

**Village of Clinton  
Council Meeting Minutes  
of  
October 6, 2020**

Mayor Clarissa Allega called the meeting to order on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 7:01 p.m. in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Jeff Ferjutz and recited by those present.

Council members present: Mayor Clarissa Allega, Council members Marissa Gensimore, Lewis Rash, Bud McDaniel, Ellen Conroy, and Jan Godwin. Mr. Goch was absent.

Others Present: Jeff Ferjutz, zoning inspector; Sergeant Heimbaugh; Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer; and Eric Brettschneider from AHECS, (computer tech). Solicitor Pitchford was on Zoom.

Approval of Minutes – September 15, 2020

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, typos and all, second by Mr. Rash.

Roll Call: Conroy, Godwin, Rash, and Gensimore voted yes. McDaniel abstained. Motion passes.

Solicitors Report: No report.

Police Report: The report was read aloud to all present at the meeting.

Mrs. Gensimore mentioned at the last meeting a jeep and trailer that was down off the road and she wanted to know the status.

Sergeant Heimbaugh said the jeep was taken out but the trailer is on private property and will be something to look into.

Mrs. Gensimore said a resident is concerned of people meeting in the park that may be where drug deals are happening. The officer stated that this is being watched and is a spot where kids go and park. No one has said there are drug deals going on down there. She asked about the drug activity and how bad it is. She was told it is no worse or better than other places.

Fire Chief Report: No report.

Street Commissioner Report:

The jeep discussed earlier was pulled out. Paving is going on in the Village on several roads. There were two dead trees removed.

### Zoning Inspector Report:

Mr. Ferjutz reported on what was done this quarter. He is getting to know the area and appreciates everyone's help. He said that he is pulling signs off telephone poles and Village property. He reported on high grass violation notices and regular violations. He passed out copies so council would be familiar with what is being sent out. He also reported on how many were sent out and how many received and took action to comply. Two were not compliant. When issue is not resolved by the property owner after 5 days, a hired contractor mows for the Village, we get a bill from contractor for labor rate, we pay him, and then the Fiscal Officer completes an invoice indicating labor rate and penalty fee of \$100, and send to the property. Additional penalty fees (\$100) are added after 30 days. It then goes on to the tax duplicate. Marshal Pitchford sated he would take care of that. Mr. Ferjutz went on to discuss regular violations – trees and abandoned junk vehicles. Sergeant Heimbaugh assisted with the vehicles. Eleven zoning permits have come in and all have been approved and details were relayed to those present. He thanked New Franklin for their assistance. He is also looking into issues with trees brought up by Mr. Rash. He is unsure how the enforcement will go. They are in the public right of way.

*There were some issues with broadcasting and the meeting went off the record at 7:19 PM. Mr. Brettschneider worked to resolve issue. Live Stream is now back up and running. Also, per the Health Department, Village Hall can be open to the public if they want to personally attend. Masks and Social Distancing are still required. There are limited seats 6 feet apart. It is now 7:24 PM and the meeting is back on the record.*

### (Zoning Continued)

Mr. Ferjutz is going to meet with the neighbor about the tree in the public right of way. Mr. Rash asked what will happen in a court of law. Mr. Ferjutz does not understand why we have residents cut down a Village tree. Mr. Pitchford was asked about this tree situation. Residents own out to the middle of the street. How would a resident be made to cut down a tree on Village property? Mr. Pitchford said he needs to revisit the code and research. He said he recalls an issue before and that the Village can cut the tree down if they choose. Mr. Rash said it will take a professional to cut it down – with a bucket truck. Bottom line, is the homeowner responsible for it? The tree is a danger. Mr. McDaniel said the Village does not want to set a precedence of cutting trees down. Mr. Pitchford said we could send the homeowner a letter indicating the tree needs to come down and go from there.

Fiscal Officer's Report – No report.

### Unfinished Business

Mr. McDaniel reported on the broadcasting project that's been going on for the past several months. The network extends to the fire station as well, as a backup if we would ever need to use that facility for a meeting. There are few things to work out on this process.

### Mayor's Communications

Mayor Allega received the CDBG agreement for the generator, but we need to do a sealed bid process for it. We will follow all the guidelines of the agreement.

The County small business relief grant is open as well. Please apply as soon as you can while it is available.

They had a virtual meeting with Summit County and Mr. Rash will address later on in the meeting.

There is a COVID-19 pop up testing site in Akron. Details are on the Summit County Public Health District website. She has a flyer that will be put on the Village web page.

Mayor Allega added that she should not have to call our County Executive to apologize for any Village Council member's behavior. You represent this Village – and when you call any other entity or contractor, you represent this Village. No F-bombs, screaming, or cursing. This must not happen again.

#### Council Communications and Council Committee Reports

Mr. Rash reported on the virtual meeting with Summit County. There are different types of sewer pumps you can buy. There are those that go in a flood zone but it costs a lot more money. The ones we are talking about now in the flood zone have electric issues. They are talking about putting a shut off on it or the person shut their own off so it doesn't suck too much water into the substation.

Mayor Allega added if the pump operates under water it will burn the pump up. The property owner needs to remember to turn the pump off should it get flooded. Mr. McDaniel added that we still have an open issue working with Stark County. Mr. Rash said they are waiting on Stark County about the use of their capacity. Mr. Rash called four manufacturers about their grinder pumps. Two are underwater and are expensive. The other will run and run and the electrical system will burn the pump up. Mayor Allega said we need another agreement in place with Stark County. Then we need to determine the guidelines and cost and then reengage the public with meetings. They expect after the agreement, a detailed designed can be expected within one year and ground breaking in another year. There is not an actual starting point, but the piece out of our hands is Stark County. Mr. Pitchford said the agreement is between Summit and Stark County. There have been administrative changes in both counties. We can't brow beat them, but engage them positively. He can participate in the meetings. Mayor Allega said there will be renegotiates as all costs have gone up. Stark County has to agree that they will take the flow from the system.

Mrs. Conroy spoke on advertising of Trick or Treat and that flyers are on Facebook, Village website and posted at Village Hall.

Mrs. Godwin asked Mayor Allega is she had heard from Lawrence Township. The mayor answered that she has not heard from the Chief yet. She did talk to Canal Fulton's chief and he is working on getting her numbers.

Mr. McDaniel reported that the Finance Committee met before the meeting tonight and the budget is in very good order and the employees will receive raises and are revisiting raises for our administrative council and mayor for our next meeting.

Resolutions and Ordinances

Third Readings

Resolution No. R-20-24

Resolution No. R-20-24 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.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to adopt, second was made by Mr. McDaniel.

Roll call: Godwin, McDaniel, Gensimore, Rash, and Conroy voted yes. Motion passes.

Second Readings – None.

First Readings – None.

New Business – No new business.

Council General Discussion

It was asked if anyone would be at Village Hall on Trick or Treat night. It was stated that someone may stop by Village Hall and pass out candy. The Heritage Society is still doing their holiday baskets. Not having Apple Fest was really disappointing. That's how the Heritage Society raises money to support the museum. Mrs. Gensimore did put information on the Village website and theirs to help support the Heritage Society. Mr. Rash asked if people know Village Hall is open now. He was told yes.

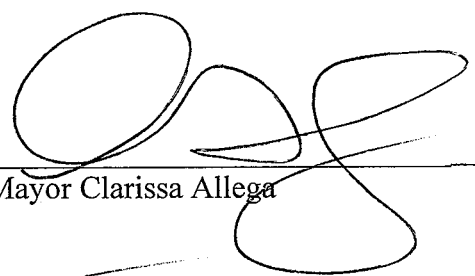
Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval

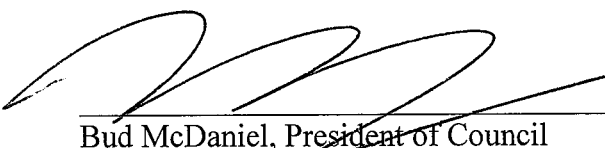
Mr. McDaniel made a motion to approve the purchase orders and bills, second by Mr. Rash.

Roll call: McDaniel, Gensimore, Rash, Conroy, and Godwin voted yes. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned.

  
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Leah Weirick, Village Fiscal Officer

  
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Mayor Clarissa Allega

  
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Bud McDaniel, President of Council