

Village of Clinton
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Of
Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Mayor Allega called the meeting to order on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Eric Brettschneider and recited by all those present.

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

Others Present: Ms. Diane Gunter, Resident; Eric Brettschneider, AHEC; Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer; Terry Siegenthaler, Street Supt., and Assistant Fire Chief Ron Matkowski.

Approval of Council Minutes: Mrs. Godwin motioned to accept the June 1, 2021 Council Meeting minutes as written, second by Mr. Rash.

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

Unfinished Business: Mayor Allega indicated all the free-standing microphones are now installed. She thanked Eric for getting this all up and running for our meetings.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to amend the agenda to add the assistant fire chief to present the Fire Chief's Report before Mayor's Communications, second by Mr. Goch.

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

Assistant Chief Matkowski stated that we have been waiting to make a decision about which dispatch center the Village will go with once the merger is done. The new quote received is from Central. It was \$7.00 more a call going with the Red Center. Central is more beneficial as we are using it now, and he explained the call relay delay with the Red Center.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion based on the recommendation of the assistant chief, and chief's recommendation, the Village go with Central for our fire dispatch, second by Mrs. Godwin.

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

Assistant chief Matkowski said we are going to have to come up with zones – we are currently sharing with New Franklin. They alert us and we use a common channel to communicate with dispatch. We will use BNC communications. We have a price of \$921

to reprogram our radios. There is a NOPEC grant, \$3,400, we hope to use towards our A/C and heating units. A quote to replace is not known at this time. We need to tell NOPEC what this grant will be used for.

The assistant chief also presented a potential new hire to the fire department. Tyler Utley is going to train to become a paramedic. Mayor Allega reviewed his application and advised she is with the recommendation to hire and that council should appoint him.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to authorize the chief to hire Tyler Utley as a fire fighter/EMT/Medic, second by Mr. Goch.

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

Filling shifts is still an issue as well.

Mayor's Communications:

Mayor Allega stated she was just made aware that the State of Ohio Senate would like to prohibit Municipalities from either newly constructing a publicly-owned broadband network, or if you currently own a broadband network, to continue operations. Instead of sending a letter to the County to look for grant funding to help us get connected to a better broadband at a cheaper price to better serve our residents, she asked Council to consider a piece of legislation before them, condemning the Senate's action. This is a bad idea to tell municipalities how to run their utilities. This is time sensitive.

Council Communications and Committee Reports:

Mr. Rash said he spoke with Anthony Gonzalez's office about a meeting for the sewer and it is still up in the air. He said the Army Corp of Engineer's, State and Federal EPA, etc., will be at this meeting. Others will be in attendance. Mayor Allega said she has heard from Mike Cunningham about this so we can get us all on the same page on this issue. Federal spending is slow. The Village of Clinton is not holding this process up. Mr. Rash feels we need to express our concern to the County.

Mrs. Gensimore reported that the Community Newsletter was delayed and we received a draft and should be mailed out shortly.

She said we have had issues with an individual who was using the ballpark. The electric was shut off for non-payment by the electric company. She indicated she talked with the solicitor and he said we have every right to say we are done with it. Notices were posted regarding the electric shutoff. We will see what is in the shed down there and send out a letter to nullify the agreement and not use the field anymore. This person needs to pay the bill, which is in his name as well, before the electric it turned back on. There was discussion about refunding this person's deposit on the ballfield. It was stated that the refund should not be given.

Citizen's Comments: No one in attendance.

Legislation:

Third Readings:

Resolution No. R-21-12

A Resolution Declaring it Necessary to Replace the Existing 3.75 Mills Tax Levy with An Increase of 4.5 Mills, totaling 8.25 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 adopt, second by Mrs. Godwin.

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

Second Readings: None

First Readings:

Resolution No. R-21-13

A Resolution opposing provisions of the Ohio Senate Omnibus Budget Amendment which would effectively prohibit in the State of Ohio the new construction of public-owned broadband networks, and the ongoing provision of broadband services provided by public-owned networks such as Fairlawn Gig and Hudson's Velocity Broadband, thereby harming the ability for Ohio's residents and businesses to participate in the 21st century digital economy, and declaring an emergency.

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

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

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

Mr. Goch asked what was the State's motive? Mayor Allega didn't know and said why did the State allow for using stimulus money for broadband, and then they say no, we don't want you to. Also, if you already have this in place at your municipality, you can't anymore. Does not make sense. There will never be any competition.

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

New Business:

Mr. Siegenthaler stated that paving on Main Street will start Friday. He thanked Mr. Rash for helping him flag traffic while he did some street patching. Clinton Road speeding is horrible.


Council General Discussion: Nothing to discuss.

Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval:


Mrs. Conroy motioned to approve purchase orders and pay bills, seconded by Mrs. Godwin.

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


Meeting was adjourned.



Bud McDaniel, Council President



Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer



Mayor Clarissa Allegra