

**Village of Clinton
Council Meeting Minutes of
November 5, 2020**

Mayor Clarissa Allega called the meeting to order on Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Diane Gunter and recited by those present.

Council Members present: Mayor Clarissa Allega, Marissa Gensimore, Lewis Rash, Kent Goch; Bud McDaniel, Ellen Conroy, and Jan Godwin.

Others Present: Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer; Sergeant Heimbaugh, Diane Gunter, Heritage Society/Resident; and Jeff Ferjutz, Zoning Inspector.

Approval of Minutes – October 20, 2020

Mr. McDaniel made a motion to approve the minutes as written, second by Mr. Rash.

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

Solicitors Report: No report.

Police Report: Sergeant Heimbaugh read aloud the report. Mr. McDaniel asked about the road rage issue however details were not available. Mrs. Gensimore asked about the 14 traffic stops if any resulted in a citation. She was told no. The electronic speed sign is on Serfass Road now. It is moved around to different locations. Their presence during trick or treat was greatly appreciated.

Fire Chief Report: No report. There is a fire contract coming up next year and he is gathering information on this so we can have a productive negotiation.

Street Commissioner Report: No report.

Zoning Inspector Report: No report.

Fiscal Officer's Report

Mrs. Weirick explained the purpose of the two new pieces of legislation that were on the agenda. One was for next year's budget and the other was regarding COVID money we received as we have received more money.

Unfinished Business

Mr. McDaniel stated we are still working on issues with the broadcasting. The Rusty Railz issue has been looked into with the owner but no neighbors have been talked to yet. Mrs. Gensimore said the residents could come to council – get their views on this. We need input from the solicitor. Mayor Allega said she spoke with him about this and will contact him again. Mr. McDaniel wants to hear from the residents and will continue to follow up on this.

Mayor's Communications

Mayor Allega indicated the Engineer's report was part of the packet. It is a new layout and is easier to understand. Mr. McDaniel asked if we got the Mapping information from them. Mr. Siegenthaler has a copy and our engineer will be contacted for more information.

Mayor Allega is still gathering information on updates and attending pandemic related meetings. The numbers of COVID are rising and there is a leaning of a shut down. Continue distancing and wearing your masks.

She sent everyone on council an email with the status of the police contract. She has met with New Franklin and they did a first reading last night on the police contract - a two-year contract with us for \$150,000 per year. Their biggest concern was they feel we are getting a good deal and that we should have three readings and want to know if we are indeed going to go with them. Their contract lists everything provided to the Village and is very thorough. We will receive exactly what their own residents receive. Mayor Allega explained how the districts work and how the cars are deployed in each. They are willing to provide the Village advance notice if their contract amount will increase.

Mrs. Gensimore said this is the first meeting in November and in order to have three readings on the police contract, we need to make a decision tonight to have legislation written up by the next meeting to get the three readings in.

Mrs. Godwin made a motion to accept the two-year contract at \$150,000 per year with the New Franklin Police Department, second by Mr. McDaniel.

Mrs. Gensimore asked if we can discuss why a 2-year instead of a 4-year contract. Mrs. Allega said the reason could be budget related. Do we feel comfortable with the services? She feels the email from New Franklin's Chief provided a lot of clarification of what we are purchasing with the contract. A list of what we will get can be an exhibit to the contract and this will be requested. Mrs. Gensimore said District C is Clinton, and each district has an officer, but in reality, we may be a district but not patrolled as our own district. We are part of District B's patrol. That is a big area. There are three cars on patrol at one time. We can get this clarified. District A is a lot busier in New Franklin which includes the Portage Lakes. We are residential. Mrs. Gensimore said we still need a presence. Mr. Rash asked how much, on a normal year, when people get more money, how much on the average does that give us extra per year. This year the economy is this and everyone gets a raise, is there a way you can figure what we get year after year. Mrs. Allega asked what is our growth rate? He said yes. Mrs. Weirick said average 3%, \$7 or \$8,000. He said after 8 or 10 years we are looking at \$300,000. He thinks we are getting a good, affordable deal. Setting up our own PD would be far more expensive and would take time, as would a mayor's court. A competing bid we were given, was higher. A safety service levy may be needed down the road.

Roll Call: McDaniel, Godwin, Conroy, Goch, Rash, and Mrs. Gensimore voted yes. Motion carries.

Mrs. Gensimore said issues were voiced in the past but does not think they were conveyed to New Franklin. Now that we have done so, they have been addressed. They are responding because they are getting the message and there is a good open line of communication.

Council Communications and Council Committee Reports

Mr. McDaniel reported on the Finance Committee Meeting. There was discussion of the budget and pay raises for council and the mayor for those who would fill the seats in the next term and most not until 2022. He provided a document the committee approved, with possible wage increases and the dollar amount each represents. This is not for us but for those who fill the seats in the years to come.

Mr. McDaniel made a motion to add this to our budget, second by Mrs. Conroy.

Mrs. Weirick indicated this is for 2021. She will have to change the current salary resolution of the council and mayor rates for the next terms. There will be the current rate, and then the new rate will be effective in 2022.

Roll Call: Godwin, no. Conroy, yes. Goch, no. Rash, no. Gensimore, yes. McDaniel, yes. Tie vote. Mayor Allega voted yes. Breaking the tie, motion passes.

Mayor Allega said that two years from now, hopefully the budget will recover and this council could be made up of different individuals as well. For me, she said, this would not come into play for another 3 years.

Mrs. Conroy reported that Trick or Treat went really well. The Planning Commission, at their last meeting, discussed a shared driveway issue on S. Cleve.-Mass. Road and it was approved.

Mrs. Allega will have Sue Mayberry invite the spokesperson from ReWorks to the next meeting to explain the purpose of the resolution they are asking the Village to prepare.

Citizen Comments – None.

Resolutions and Ordinances

Resolution No. R-20-27

A Resolution Amending the Annual Appropriations for the Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2021, and Declaring an Emergency.

Resolution No. R-20-28

A Resolution Amending the Annual Appropriations for the Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2020, and Declaring an Emergency.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to suspend the three-reading rule, second by Mr. McDaniel.

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

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

New Business

Mrs. Gensimore discussed how Northwest Local Schools has celebrated Veterans Day in the past and because of COVID we can't do that. Some are doing a virtual celebration. As a district, we are asking on November 11, at 10 AM, all veterans who are able to drive, please meet at the Northwest Youth Sports Association parking lot at the school and as the veterans drive by, the students will be outside cheering them on. There will be a vigil as well but Mrs. Gensimore was not able to find details on the OVMP's website. If she finds out, she will put on the Village website.

Council General Discussion

Mrs. Gensimore asked Diane Gunter if the Historical Society is able to do the holiday baskets – do they need help? Mrs. Gunter said because of coming into Village Hall and being too close while putting them together they are not going to be done this year, nor will they be doing Santa Claus. Mayor Allega added that maybe we could get Santa Claus to do a drive through the town this year, with help from the fire department. Heritage Society members should be getting together and meet maybe after first of the year. There will be outdoor Christmas decorating.

Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval

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

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

Motion was made by Rash and seconded by McDaniel to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned.



Leah Weirick, Village Fiscal Officer



Mayor Clarissa Allega



Bud McDaniel, President of Council