

**Village of Clinton
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 16, 2025**

Mayor Bud McDaniel called the meeting to order on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 7:00 PM in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ken Noon 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: Michael W. Boggs, Ken Noon, Doug and Marcy Wilson, residents.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Joseph made a motion to approve the minutes of December 2, 2025, second by Mr. Steiner.

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

Unfinished Business

Mr. Steiner reported that Sue Mayberry is working on updating phone numbers and contacts in the Emergency Operations Plan. The future council will need to review and update this in the future. The fire department will be going through it as well.

Mayor's Communications

Mayor McDaniel reported that he met with Amelia Sykes office and that numbers came up regarding the \$8 million dollar sewer plant project. He added that several years ago, council voted to approve it with the numbers as they would be then, and now, to make up the shortfall and keep the numbers of the residents the same, the cost will need to be 7.5 million. The County wonders if our population still supports this and Mayor McDaniel asked that the residents send him an email about their desire for sewers in the Village. The cost then was \$120 a month for about 20 years – the cost of a cable bill, which has gone up. The Mayor wants to keep the numbers the same.

Mrs. Gensimore said the last time, the sewer issue was dead in the water. Many of our residents and businesses have invested in their own packaged plants because the County allowed them to be installed. That cost is basically the same if they would have to hook up to a sewer system. So, if any talks go forward, we need to ensure those that have invested in their own packaged plants on their properties. We can't force them to hook onto a sewer system. Matt Steiner said that is why people are hesitant to invest in a package plant on their property. That's a fear - they will be asked to hook up. Mayor McDaniel said sewers will come here in the future. Mr. Steiner said Luna Lake, about 7 years ago, was going to put in a sewer plant years ago. We should have done it then. The County could not assure us we would then not have to join a public system. The uncertainty has hurt the Village. The Mayor did hear that the new pizza shop is having issues getting septic approval which is keeping them from opening up.

Fiber is going in on Nimisila Road. Mayor McDaniel said that Route 21 is just about finished. Next Spring they are going to close parts down to do striping.

Mayor McDaniel thanked Council members who are leaving for their service. Mrs. Godwin leaves with over 30 years of service.

Mrs. Gensimore asked about what happened with 2nd Avenue and what transpired. Mayor McDaniel said he will be meeting with them, but basically it is a civil matter, and he said he is willing to talk to

them in order to mediate this and get along. She said the Village does have options. She said we can tell them you cannot do what they have created. The Mayor said he and Kevin drove around back where the alley is and there is room in the back of the homes. The Mayor indicated that we can cover the one yard, but in the second yard, there are trees in the way. Mrs. Gensimore said the alleys belong to the Village and the residents in question have created the parking area that is not allowed in our code.

Council Communications and Council Committee Reports

Mr. Steiner said the Village finances are in good shape. This year we have benefitted from federal monies and highlighted the first four items listed in Resolution No. R-25-15 on the agenda for a third reading.

Mrs. Gensimore said she followed up with Steve Chicatelli about a contract for email/website services. He will come through with something for Council to review and approve and hopefully before the end of the year, if council desires, we can have a quick special meeting to go over the contract. He has been very responsive and he is also going to meet with Sue on Thursday to assist her in learning to upload information on the website and eventually do bigger things himself. When he went on our website to add Jan Godwin's service information, he discovered our website had been hacked in November. He cleaned it up and restored and put more safeguards for us. He's not getting paid to do this. The domain addresses needed updated and has been renewed. Leah received an email on this and handled it. As soon as Mrs. Gensimore gets the contract she will forward to Council.

Citizen's Comments

Mr. Noon asked to speak. He wished council a Merry Christmas.

He stated that earlier this year, someone on this council asked out loud, doesn't the Ohio Veterans Memorial Park have a 99-year lease. He asked Mayor McDaniel, who is the President of the OVMP, and his reply was that they don't have a lease, which is true, but calling the agreement with the cemetery, a contract. The only contract Mr. Noon said he ever saw in 20 years was between the Ohio Veterans Memorial Park in the company who built it. However, Mr. Noon said within trying to determine basis and authority for removal of him from a building, 1 of 3 officers went back into the building, and upon return stated, the officer was told by the mayor there is a lease on the 1.7 acres, and that Mr. Noon was an unwanted person and Mr. McDaniel wanted him on a no trespassing list. Mr. Noon then asked the Mayor, did he misinform the council or the police officers who work for him that night.

Mayor McDaniel responded that the office of Mayor here has nothing to do with a private organization across town. He said that what he's done as Mayor he could not recall some of the things that Mr. Noon said, but it's irrelevant. This is for Village business here and not for the office of the Veterans Park.

