

Village of Clinton
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Council President Ross Blankenship called the meeting to order on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 7:00 PM in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

Roll Call: Council Members Present: Tom Knepper, Mike Boggs, Rita Joseph, Ross Blankenship, John Henry and Kent Goch. Mayor McDaniel was absent.

Others Present: Diane Gunter, Marissa Gensimore, and Jackie Goch, residents.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Boggs to approve the minutes of February 3, 2026, and was seconded by Mr. Goch.

Roll Call: All council members present voted yes. Motion passes.

Citizens Comments (Beginning of Recording)

Marissa Gensimore was speaking and said there must have been a misunderstanding on what was relayed to Council, regarding the sewer and the County plan. Council and the Planning Commission were left holding the bag. The County, on more than one occasion, tried to bankrupt our citizens with their plan.

Mr. Blankenship said he agreed 100%. He said they spent a ton of money on research and there was a meeting at the church. His concern is that he is for sewer but not a sewer plant. Especially not by Warwick Park. Sewage plants smell horrible especially in the summer. We need to take the sewer out of town – maybe Canal Fulton. We also need to do something with water. Wells can be infected with sewage.

Mr. Boggs said when you put in sewer, 10 years later you want to put in water. But there is no way to gauge usage. If you put them in together, you are only disturbing the area one time and you have a way to adequately charge the customer.

Jackie Goch spoke about the last time this came through there was meeting here. She said we were going to be paying the same as someone who had six kids. Canal Fulton backed out of taking our sewage. There were a lot of hangups in that last deal.

Mr. Blankenship said it's not fair to say how many people are in your household to determine what you pay. Mr. Boggs asked how do you police this to do it fairly. Mr. Blankenship said if sewer comes here you do water too. Mr. Blankenship said he knows of a property in Clinton where there is a possibility of water that could supply us as there is a 24-inch well on the property.

Marissa Gensimore said since the last proposal, Summit County began approving individual package plants and several residents have clean water coming out and all approved and have already spent the money putting this in. They don't want to spend more money putting a sewer system in. There are a lot of pieces to this. There was a plan drawn up. This would need re-engineered and we don't own the plans the County does. Clinton is not ready to go.

Mr. Boggs asked, as a result of what Mrs. Gensimore said earlier, regarding passing information along to council. Do two council people have to go to meetings to ensure information is accurately reported? Mr. Blankenship said you can talk with other people but you cannot make any deals. The Mayor can talk with Amelia Sykes all he wants, but council is his boss. Council has to vote on it. Mr. Goch said the Mayor goes to mayors meetings. But certainly, like the police contract, it was several of us who attended meetings. It depends on the situation. We need to make sure the council is informed enough to make the right decisions.

Mr. Henry said we need to have meetings like at the church to discuss the sewer and invite the community.

Mr. Knepper brought up the fiber project. That would go through the Public Utilities Committee then to Council before it happens.

Resolutions and Ordinances

First Readings

Ordinance No. O-26-05

An Ordinance Rescinding Section 2-E of the Village of Clinton, Ohio, Employee Handbook and Declaring an Emergency.

Second Readings

Resolution No. R-26-03

A Resolution Authorizing All Actions Necessary to Accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) 2026 Energized Community Grant and Declaring an Emergency.

Resolution No. R-26-04

A Resolution, No. R-26-04, 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.

No Third Readings.

New Business - No new Business.


Council General Discussion – No discussion.

Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval


Mr. Goch made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$103,504.97, second by Mr. Knepper.

Roll Call: Blankenship, Goch, Henry, Knepper, Joseph and Boggs voted yes. Motion passes.

Mrs. Joseph made a motion to adjourn, second by Mr. Boggs. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.



Mayor Bud McDaniel



Ross Blankenship, Council President



Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer