiest we have been in a few years. Mrs. Joseph said we didn't see the fire department either. The Mayor said we were told they would be there at the last meeting. This needs to be addressed and the Mayor will discuss it with their police chief.


Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval


Mrs. Godwin made a motion to pay the bills, second by Mr. Blankenship.

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

Mrs. Gensimore motioned to adjourn, second by Mrs. Joseph. Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.



Mayor Bud McDaniel

Matt Steiner, President of Council

Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer