

Village of Clinton
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Of
Tuesday, August 17, 2021

Mayor Allega called the meeting to order on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Deanna Jenkins and recited by all those present.

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

Others Present: Officer Heimbaugh, New Franklin Police Department; Deanna Jenkins, Diane Gunter, Terry Faix, and Charles Ikins, residents.

Approval of Council Minutes:

Mr. McDaniel motioned to approve the minutes of August 3, 2021 as written, second by Mr. Rash. Mr. McDaniel questioned the spelling of Mr. Viney on the second page - should be Vinay.

Mr. McDaniel amended his motion to correct Mr. Vinay's name, second by Mr. Rash.

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

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to amend the agenda to add the Police Report under Approval of Minutes, second by Mr. Goch.

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

Police Monthly Report

The report was read out loud to council and visitors. Mrs. Gensimore said she noticed at Elizabeth Park they are no longer parking there. She was pleased this is no longer an issue.

A speed study was done on North Street (25 mph) which showed 1,220 vehicles that went through in three days. They put an enforcement limit of 10 to 13 miles above the speed limit and 13.4% of vehicles going through were over that limit. This is a truer way to get stats on speeding.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business.

Mayor's Communications

Mayor Allega reported that in person meetings are back. She attended a broadband planning meeting with Mr. McDaniel. She attended the sewer meeting with the Public Utilities Committee members. She attended a Mayor's meeting in Independence and an AMATS policy meeting. Masks are still strongly recommended. COVID boosters would be a good idea 8 months after your second dose of either the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine. COVID hospitalizations are up. ICU admissions are up too. She also reported on the rules for quarantine in the summit county schools. Masks are required in all Summit County office buildings. August 31 is National Overdose Awareness Day. Census results are in. The Village population is 1,167 which is down 2%.

Council Communications and Committee Reports

Mr. McDaniel reported on the County-Wide Broadband and explained what it entails. Regarding the Village, it will bring a lot of bandwidth that we could distribute out and have our own cable company if we choose. Our communications to other areas would remain up even with an internet outage. It is quite a nice system that will be up and running in 3 years. They will bring the cable to us at no cost - to a designated building, like Village Hall. With funding we could expand it. We would have to figure how to get it out. It's buried cable. This would bring an option other than the current cable company.

After Labor Day, a gas pipeline will be worked on between Van Buren and Cleveland Massillon Road.

We are applying for a \$90,000 grant to bring drains down Comet Road to Van Buren. The Cleveland Massillon Road project is coming up.

Mr. Rash said that Mr. Siegenthaler is on sick leave at this time. We don't have anyone to do his job. It was stated he had alternatives in place and need to check on this.

Mr. Rash also reported that there was a conference call sewer meeting with the County. He said special units are being used due to failing systems. Mr. McDaniel said Stark and Summit County plans have fallen through. We are looking at a processing plant inside the Village to handle the sewage. Mrs. Gensimore said should any sewer system be implemented it would be three years out to be up and running. It's still in the County's hands getting their study done. We are all asking for alternative solutions to be considered to be more affordable to Village residents and they will look at that. Our goal is to do the best for the most economical price for our citizens. An expandable sewer facility was talked about - start small - and add on to it in time. We have to wait for the studies. We will meet with the County again in a couple months and possibly the Health Department will be part of that meeting.

Mrs. Gensimore reported that the fire chief has a new hire he would like Council to approve. Chief Conroy presented the candidates qualifications and he comes with good references. We need a background check.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to approve Joseph Polacek, to the fire department according to the chief's recommendation, second by Mr. McDaniel.

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

Mrs. Gensimore added that the Village health insurance is up for renewal for the two full-time employees. Information was emailed out. A meeting needs to be scheduled before August 21. The next committee meeting is Finance and they have to meet as they have issues to discuss. This health insurance information is due back by October 1.

Applefest is full steam ahead and anyone interested in a booth needs to contact the Historical Society and/or Village Hall for an application.

Mrs. Gensimore said the deadline for the next Community News publication is September 13. This is covering events and concerns between October through January. Trick or Treat will be October 31, 2021, 6 – 8 PM. October is Fire Safety Month. We need a good article about the levy, Santa coming to town, etc. We will also get the Historical Society activities. Bud McDaniel brought up November 11, Veterans Day and he will write an article. There is a Run to the Wall on September 11.

Citizen's Comments

Mr. Faix reported about a fence issue that has been going on for 4 years. The fence in question has been built up, the grade changed, and his granddaughter was on a Barbie car and it made her fall off when she rode by the fence. He feels the zoning code does not allow how this was installed.

Mayor Allega remembered this issue and said it was a civil issue. Mrs. Gensimore asked if that grade happened after the fence was installed? He said it changed after the fence went up. She said our zoning inspector is working on it and you will have the code met.

Resolutions and Ordinances

Third Readings

Resolution No. R-21-15

A Resolution No. R-21-15 Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from the General Fund to the Street Fund ("Project Fund") of the Village of Clinton, and Declaring the same to be an Emergency. (\$110,000.00).

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

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

Resolution No. R-21-16

Resolution Authorizing the Mayor of the Village of Clinton to Enter into A Dispatch Service Agreement with the South Summit Council of Governments, and Declaring an Emergency.

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

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

No Second or First Readings

New Business: Nothing to report.


Council General Discussion: Nothing to discuss.

Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval

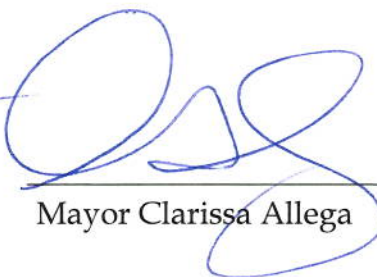
Mr. McDaniel motioned to approve purchase orders and pay the bills as listed in the packet, seconded by Mrs. Godwin.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.



Bud McDaniel, Council President



Mayor Clarissa Allega



Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer