

**Village of Clinton  
Regular Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, March 3, 2026**

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

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

Others Present: Ryan Frederick, Small Business Technology (SBT); Kevin White, Street Commissioner/Superintendent; Seth Marcum, Solicitor; Fire Chief Wayne Conroy; Residents: Chuck Clark, Keith Clackler, Mike Reischman, Mary and Doug Wilson, Diane Gunter, and Marissa Gensimore.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Boggs to approve the minutes of February 17, 2026, and was seconded by Mrs. Joseph.

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Joseph to add SBT to the agenda after Fiscal Officer's report, second by M. Boggs. Motion passes.

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

**Solicitor Monthly Report**- No report.

**Police Monthly Report**- Officer Zampelli read his report to Council. (attached)

**Fire Chief Monthly Report**- Chief Conroy read his report to Council. (attached)

Mayor McDaniel asked when outdoor burning is allowed. Chief Conroy said from March to May, from 6 AM to 6 PM.

**Street Commissioner Monthly Report**

He reported that he is filling potholes and doing some maintenance. We have about 300 tons of salt and have room for more when we need to order.

Mrs. Joseph asked if the flag poles we are looking to purchase were American made. She was advised that we will look into this.

**Fiscal Officer's Report**

The state audit for 2024/2025 will start at the end of July/August this year.

### **Special Guest Speaker from Small Business Technologies (SBT)**

Mr. Frederick works in Cyber Security. He reported on House Bill 96 which was mandated by the State and passed into law last year for every township, county, and village. He shared what cities have been hit as well. Small entities are targeted. House Bill 96 deals with three areas, Administrative, Technical and people in the communities and what we need to be safe from cyber attacks, and you will be vulnerable. He explained there are significant breaches versus someone getting into a single account. He explained who and when to contact if we encounter a cyber attack.

There were two quotes that council had in their packets and Mayor McDaniel said the upgrade listed in them will make the Village compliant with House Bill 96. Also in the quote there is equipment for the Fire Department. Mr. Frederick further explained what the quote lays out and purpose of why these should be implemented in the Village/fire department.

Mr. Knepper asked if House Bill 96 is protecting emails, software or hardware – all data processing into this facility or email. He said it would cover all three. He was told that Windows 11 needs to be installed and new equipment may need purchased. Emails are 50% of where the bad guys get in.

Mr. Knepper said the wiring in the hallway closet – he asked for the breakdown for just that portion. He could not give him a solid number as some could be prorated.

Our guest computer at Village Hall needs to be removed from the quote, so how much would this save us. We were told about \$200.

Mr. Boggs asked about how long they will monitor our system – how long will that last. He was told a lot of monitoring is automated. They receive alerts – the dashboard lights up. The users here at the Village need to know what looks right or doesn't and we need to alert SBT if we think something is suspicious.

The budget will need amended to approve the quotes. The plan needs to be in place by, technically, January 1, 2026. Mr. Boggs wants an updated quote taking the guest computer off.

**Unfinished Business** – No unfinished business.

### **Mayor's Communications**

Mayor McDaniel missed the last council meeting as he attended a pipeline safety training program. He brought information back. There is a pipeline in New Franklin and there is a radius that could affect Clinton if something went wrong. There may be crude oil coming through at the same time as natural gas behind it or gasoline. The fire fighters have to call to find out what is coming through the line.

He went to a Mayors' meeting. One speaker spoke about smart meters, and they do not need read physically by a meter reader. There is a lot of data they can pick up from these new electric meters.

We did get one of the America 250 flags. There will be many events in Ohio profiling people from Ohio who have done great things. As we are planning an event here, the mayor indicated we can use information he received at this meeting for ideas.

Mayor McDaniel continued to report about Facebook and that they do not hold the videos very long. He feels that You Tube may work better for the Village but heard it takes time to set a channel up. It is free to use. This will be investigated further.

The Summit County Public Health District sends us quarterly reports and Council can have a copy as well. Let Sue know if you would like a copy.

Regarding what he learned at the Mayors' meeting, he reported on statistics that have improved over the past two years in Summit County, and he mentioned many of them. He also reported on the top ten leading causes of death including heart disease. There is also a health professional shortage areas in our county. He also gave a profile of the Village population from an annual report for Clinton, and it has 1,011 people and 460 households.

Mayor McDaniel appointed three people to the Planning Commission. Keith Clackler, Mike Reischman, and Tami Trent. He welcomed them on board.

### **Council Communications and Council Committee Reports**

Mrs. Joseph reminded everyone about the time when we only had one meeting a month in the summertime. She wondered if we were doing that again.

The mayor said it is up to council. He also said, based on the elections coming up, we may need to rearrange our meeting date from Tuesday to Thursday, as we have done in the past.

June, July and August was suggested to only have one meeting. Americal 250 is coming up, and it may not be a good idea to reduce our meeting dates this year. All agreed.

### **Citizens Comments**

Mrs. Gensimore said driving through town she saw a semi-truck parked in the Village alley beside the Village Greens coming out. She said many years ago, Council voted to put up no truck signs on Middle and Donnenwirth streets as it was breaking down our unsubstantiated roads and alleys. Council then put up a not parking/loading zone sign on Main Street. She explained how the driver had to back into the alley. The sign disappeared off Main Street. Did Council approve the sign was taken down?

Mayor McDaniel said this has been going on for years and he has watched them back in. Mrs. Gensimore said they should not be doing that.

Mr. White said the Village does not own that alley. He was told the Village does.

She also wanted to know about the MOU with the County about putting the fiber equipment in our building. Mayor McDaniel said he has not seen anything come through yet and Seth Marcum said everything would be coming through the Mayor's office.

Mr. Henry said he got an email from some residents asking when the fiber company is coming back as they are not happy how they left their property. Mayor McDaniel said residents can email or call him with any issues and he will refer their complaints to Summit County.

### **Resolutions and Ordinances**

First Readings – None.

Second Readings

Ordinance No. O-26-05

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

Third 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.

A motion was made by Mr. Boggs to adopt Resolution No. R-26-03, second by Mr. Knepper.

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

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.

A motion was made by Mr. Knepper to adopt Resolution No. R-26-04, second by Mr. Boggs.

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

### **New Business**

Mayor McDaniel asked Mr. White if he has ever paved the alley beside the drive thru. Mr. White said he has not. Mayor McDaniel will investigate this.

Mr. Knepper said, what he has observed, we need to revisit the semi-truck traffic on Clinton Road - the safety aspect - trucks making very wide turns by fire department. The engineer said banning semi-trucks on that road was not allowed. It could affect funding as well.

Mr. Knepper said semi-trucks could block fire vehicles from leaving the station, thus increasing the response time to an emergency.

### **Council General Discussion**

Mayor McDaniel said there is a 300-mile bicycle challenge and a 400-mile motorcycle challenge in March.

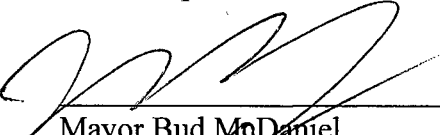
**Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval**

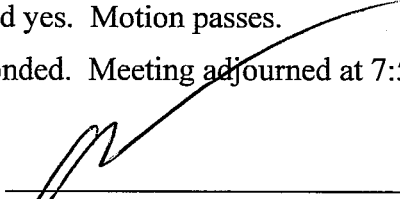
Mrs. Weirick said the \$8,000 was for the new generator at the fire station.

Mr. Boggs made a motion to approve the bills, second by Mr. Knepper.

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

Mrs. Joseph made a motion to adjourn and was seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

  
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Mayor Bud McDaniel

  
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Ross Blankenship, Council President

  
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Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer