

Village of Clinton
Council Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2021

Mayor Clarissa Allega called the meeting to order on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 7:00 PM in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jeff Ferjutz and recited by those present.

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

Others Present: Fire Chief Conroy; Officer Heimbaugh, New Franklin PD; Eric Brettschneider from AHEC; and Cody Post, Executive Director of the Red Center.

Approval of Minutes – March 16, 2021

Mr. Goch indicated his name was misspelled on page 2, and the motion was made to approve the minutes with the correction indicated, second by Mr. McDaniel. Roll Call: Rash, Gensimore, McDaniel, Godwin, Conroy and Goch voted yes. Motion passes.

Police Report: Officer Heimbaugh read the March Police Report. Mrs. Gensimore stated that she appreciates their presence in the community. She indicated that people are parking by Elizabeth Park on the sidewalk and there are signs there. She asked that those who continue to park there be reminded that it is not a parking area and the officer understood her concern.

Mayor Allega said reminding kids who wear their helmets when riding their bikes should be told they are doing a good job in doing so - if police see this to tell them.

Mr. Rash brought up that there was a vehicle doing the donuts in town. The police know the kind of vehicle it is as they were also in the park. Residents need to call and give a report if it happens on their property.

Solicitors Report: No report. He will be attending the next meeting.

Fire Chief's Report

Chief Conroy presented his March report. He reminded everyone about the burn bans that are in effect 6 AM to 6 PM, March, April and May and in the Fall as well.

The chief got a hold of Mr. Baldwin the director of the new Dispatch Center Central that New Franklin will be going with. He has not given us a price yet – and we were told this new dispatch will go live May 11. Mr. Post was here to give a Power Point presentation for another dispatch option - the Red Center. He advised of all the communities who use this center. He explained the Red Center's beginnings, operations and number of staff employed, and training/certification. He reported on the number of calls handled through the Red Center and other statistics. He explained all the Red Center does - it's not just a dispatch center. A gentleman on the Power Point presentation gave a personal message on his life and struggles and how the Red Center that also works with local schools, and his involvement in the "See Something, Say Something" program, was a vehicle that helped him get back on his feet. Mr. Post further reported detailed operations/services of the center, and funding. He explained the formula of how each community is billed, and what their budget is to operate.

Mr. Goch asked at what point would they sit down with the Village and go over the logistics of New Franklin dispatching police and Red Center doing Fire. Mr. Post said he could only do that when we make a decision to move forward to use their services. He indicated they would need to look at the 911 call coordination. There is too much work to do without the Village agreeing to go forward with the Red Center.

Chief Conroy stated he got a quote from Mr. Post - the chief put in for 300 calls. He did it on the high side just to be safe. Typically, they run about 150 calls in the Village and the quote was a little over \$14,000. They do it by call, not a set fee and they are always a year behind. So, the first year he got a quoted for about 150 calls and if you break that down it would be about \$7,000. Next year, they will bill us off of 2021 calls.

Mayor Allega said that the police dispatch is covered by our contract with New Franklin and is being handled out of Green in their COG. We did not know that we would find out in March that we needed to make a decision by May 11 on a new contract. They want us to sign a new fire contract they want us to sign a contract for dispatch services.

Mr. Post said it would take 90 to 180 days depending on technical problems to add a new entity to the Red Center.

Mayor Allega said it's hard for Council to make a decision on going with an option that won't give us pricing.

It is difficult for Central to give the Village a number. He does not think they will make the May opening - it's too close. The fee rate for the Red Center has been frozen for the last four years. They didn't need any more budget money. Mr. Post did say it does not matter when the Village comes to them. It can be in August - it doesn't matter. There are unpredictable timelines they have no control over.

Mrs. Gensimore is concerned about the line of communication. How do the calls work - what is the lag time? He explained how the progression of the 911 calls work - where they go and get transferred, etc.

Street Commissioner Report: No report.

Zoning Inspector's Quarterly Report

Mr. Ferjutz reported on all that has been going on in zoning for the past three months. He had a written report in the packet and then also verbally added some other issues. He has met with multiple property owners. He indicated who complied, and also the number of junk vehicles towed. He also said he had his first BZA meeting. He has two other meetings planned. He issued two permits as well.

He asked permission to get copies of our new zoning map - a large one and smaller one if possible. He has been very busy and things have not slowed down even in the winter months.

Fiscal Officer Monthly Report

Mrs. Weirick said there is still no official guidance on the additional American Rescue Plan funds we will be receiving other than we are getting 50% this year and 50% next year. We still don't know how we can spend it other than they are supposed to be more lenient this time.

Unfinished Business:

Mr. McDaniel introduced Eric from AHEC who will present his findings on upgrading the Village Hall sound equipment. Eric explained what he feels is best, and why, for what the Village needs for the dynamics of the room. We need a regular sound system. This system will include microphones at every council seat. He further stated what other equipment would be needed for the best quality setup.

This expense would be covered by the additional American Rescue Plan money we are getting. The total for this equipment will be \$4,350.

Mr. McDaniel reported that the DVR at the street garage is also failing and there is a quote for a replacement as well. He explained what he suggests would be the best equipment for surveillance of the park area and street garage property. The stimulus money will not cover this expense. The expense could be divided between the Streets and Parks funds.

Overall pricing for the two equipment configurations were shared with Council to consider - #1 and #2.

