

**Village of Clinton
Council Meeting Minutes of
March 2, 2021**

Mayor Clarissa Allega called the meeting to order on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 7:00 PM in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Marissa Gensimore and recited by those present.

Roll call of Council Members: Present were Kent Goch, Lewis Rash, Marissa Gensimore, Jan Godwin, Bud McDaniel, and Ellen Conroy.

Others Present: Fire Chief Conroy, New Franklin Police Sergeant, Terry Siegenthaler – Street Commissioner, Leah Weirick – Fiscal Officer and Diane Gunter.Odin1230!

Approval of Minutes – February 16, 2021

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

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

Solicitors Report: No report.

Police Report: The report was read aloud to those present.

Fire Chief Report: Chief Conroy gave his verbal report for February and also reported on a cold water rescue from the evening prior.

Street Commissioner Report: Mr. Siegenthaler reported that on March 11, 2021 he has a video meeting with FEMA in regards to the home on Main Street that will be demolished. He also reported that we are still waiting on the generator for Village Hall. There has been a delay in getting the appropriate generator from the manufacturer. He also met with the risk specialist from PEP (our insurance provider) and went over the property of the Village. The representative would like to see the light pole replaced ASAP at the park. We also added the restrooms at the towpath trail to our policy as they were previously omitted. Summit Metro Parks also contacted Mr. Siegenthaler in regards to putting flushing toilets and running water into those restrooms and he informed them that we currently do not have sewer services in the Village and that he doubts the County would approve for a septic system since that property is in the floodplain. Mr. Siegenthaler anticipates that asphalt production will begin soon and he is hoping to start patching as soon as they are producing the asphalt he needs. We are still waiting to hear from OPWC in regards to the paving project for North Cleveland Massillon road. For 2021 paving, Mr. Siegenthaler would like to pave North Street so he will be getting quotes for that. He would also like to chip'n'seal the far end of Hickory street. There are also repairs needed on Shadow Lane that he would like to get taken care of as well.

Fiscal Officer's Report: No report.

Unfinished Business: No report.

Mayor's Communications

Mayor Allega reported that the Village has received a score of 80 on the North Cleveland Massillon Road application with OPWC and are awaiting the funding status. Jason from OHM will submit the project with small governments if we are not approved through OPWC.

There is legislation in the packet this evening in regards to the FEMA project that Terry had mentioned. She will be attending that video meeting as well on March 11th.

Updates from Summit County – rental assistance program is scheduled to launch on March 8th at summitcountycare.org. Summit County EMA has launched a new app designed to keep residents safer. The app is compatible for Apple and Android. Emergency alerts will be sent out through the app at the County level. COVID updates were also provided. County MS4 permit with the EPA will most likely now require a fee if we continue to stay with the County for the discharge permit.

Mayor Allega noted that an executive session was required. It was decided to go into executive session after citizens comments.

Council Communications and Council Committee Reports

Mr. Rash questioned as to when the Village was going to begin talking about the Police Department. Mrs. Gensimore informed Mr. Rash that this topic needed to be brought up during council general discussion later in the meeting.

Mrs. Gensimore thanked those who provided articles for the paper. She is waiting to hear back from Canal Fulton and will add additional pictures if space is adequate. Mr. McDaniel has some aerial pictures from the OVMP that he will provide. Mrs. Gensimore also noted that she is putting together the Memorial Day Parade and has contacted the Cemetery for permission to have the ceremony there. She has also contacted a speaker and has another one in mind if the original is unable. A parade marshal is in mind and she grew up in Clinton, has a purple heart and an Iraqi veteran.

Citizen Comments: Diane Gunter reported that Northwest High School is having their SWORD program this year. She needs the Village to contact someone at the school as she would like to use about 10 students from the program to help with the Mulch around the Village. She also reported for the Historical Society in regards to the pancake breakfast. They are going to try to have the event this year but are working on the details and how it all works with social distancing and health department requirements. Mr. Goch has a couple large tents that he is willing to help set up and let the Historical Society use for the event. She will report back with more information once she has it.

Mrs. Gensimore asked if the raffle would take place this year. Mrs. Gunter responded that possibly a small one. They are just uncomfortable asking restaurants and businesses for donations with everything that has been transpiring this past year.

Executive Session: Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to go into executive session for the purposes of employee related matters and to include the Fire Chief, Fiscal Officer, Solicitor and Mayor. Seconded by Mr. McDaniel.

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

Council returned from executive session at 8:01 p.m.

Resolutions and Ordinances

Third Readings

Resolution No. R-21-03, Amended

A Resolution Adopting the Plan under the Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Program Administered by the Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Board of Participation by "eligible employees" of the Village of Clinton, Summit County, Ohio, and Declaring it an Emergency.

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

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

Second Readings

Ordinance No. O-21-04

An Ordinance Amending the Codified Ordinance, Section 120.02, Council Rules of the Administrative Code for the Village of Clinton, and Declaring it an Emergency.

First Readings

Resolution No. R-21-05

A Resolution Designating Terry Siegenthaler as the Project Manager and Person Responsible for Implementing the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program on Behalf of the Village of Clinton, Summit County, Ohio, and Declaring an Emergency.

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

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

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

Mayor Allega noted that Mr. Siegenthaler did agree to be named as the Project Manager for the project.

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

New Business None reported

Council General Discussion: Mr. Rash questioned the Mayor if any of the new strains of the Virus had been reported in the Village. The Mayor reported that there had been a confirmed case of the new strain in Ohio but not in Summit County.

Mr. Rash would also like everyone to think about the police department and the renewal of the contract in a couple years. He stated the Village is concerned about one of our safety services but not the other. He feels that the police department is being ignored. He wanted to know what the Village would do if we cannot afford to pay the amount of a new contract. Mayor Allega informed him that Summit County would have to cover police services for the Village if we do not have a contract with anyone. If this happens, the Village would be charged by the call and we do not currently know what that cost would be. As of now, the Fire Department is the primary concern, as it is an immediate need due to the levy expiring. Mr. Rash also brought up having a levy to encompass both safety services and that he was informed by Mr. Pitchford that it is possible. It was noted that Mr. Pitchford was not making a recommendation that a joint levy should be done, he was just stating that it is a possibility.

Mr. McDaniel made note of the new Tom & Jerry movie that is out. Mrs. Gensimore noted that she saw the first buzzard fly over so spring is eminent.

Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval

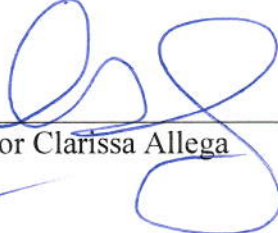
Mr. McDaniel made a motion to approve the purchase orders and bills, second by Mr. Rash.

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Gensimore, second by Mr. Rash. The meeting was adjourned.



Leah Weirick, Village Fiscal Officer



Mayor Clarissa Allega



Bud McDaniel, President of Council