Mr. Noon then asked if Council voted a vote of no confidence when they found out that the mayor was the OVMP President/Mayor of the community. Mayor McDaniel said he was not going to answer. Mrs. Gensimore said she would answer and said, yes.

Mr. Noon asked who can make a phone call six hours prior to said meeting telling the police chief that an unwanted person was going to come to a meeting. Could any member of Council have that said and done as Council or individual people because that's what took place that night.

Mr. Steiner asked why are the police being called. Mayor McDaniel said, once again, that is a question for over at the Veterans Park and not a question for the Mayor. Mr. Noon said he's tried

that but get the police called on him. Mayor McDaniel said his three minutes are up. Mr. Noon asked for an extension.

Mrs. Joseph said this doesn't have anything to do with Council. Mr. Noon disagreed and said that he was asking the Mayor if he lied to Council or to the police force that he employs. He took on a role of President of the Ohio Veterans Memorial Park, a figurehead of that place, and he's the Mayor of this town. He's trying to do two things – over here I'm doing this, but over here I can't do that. Why does the Mayor have the right to call police when I sent an email on December 8th requesting a copy of minutes that were approved by their board. He could have emailed me back and told me no, you cannot come, but he left it open so I'd have to show up and sit in front of him and ask questions. Then when I wasn't done, when he was done, then police officers arrested me. This is what your mayor is doing with a private entity who is asked multiple times to obey the cemetery's rules and regulations. We followed them for 19 years, the last year or so, they haven't been followed since the Mayor took over the OVMP.

Mrs. Godwin asked Mr. Noon if he has dealt directly with the people who are in charge of the cemetery. He said he has talked to them. They have sent multiple letters to the OVMP and they have not responded to the rules and regulations of that organization. They change their bylaws and code of ethics to remove someone if they do not sign that code of ethics and that's all I wanted to see where the organization approved the code of ethics. This is the only way I can ask the mayor.

Resolutions and Ordinances

No First or Second Readings - None

Third Readings

Resolution No. R-25-14

A Resolution Authorizing and Appointing Varney, Fink & Associates as Village Fiscal Officer and Authorizing and Directing the Mayor to Enter into a Three-Year Contract and Declaring an Emergency.

Mr. Steiner made a motion to adopt, second by Mrs. Godwin.

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

Resolution No. R-25-15

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.

Mrs. Joseph made a motion to adopt, second by Mr. Steiner.

Mayor McDaniel stated that regarding this resolution, when he first started at the Village a lot of times we would bypass the three readings, as it would come at the last minute. I insisted they have three readings. He thanked everyone for giving three readings to our legislation, especially our budget. Everything should have three readings but on rare occasions we have to bypass the three readings, but avoid as much as possible.

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

New Business – No new business.

Council General Discussion

Mr. Steiner thanked Trinity Lutheran Church who celebrated 150 years in 2024 and are long standing in our community. They reach out to Mr. Steiner who delivers food and gift cards to some of the needy in Clinton.

Mrs. Gensimore thanked Diane Gunter and the other ladies and gentlemen of the Historical Society for all they do - decorating the Village Hall tree, the street decorations, the Santa at Village Hall event and cheer baskets to shut ins, etc. They all make our Village presentable in a lot of ways. Mayor McDaniel agreed she and the others do a tremendous job.

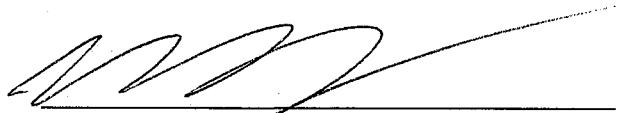
Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval

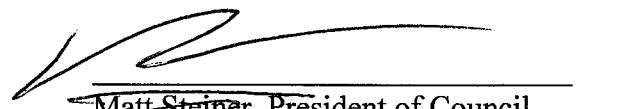
Mr. Steiner asked for a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$26,496.63. Mrs. Joseph made a motion to pay the bills, second by Mrs. Gensimore.

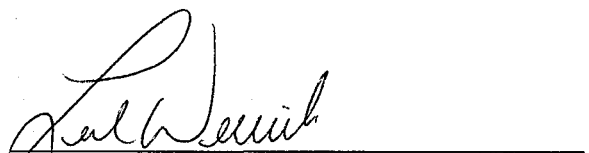
The mayor thanked Mr. Steiner as his roll of Finance Committee Chairman and how he highlights the report at our meetings.

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

Mrs. Gensimore motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Steiner. Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.



Mayor Bud McDaniel

Matt Steiner, President of Council
Ross Blankenship

Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer