

**Village of Clinton
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 3, 2026**

Mayor Bud McDaniel called the meeting to order on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 7:00 PM in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gordon Shobe and recited by those present.

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

Others Present: Village Attorney Marcum / Solicitor's office; Diane Gunter, Doug and Marcy Wilson, Ken Noon, Tammi Trent, Marissa Gensimore, Gordon Shobe, Tabi Barbu, and Jackie Goch, residents. Ron Matkowski, Assistant Fire Chief; Office Zampelli, New Franklin PD; Jeff Ferjutz, Zoning Inspector, and Kevin White, Street Supt./Commissioner.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Boggs made a motion to approve the minutes of January 20, 2026, second by Mr. Goch.

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

Solicitor Monthly Report – No report this month.

Police Monthly Report

Officer Zampelli read his report (in packet).

Mayor McDaniel brought up how in the past, the dispatch center would call our street superintendent and alert him about bad street conditions. This has not been the case and wondered if this would be starting up again. The Mayor was told yes, if they notice the roads are hazardous, they will call Mr. White.

Fire Chief Monthly Report

Assistant Fire Chief Matkowski read the report and is in the packet.

Street Commissioner Report

Mr. White welcomed the new members of Council. He reported that this month has been pretty standard with plowing the streets and doing equipment maintenance. The flagpole is in rough condition and he has quotes on a new one and will put in their Council boxes. Regarding the issues of the four-way traffic light, he is going to transfer it to LED with a new box and components. He thanked Canal Fulton for bringing their bucket truck to help with the light and the water department for jetting out a storm sewer on Comet Road.

Mr. White does not think the flagpole should come down right away, but it needs replaced. The height was discussed as to what would be best and indicated whatever council does decide to please advise.

Fiscal Officer's Report – No report.

Unfinished Business – No report.

Mayor's Communications

Mayor McDaniel said late last year in a meeting with Amelia Sykes' office, the sewer came back up and may be back on the table. There are places in town sewer would greatly benefit – not having is impeding them from opening. He asked residents to send him letters that he would forward to the County as to their desire for sewer in the Village. He indicated that it is inevitable that the EPA will want us to have sewer and right now he has the ear of the Federal Government who might be able to send us a lot of money, 3.5 million, to make this happen. It must be affordable to the residents.

The Mayor stated that he will appoint members to the Planning Commission at the next meeting. He asked that more people apply as it's better to have a strong selection of people.

The Community Newspaper is ready to be published, and he wants to talk to Mr. Knepper about this as his committee will be handling in the future.

Our IT people have a lot of updates that need to be done by June and they will be coming to talk to Council and the Committee. At a Mayors meeting, he heard that websites need to be handicap accessible. He is unsure what all that means.

This year is the 250th Anniversary of our Country. He would like to see us do something and is looking for ideas.

Mr. Boggs asked, relative to the sewer, if an engineer has come here to tell us where the waste would go and where to put a treatment plant. Mayor McDaniel explained the cost, assessment costs and the areas talked about where the sewer plant might go. The City of Canal Fulton will not take the Village's sewage and he is not sure why. The original scope of the project would be about 8 million dollars. Adding a sewer plant would be another 8 million dollars. That's when talks stopped.

Mayor McDaniel said there is engineering groundwork and he thinks there are plans at Village Hall.

Council Communications and Council Committee Reports

Sue Mayberry will send the Committee Roster to all of Council.

Mr. Boggs thanked the Street Department for the excellent work on the roads.

Citizen's Comments – No comments.

Resolutions and Ordinances

First Readings

Ordinance No. O-26-02

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. O-25-01, Establishing the Pay Rates for Certain Employees, Effective January 1, 2026, and Declaring an Emergency.

Mayor McDaniel felt three readings were not necessary because this was approved in the budget and if we don't pass, it will be done retroactively. Council can decide what to do. Leah sent a very good explanation in an email on this.

Mr. Goch made a motion to waive the three-reading rule, second by Mr. Blankenship.

Roll call: Joseph, Blankenship, Goch, Knepper, and Boggs voted yes.

Mr. Goch made a motion to adopt, second by Mr. Boggs.

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

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 Second Readings.

Third Readings

Resolution No. R-26-01

A Resolution Certifying Delinquent Fines to the County Fiscal Office and Declaring an Emergency.

Mrs. Joseph made a motion to amend Sub-Section A, to reflect the current fine of \$72,700; and B, \$40,900, second by Goch.

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

This amendment resets the clock and this would be a Second Reading that just passed.

Mrs. Joseph made a motion to waive three readings on Resolution No. R-26-01, second by Mr. Boggs.

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

Mrs. Joseph made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R-26-01, second by Mr. Goch.

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

New Business – No new business.

Council General Discussion

Mr. Knepper asked regarding the NOPEC legislation, Resolution No. R-26-03, asked if some of the grant money could be used for lighted, four-way traffic signs, instead of the four-way traffic light?

Mr. White indicated he thought some of it could. Anything regarding saving energy is where this grant money can be used. There was further discussion on the possible cost and idea of removing the traffic light. The fiscal officer will be asked about this.

Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval

There were no bills or purchase orders to approve in the packet.

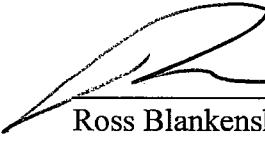
Mrs. Joseph motioned to postpone until the next meeting, second by Mr. Blankenship.

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


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



Mayor Bud McDaniel



Ross Blankenship, Council President



Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer