

**Village of Clinton  
Council Meeting Minutes of  
January 19, 2021**

Mayor Clarissa Allega called the meeting to order on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lewis Rash and recited by those present.

Roll call of Council Members: Kent Goch; Lewis Rash, Marissa Gensimore, Jan Godwin, Bud McDaniel, and Ellen Conroy all voted present.

Others Present: Fire Chief Conroy.

Approval of Minutes – January 5, 2021

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

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

Appointment of the Committees and Chairmen

Mr. McDaniel stated the list was included in the packet. He asked for a motion to approve.

Mayor Allega pointed out that Mr. Probonic, who chaired the Zoning Board of Appeals, submitted his resignation yesterday. Mrs. Gensimore added that this motion is to approve only the Council Committees and Chairmen, not the other Commissions or Boards of the Village.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gensimore to accept the Committees and Chairs presented by Mr. McDaniel, Council President, second by Mr. Rash.

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

Solicitors Report: No Report.

Police Report: The 2020 Annual Report was included in the packet.

Fire Chief Report

Chief Conroy announced there are about 80 smoke detectors available and would to see them go to families who need them. We could advertise this on Clinton Village Talk.

He then asked Council to approve the Village enrolling in Ohio Deferred Compensation. It's a pre-taxed money deferral for retirement. It does not cost the Village anything. Mrs. Weirick said it is available to all public employees. It's a 457 Plan and 100% employee share - what they want to contribute from their paychecks.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to honor the Fire Chief's request to allow all Village employees to enroll in Ohio Deferred Compensation Program, second by Mr. Rash.

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

Street Commissioner Report: No report.

Fiscal Officer's Report: Mrs. Weirick said the monthly financials are in the packet. The year will be closed out and to the State by the end of February.

Unfinished Business – No report.

### Mayor's Communications

Mayor Allega reported that she will be on a conference call tomorrow with Governor DeWine. The County will have another round of utility and rental assistance forthcoming. Once we have dates, we will make sure we will make that information available on when to apply.

Influenza is still down. Keep washing hands, etc. COVID numbers are rising but slowly leveling off. The Vaccine Group 1A, first round, will be done and second round will start next week. Vaccine Group 1B will be coming next. Details for where vaccine providers will be available can be found on [www.vaccine.coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://www.vaccine.coronavirus.ohio.gov).

There is a high number of identity theft related unemployment fraud claims. If you get notices in the mail about unemployment you as a resident didn't apply for, please report this fraud.

The Ohio EPA will be holding a virtual public hearing in February on the Clean Water Act.

There is no change to the price of our yearly portable toilet rental agreement. Mrs. Gensimore said if we choose not to have them installed due to COVID, because of cleaning them, we will not pay anything. This just locks us into having them available when we need them.

### Council Communications and Council Committee Reports

Mrs. Godwin announced there was a Safety Committee meeting regarding funding our own fire department. It will be 8.5 mill levy.

Mr. Goch talked to the electrician about the light pole down at the park and the status of replacement. He also asked for a quote on replacing the lighting with LED fixtures.

Mrs. Gensimore reported that there will be another Community Newsletter coming out some time in March. Photos of 2020 holiday events will be included and will be a good opportunity to get information about the levy out there. Articles are due to Mrs. Gensimore by Monday, February 22. Feel free to submit something you feel is worthy to be in this next newsletter. This issue will cover events through the end of May 2021.

The next scheduled Laws and Ordinances meeting is at 6:00 PM, February 2, 2021.

Citizen Comments: No citizens present to speak.

## Resolutions and Ordinances

### First Readings

#### Resolution No. R-21-01

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with “Summit County Service Department Response Network” to Share Resources and Assist Each Other in the Event of Emergencies; and Declaring an Emergency.

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

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

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R-21-01, second by Mr. Rash.

Mayor Allega reiterated what was stated at the last meeting about the purpose for this legislation. In case we need assistance in road maintenance due to COVID, the MOU will give us the ability to have someone from the County help us. We provide equipment and they provide the employee who would be paid \$22.00 / hour.

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

#### Resolution No. R-21-02

A Resolution Declaring It Necessary to Replace the Tax Levy at The Tax Rate Of 8.5 Mill and Requesting the Summit County Fiscal Officer to Certify the Total Current Tax Valuation of The Village and The Dollar Amount of Revenue That Would Be Generated by This Replacement Levy, And Declaring an Emergency (Fire Levy).

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

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

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R-21-02, second by Mr. Rash.

Mr. McDaniel explained further, as this was discussed at the last meeting, that this fulfills the original intention and give us the ability to form our own full-time, fully dedicated Village of Clinton fire department at very little extra cost per month to the Village residents.

Mrs. Gensimore stated the current levy generates funds through 2022, however we need to pass this before the levy expires in 2021. Citizens will be informed thoroughly as to why we need to do this. This is step one to give us the official number of how much this millage will generate.

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

New Business

The current chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals resigned yesterday. We are now in need of his replacement. Mr. Bell has not been attending, so therefore, he will need replaced as well. Mayor Allega suggested Alice Bogdansky for the position of Chair of this board. She appealed to those watching to please send us a letter of interest if you have a desire to serve in this way.

Council General Discussion: Mr. McDaniel said we are off to a good start this year.

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

Motion was made by Mr. McDaniel motioned to adjourn, second by Mr. Rash. 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