Mr. Rash made a motion to purchase Configuration #2, for \$1,030.00, second by Mrs. Gensimore.

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

Regarding the other quote for the mics, Mrs. Weirick indicated that the funds will be paid out of the general fund and reimbursed by the American Rescue Plan monies.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to accept the quote for the mics, second by Mr. Rash.

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

Mayor's Communications

The Flood Mitigation Taskforce is having meetings again. This taskforce addresses the flooding since the 2019 flood.

There was a trash hauler permit issue that has been resolved. Walter Drane did not get the correct legislation on-line that outlines the trash hauler regulations, but we have since sent the correct legislation to Municode who will incorporate in the next code supplement they prepare.

The Mayor was requested by Metro Parks to give permission for them to addle the goose eggs along the towpath to limit the number of goslings.

The Summit County Public Health does have their mass vaccination site up and running and the Summit County Fairgrounds. You can sign up for the vaccination at gettheshot.corona.ohio. They are doing the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. If you need a ride there, they are providing transportation and you can call Summit County Public Health to schedule.

COVID cases are rising in Summit County. Wear a mask and maintain social distancing.

Summit County Cares.org is still accepting applications for rental assistance.

The Treasury Department has not giving us concrete guidance as to how we can spend the new stimulus money we will be getting.

The County is looking at whether or not any municipalities are interested in creating or participating in a municipal broadband entity. There is potential funding available if interested. Money is coming from the recent stimulus and contact information is available if anyone is interested in this.

The Mayor wanted to thank Diane Gunter for getting the flower beds ready for spring.

The Governor's updated health orders are allowing outdoor festivals and activities to resume like the parade and pancake breakfast. Groups must be 10 and under if not from the same household. Social distancing and masks are still required but they are giving us some room.

The NOPEC grant money needs assigned to a project. It is on its way - \$ 3,045. Mrs. Weirick indicated we need to decide by June 30 what our project will be or we can carry the money over for one year and do a bigger project. It must be energy efficient. The Historical Society got their grant money the Village applied for, in the amount of \$1,000 that can go toward the Applefest.

We have to come up with something for the next NOPEC grant. Mr. Goch mentioned high efficiency LED lighting in Warwick Park. Would that qualify? Mrs. Weirick said that they did list that as an idea in their information. We first need to see a quote on a cost to do the lighting.

Council Communications and Council Committee Reports

Mr. Goch, Streets, Sidewalks, and Parks Committee chair, said the Street Superintendent presented a quote to pave Main Street and fix the wash board by the post office on Van Buren.

Mr. Goch made a motion to spend \$43,313 with Superior Paving to pave Main Street and do the grinding on Van Buren, second by Mr. McDaniel.

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

Mr. Goch said there is also curb work needed on Taylor Road and striping. There was also discussion about where to do edge lines and/or center lines on different roads in the Village.

Mr. Goch talked to the electrician on the pole replacement at Warwick park. Poles have been hard to obtain at this time but we should have delivery next week.

Mrs. Rash stated he was talking to Anthony Gonzales about getting a grant for the sewer project. He got a call from his office saying the two trillion coming up, 8% is for infrastructure and roads and the rest is for small villages and sewer is one of them. Mayor Allega said she could assist putting a grant together any grant we are eligible for.

Citizen Comments: None.

Resolutions and Ordinances: No second or third readings.

First Readings

Ordinance No. O-21-08

A Second Amendment Sanctuary Ordinance for the Village of Clinton, and Declaring an Emergency.

Mayor Allega said residents can take this time to read this legislation and if they have questions, come to a meeting. It is a well-written ordinance. Mrs. Gensimore said we are looking out for our residents with their rights to bear arms.

New Business

Mrs. Gensimore said we need to talk about the dispatch issue that was presented earlier. Chief Conroy said we will continue to have dispatch until we either go with one or the other.

Mayor Allega said the cost for dispatch before was buried in the police contract. We may be dealing with Central when we revisit our police contract. There are other options out there, Mr. Conroy is very familiar with the Red Center and can get quotes from others as well. Chief Conroy said if he hears anything relative to cost for Central, he will let the Mayor know.

Council General Discussion:

Mr. McDaniel thanked the fire department for pumping out the pond that gets full of leaves and debris at the Veterans' Memorial Park.

Mayor Allega asked if she should work on getting the Village designated as a Purple Heart Village. She was approached about this and it fits in well with the OVMP being in the Village. It is about a two-year process. There is no cost. She will investigate this.

Mrs. Gensimore said the OVMP wants to be part of the Memorial Day celebration. They asked if we could take a tour up their driveway and around the memorial area and then they can park in the stage area and then walk to the ceremony at the cemetery. No one had any objections.

Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval

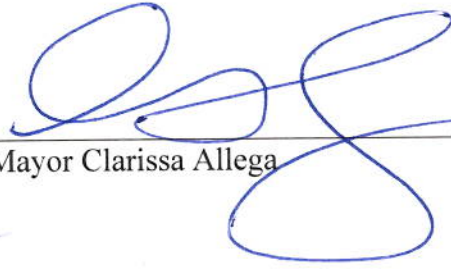
Mr. McDaniel made a motion to approve the purchase orders and bills, second by Mr. Rash.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Rash to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Mr. McDaniel.
Meeting was adjourned.



Leah Weirick, Village Fiscal Officer



Mayor Clarissa Allega



Bud McDaniel, President of Council