

**Village of Clinton
Regular Council Meeting**

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Mayor Bud McDaniel called the meeting to order on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 7:00 PM in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ken Noon and recited by those present.

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

Others Present: Tabi Barbu, Glenn Dettman, Mike Hainey, Ken Noon, Marissa Gensimore and Kevin Crow, residents.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Boggs to approve the minutes of April 7, 2026, second by Mr. Blankenship.

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

Unfinished Business – No unfinished business.

Mayor's Communications

Mayor McDaniel reported that the RITA annual Membership meeting is on the 11th in Strongsville and Mr. Knepper will attend.

Tree planting at the Simon Perkins Mansion is tomorrow at 11 AM.

The Mayor received a letter from T-Mobile. Lumos Fiber is using them as a backbone, marketing through them.

Holly Miller is very quick and proactive to address issues regarding the yards in the Village that need repaired because of the fiber installation.

Council Communications and Council Committee Reports

Mr. Knepper reported that the Community Development Committee met on April 14 and they discussed further planning of the American 250 celebration in town. It will be on July 5, 11 AM to 7 PM at Warwick Park. The Committee is getting the food, games, different activities, etc. lined up. Volunteers, sponsors, donations, etc. are needed. You can reach out to Mr. Knepper and the Committee members. Things are coming together.

Mayor McDaniel said he will find out where our America 250th flag is.

The vintage baseball game is going to happen, and players will be recruited as soon as possible.

Mr. Goch asked Mr. Knepper if he had access to the website so he could post information. Mr. Knepper indicated he didn't and he would like the Community Development Committee to have access to the website and our social media. Mayor McDaniel said he would handle the website and Mr. Knepper could do the social media.

Mr. Blankenship made a motion to give Mr. Knepper access to the website and social media, second by Mr. Goch.

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

Mayor McDaniel said he would get Mr. Knepper set up with the log in and user account.

The Community Garage Sale is coming up in July and will also be handled by the Community Development Committee. We will set the date and rain date. Advertising for this event will be discussed – social media group shares will be a good place to announce.

Citizens Comments

Glenn Dettman, 2305 Nettle Road requested that a culvert at the entrance to their property, coming off Shoemaker, be replaced by the Village. It is collapsing. The Mayor said when you put in an initial culvert it is paid for by the resident and we put it in. Replacements are done by the Village and maintained. Mr. Dettman said there is an easement there giving access to 30 feet from the boundary of Stark County and into Clinton. That culvert is on the Clinton side of Nettle Road. The Mayor will have Mr. White look at that. Mr. Blankenship asked if this was for just his house or others. It is for all 6 houses. Mr. Dettman said Nettle is a private road and Mayor McDaniel said being a private drive may change things. He asked Mr. Dettman to give him his number so he can get back to him on this.

Mr. Hainey said the culvert is in the Village. The street commissioner came out and looked at it. The Mayor said he would look into this issue since it is a private road.

Mrs. Gensimore said she read a news article reporting on New Franklin's council meeting and what their Mayor reported. U.S. Senator Emilia Sykes informed them that New Franklin's request for federal funding for a 2027 regional sewer project with the Village of Clinton has been moved to the next phase of funding requests. Mrs. Gensimore asked if Village council was aware of this and did they vote on it.

Mr. Goch said yes, we knew, but at this point have made no commitments. It's purely can we get money and how much.

Mayor McDaniel said he and the New Franklin Mayor have more to do yet and will have the engineer here to discuss what is proposed. There is more information that needs to be discussed before we move forward. It then will be up to council to decide.

Mrs. Gensimore brought up advertising in the newspaper for events as there are local residents and surrounding communities who are not on social media. They still receive a physical copy of the Beacon Journal. They need to be made aware of community events.

Mrs. Gensimore asked if we knew what happened to the loading sign by the drive thru. She questioned if the alley that goes from North Street to South Street is not a Village alley. Mayor McDaniel said it is not a public right of way; it's their property and can do what they want with it.

Kevin Crow wondered about a contact for the Cemetery. There is a sign with a phone number on it and it is on the website as well. He asked about road signs – he needs a caution/hidden drive sign by his house on West Nimisila. There is one posted coming from a different direction. He indicated that he is maintaining the corporation sign so it can be read. There is a speed limit sign that was moved 250 feet from that sign. Mayor McDaniel will talk to the street superintendent. There was also a sign there for the OVMP and it was taken down. He also asked about his neighbor's drive as is twice the width it should be and the neighbor dug out the bank. It's now a spillway. There is a drain to try to catch the water as the storm ditch does not work anymore and Mr. Crow is now having to deal with it. It is something that needs maintained. He also asked about deer crossing signs. We don't have any up right now.

Resolutions and Ordinances - No legislation.

New Business

Mr. Boggs asked about building a Clinton Pantry next to the Little Library at Village Hall. He will take the lead on this as everyone thought it was a great idea.

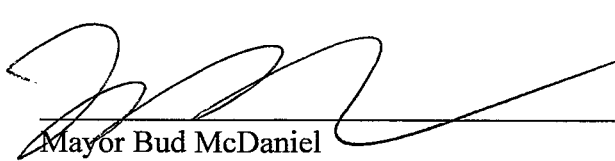
Council General Discussion – No discussion.

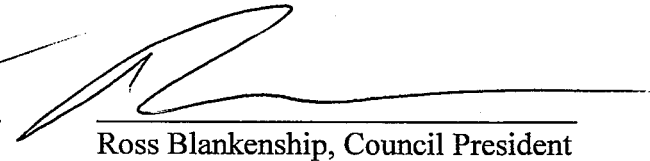
Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval

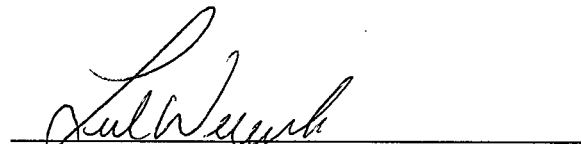
Mr. Blankenship made a motion to approve both sets of bills, second by Mrs. Joseph.

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

Mrs. Joseph made a motion to adjourn and was seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.


Mayor Bud McDaniel


Ross Blankenship, Council President


Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer