

**Village of Clinton
Regular Council Meeting**

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Mayor Bud McDaniel called the meeting to order on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 7:00 PM in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ellen Conroy 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: Diane Gunter, Ellen Conroy, Dean Philips, Tabi Barbu, and Ross Wymer, residents.

Approval of Minutes

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

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

Unfinished Business – No unfinished business.

Mayor's Communications

Mayor McDaniel reported about the trees that went down because of the windstorm. If the tree is near an electric line, Mr. White cannot remove. The power company must handle. People were driving on people's yards to go around trees across the street, which is not acceptable. If you see this happening, please make out a police report.

The flagpole was leaning even more since the windstorm, so it has been removed as it was a danger. We are working on getting a brand new flagpole.

The Mayor has the Metro 2025 Transportation Report if anyone wants to see it.

It's America's 250 birthday and there are events planned everywhere. In Ohio, there will be tree planting in Summit County in recognition of this event. Swamp White Oak trees will be planted.

The Mayor provided information on the Cyber Security meeting that was held in Village Hall by our insurance company.

Council Communications and Council Committee Reports

Mr. Henry reported that he talked with residents who had complaints on repairing the lawns on Nimisila and the Representative he spoke with said these will definitely be taken care of. Mayor McDaniel said Holly Miller will make sure this happens as well.

Citizens Comments - No comments.

Resolutions and Ordinances

No first or second readings.

Third Readings

Ordinance No. O-26-05

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Joseph to adopt, second by Mr. Goch.

There is a section in the handbook where it talks about New Franklin and Clinton Fire Department regarding grievances or complaints and we no longer have a contract with them, so this needs to be removed.

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

New Business

Mayor McDaniel asked Council to re-appoint Alice Bogdansky and Dean Philips to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a 6-year term.

A motion was made to reappoint Mrs. Bogdansky and Mr. Philips by Mr. Blankenship, second by Mrs. Joseph.

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

Council General Discussion

Mayor McDaniel shared the April handout about Native Plants we received from the Summit Soil and Water District. We receive these handouts every month of the year to post in the Village.

Mr. Knepper reported that Summit County Fiscal Officer has put out a notice that anyone who sustained damage to their home for the windstorms can file forms to reduce their tax bill for the upcoming tax season, 2027, and it's based upon the amount of damage sustained. If you have a 100K tax bill and your insurance says you have \$10,000 worth of damage, you get a deduction of 100% of that value bringing your tax bill down. There is a form on the website, which is easy to fill out, or you can call the Fiscal Officer at the County.

Mayor McDaniel added if you are under a certain income category and your septic tank fails; the County can help you pay for the replacement.

Mr. Knepper said the flag poles we are looking into purchasing are manufactured in the United States. It comes down to the price, and we should move forward with replacing the flagpole which is now down. The ones we have looked at are aluminum. Mr. Blankenship asked about the thickness as he is concerned about getting high winds over the period of it being up there so we should go with the greater thickness. Mr. Boggs said a new footer needs to be poured. Prices were discussed based on the height and thickness. It was decided to go with a 30' pole and the greater thickness at a cost of \$2,590.00.

Mr. Blankenship made a motion to purchase the 30-foot American Flagpole at a cost of \$2,590.00, second by Mr. Boggs.

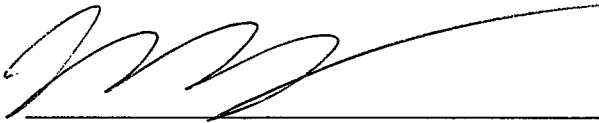
Roll call: Blankenship, Goch, Henry, Knepper, Boggs, and Joseph voted yes. Motion Passes.

Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval

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

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

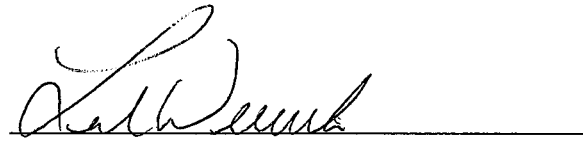
Mrs. Joseph made a motion to adjourn and was seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.



Mayor Bud McDaniel



Ross Blankenship, Council President



Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer