

**Village of Clinton
Council Meeting Minutes of
December 15, 2020**

Mayor Clarissa Allega called the meeting to order on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

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

Others Present: Eric Brettschneider, IT; Fire Chief Conroy; Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer; Diane Gunter and Susan Smith, residents, and Terry Siegenthaler, Street Commissioner.

Approval of Minutes – December 1, 2020

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

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

Solicitors Report: Mr. Pitchford did not have a report.

Police Report: The report is in the packet.

Fire Chief Report: Chief Conroy read his report stating it has been very busy. The roof will be redone in the spring – we are first on the roofer's schedule. The Chief introduced a new applicant to the FD, Dave Cole, who lives in Canal Fulton. He is very qualified and he wants to bring him on tonight – get Council's approval. The background check will be done soon.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to grant Chief Conroy's request, second by Mr. Rash.

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

Street Commissioner Report: Mr. Siegenthaler reported that they came to do the Village Hall generator and discovered we have 3-phase and have to order a different generator. They don't have one in stock. We received estimates for the telephone pole and the fence from wind damage and sent to the insurance company.

We need to get new maps that show shared driveways, paper streets and alleys, etc., so we have better depictions of actual widths of streets, centerlines, etc. Mr. Goch said he will send Mr. Siegenthaler a link to the Summit County Parcel Maps that shows all this vital information.

Mr. Siegenthaler reported that the Wood Guy was cutting the tree canopies but stopped as we were not sure how much money we have in our budget to go further. He wants to get the Wood Guy back to cutting the canopies while leaves are off the trees. If we have money left to continue with getting the canopies, Mrs. Gensimore said if it's in the budget get it done while the weather permits - before December 31. When we reach the limit of the money left, we will stop.

Fiscal Officer's Report – No report.

Unfinished Business – No report.

Mayor's Communications

Mayor Allegra reported that the State Wide curfew is extended – 10 PM to 5 AM with only essentials as the exception till January 2, 2021. The vaccine distribution started in Ohio yesterday. The Summit County Stay at Home Health Advisory has been extended till January 31. If you don't need to leave your house, don't.

The Direction Home Akron/Canton received Cares Act funding vouchers for free meals for older adults – 60 and over for those who have financial needs can call, M-F, 8-5 PM, 877-770-5558.

The Bar and Restaurant Assistant Fund Grant, under Cares Act funding for those businesses needing assistance is still available.

Council Communications and Council Committee Reports – No report.

Citizen Comments

Susan Smith is moving and has not sold her house yet. She may have a problem with her alley. She was told she could survey the property. There was some discussion on this alley issue and she was told it should not affect the sale of her house. This can be discussed with her further as well.

Resolutions and Ordinances (No First or Second Readings)

Third Readings

Resolution No. R-20-34

A Resolution Authorizing and Appointing Varney, Fink & Associates as Village Fiscal Officer and Authorizing and Directing the Mayor to Enter into a Two-Year Contract, and Declaring an Emergency.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to set aside the three-reading rule, second by Mr. Rash.

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

Mrs. Godwin made a motion to adopt, second by Mr. Rash. Mrs. Gensimore stated that the Village is very fortunate to have Mrs. Weirick representing Varney Fink as her work ethic is very much appreciated.

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

Resolution No. R-20-35

A Resolution Authorizing and Appointing OHM Advisors as Village Engineer and Authorizing and Directing the Mayor to Enter into a Two-Year Contract and Declaring an Emergency.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to set aside the three-reading rule, second by Mr. Rash.

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

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

Mr. Rash asked about the engineer's reports and if could have someone attend in person at least once every six months. We can request that per the contract. He was advised that this year has been different, and we do see them aside from Council meetings when a representative comes to Village Hall to meet with the Mayor and/or Mr. Siegenthaler.

Mayor Allega indicated that the attached contract says three years, but it is a two-year contract. This will be fixed in the wording. We can't pass it as is, but we need to be specific in the motion that it is a two-year contract.

Mrs. Gensimore revised her initial motion specifically stating this is for a two-year contract with OHM, not three, as it currently states in "Exhibit A." The contract term in the body of the text will be amended/corrected to say a two-year term.

Roll Call: Rash, Goch, Conroy, Godwin, and Gensimore voted yes. Motion Passes as revised.

Resolution No. R-20-36

A Resolution to Provide Legal Services for the Village of Clinton and Confirming the Appointment of Marshal M. Pitchford as Solicitor for 2021 and 2022, and Declaring an Emergency.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to set aside the three-reading rule, second by Mr. Rash.

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

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

Mayor Allega brought to everyone's attention that fees have not increased for six years. Even though this is only a two-year contract, the new rates within the contract are for the next six years going forward for planning purposes.

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

No Second or First Readings.

New Business – No new business.

Council General Discussion

Mrs. Gensimore indicated that according to the *Northwest News* we have a celebrity in our midst – Mr. Rash - in the Veterans Drive By.

Mayor Allega informed council that our former legal intern, Justin Lepley opened up a new business in Massillon – a coffee / plant shop.

Mr. Rash brought up the electrical pole that was replaced and if it was a new pole. He was told that it is new.

Mrs. Gensimore asked whether we were doing Santa this year and the mayor indicated if we can do it, we will get it publicized.

Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval

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

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

Motion was made by Mr. Rash to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.



Leah Weirick, Village Fiscal Officer



Mayor Clarissa Allega



Bud McDaniel, President of Council