

Village of Clinton
Council Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2021

Mayor Clarissa Allegra called the meeting to order on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 7:02 PM in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Conroy 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; Marshal Pitchford, Village Solicitor; and Diane Gunter, resident.

Approval of Minutes – April 20, 2021

Mr. Goch made a motion to approve the minutes as written, second by Mrs. Conroy.

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

Mrs. Gensimore moved to move the Police Report before the Solicitor's Report on the agenda, second by Mr. Goch.

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

Police Report: Officer Heimbaugh read the April Police Report.

Mrs. Gensimore said unsupervised youth are damaging items in the park. The officer said he will put in an extra patrol.

Solicitors Report: He talked about where we stand about zoning enforcement. Mr. Ferjutz, zoning inspector is here as well. Mr. Ferjutz gave a background on the problem of non-compliance on violation issues (junk vehicles, debris, etc.) and plans to move forward need to be discussed. Pictures are available of these violations.

Mr. Pitchford stated in the penalty phase on this issue, historically they are cited and go to court. We have not had an occasion so far to do that. Since then, the violation system is more administrative in nature. It is an administrative fine that the Village levies. We are going to look over these violations and a final plan of action will be put in place which would be a civil matter, not criminal. We also discussed amending the towing legislation. We make it crystal clear for the police department to know who can go in, grab the property and tow it. It's time to take matters in our own hands. Private property we can't tow. Our own property, we can. The Planning Commission will have to be involved in changing the code. Council can also submit something to Planning to consider and get their input and send back to Council.

Fire Chief's Report

Chief Conroy stated he will provide at the next meeting.

Street Commissioner Report: Mr. Siegenthaler reported that the FEMA appraisal came in on the property on Main Street. It cost \$1,800.

Mr. Siegenthaler reported on a tree being down that hit wires and the Wood Guy came and remedied the situation. Shingles were blown off the pavilion by trail head and Meister Roofing repaired at no charge. Park property is still be damaged by kids. We do not know who they are. The fence at the park by baseball field needed caps on the fence per the insurance company. The insurance company has since come by and advised this should have been done. We contacted Mr. Kievman about this. He indicated what is needed at the ballfield. We have nothing in writing stating he is supposed to do the maintenance on the ball field.

A lengthy discussion began about who is supposed to maintain the ball field and also issues with the electric and whether it is on or off. An electric pole was to be installed as well. There was also discussion on the rental process of the ball field and the pavilion.

Dominion is going to submit a permit to run underneath Cleveland-Massillon Road and Van Buren.

Mr. Siegenthaler asked if SWORD was going to be assisting with spreading mulch this year. Mrs. Gensimore said May 24 was the date they were scheduled.

Fiscal Officer Monthly Report – Report is in the packet.

Unfinished Business:

Mr. Rash asked who does the park repairs and a lengthy discussion ensued about the ballfield contract and maintenance. Mr. Siegenthaler stated that repairs have been made in the past by the baseball league. Mayor Allega advised that the fence needs to come down as Mr. Kievman was told to put caps on the poles. We are liable for it. Mr. Pitchford said that we have told him to fix it.

Mr. McDaniel said the sound system is coming in. The wiring is done and will soon be complete.

Mayor's Communications

The Mayor reported on the Summit County Public Health COVID numbers. The Johnson and Johnson vaccine will restart - a one-time shot.

She attended a virtual Northeast Ohio Managers/Mayors Statehouse Day meeting and reported on different issues discussed.

Council Communications and Council Committee Reports

Mr. Rash said he spoke with Mr. Pitchford and Congressman Gonzales's aide regarding the funding for the sewer. There will be a meeting soon regarding where we can apply for sewer funding with different agencies involved in the discussion. Mr. Pitchford added that the Village should contact the County and get an update on the status.

Mr. McDaniel stated that the Safety Committee met and made a recommendation to revisit the levy issue to get on the November ballot.

Mr. McDaniel made a motion to go forward with the 8.5 Millage replacement levy to fund the Village fire department as the current levy expires the end of this year, and place it on the ballot in November, second by Mrs. Godwin.

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

Mrs. Gensimore stated articles are due to her by May 18, 2021 for the Community Newsletter. She also said that Memorial Day volunteers are needed for the pancake breakfast. Mr. Siegenthaler stated there was a house with a lot of trash sitting outside and he offered to pick up as it looks bad when you are sitting there eating breakfast and have to look at it.

Citizen Comments: Diane Gunter indicated she would get with Mr. Goch and talk with the fire department about getting into the fire station for the pancake breakfast.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Third Readings

Ordinance No. O-21-08

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

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. O-21-08, second by Mr. McDaniel.

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

Mrs. Gensimore believes we are the first to pass such legislation protecting our community to keep and bear arms and will share with surrounding communities.

Mrs. Godwin commended Mrs. Gensimore for all her work on this.

First Readings

Ordinance No. O-21-09

An Ordinance Establishing 525.18 of the Codified Ordinances, Titled "Compliance with the United States Constitution and the Ohio Constitution," and Declaring an Emergency.

Resolution No. R-21-10

A Resolution Allowing the Mayor to Apply for Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant or Transportation Alternative Set Aside Funds Programmed by the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study to Improve North Cleveland-Massillon Road, and Declaring an Emergency.

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

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

Mayor Allega explained that we didn't get the grant from OPWC, and OHM went back and researched other avenues and found this funding source. We can go back to OPWC later and have them kick in the majority of our share as we may then score better to get the grant.

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

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

No Second Readings.

New Business – No report.

Council General Discussion:

Mr. Rash was going to ask the Street Superintendent how long Cleveland-Massillon Road will last. He was told it depended on the winters.

Mr. Rash said we are having trouble with racoons getting into trash cans and dumpster. This will be looked into. You cannot trap and release somewhere else. Mr. Siegenthaler will do some checking too.

Mr. McDaniel said he recently went to the Capital building and there were no COVID restrictions.

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

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



Leah Weirick, Village Fiscal Officer



Mayor Clarissa Allega



Bud McDaniel, President of Council