

**Village of Clinton
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Of
Tuesday, October 5, 2021**

Mayor Clarissa Allega called the meeting to order on Tuesday, October 5, 2021, at 7 PM in the Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Charles Ikins and recited by all those present.

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

Others Present: New Franklin PD Officer Heimbaugh; Jeff Ferjutz, Zoning Inspector; Fire Chief Conroy; Diane Gunter, Charles Ikins, and DeAnna Jenkins, residents.

Approval of Council Minutes

Mr. McDaniel motioned to accept the minutes of September 21, 2021 as written, second by Mrs. Conroy.

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

Solicitor Monthly Report - No report

Police Monthly Report- Officer Heimbaugh read his report to all present. (Attached)

Fire Chief Monthly Report (Attached) - Chief Conroy read his September report, along with a report summary from Sept. 1 to Sept. 30, 2021. He also reported on the hours that we have physically covered for New Franklin - \$15K range but we can't bill them for hours they didn't work. The chief said we can't continue to cover for them. The chief wanted to make council aware of this issue.

Regarding our five-year plan, he wanted to move the \$14,584 for a CPU device from next year, to this year, as soon as possible. Will take an appropriation amendment in legislation.

Chief Conroy also said the grant for the high efficiency furnace we did get some estimates for an HVAC system - around \$6,500. Mr. Rash asked whether the next report will have New Franklin's call on it. It won't. We will provide them with mutual aid, and they as well would for the Village.

Street Commissioner Monthly Report - Mr. Siegenthaler reported that the roads will be striped very soon. The gas company fixed all the areas on the roads that they dug up - an excellent job. He also asked about the wording of Resolution 21-21 as to whether it

included a small piece of road past the railroad tracks. This will be looked into. The rail road company needs to be notified when that project happens so they know when we will be working near the tracks. Mr. Siegenthaler said there are needles and syringes being found in the park. The police are aware of this.

Zoning Inspector's Quarterly Report

Mr. Ferjutz read his report and reported on the permits and high grass notifications, unlicensed vehicles towed, etc., he prepared. He drives around the Village every week. The Planning Commission met and approved a lot split. There was one parcel joining in the industrial area that the Board of Zoning Appeals approved. The two parcels were identical - no changing of the parcels so there was no need for a Planning Commission meeting on this. A new business will be coming in here hopefully so the two joined parcels will fit their needs. Violation notices went out - two were corrected, a couple complied, and others have a time extension.

Mr. Rash asked about if a permit is required - a new company where Clinton Aluminum was. Mr. Ferjutz said he would check into that.

Fiscal Officer's Report- No report.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business.

Mayor's Communications

Mayor Allega attended several meetings - one being an Akron Zoo meeting and they are very grateful the levy passed and the support they received from the Village. She said the engineer will be at the next meeting to answer questions on the N. Cleveland Massillon Rd. project. Send your questions to the engineer ahead of time so he can do research if necessary to answer. A reporter attended our last Fire Levy meeting. His article should be out the end of this week.

Council Communications and Committee Reports

There was a Finance Committee meeting on October 5, 2021 at 6:00 PM. Mr. Siegenthaler will be retiring and we recommended a \$4,500 performance bonus for him. We need to get this approved - it will be in the budget amendment legislation. Mrs. Gensimore said until Council votes on it, you cannot put it in the budget appropriations.

Mr. McDaniel made a motion to put a \$4,500 performance bonus in and amend this year's budget, second by Mr. Rash.

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

Mrs. Gensimore said on Sept. 28, the Laws and Ordinance and HR Committee met. We discussed the Street Laborer / Street Commissioner's job descriptions. Right now, our Street Laborer is also the Street Commissioner. The committee made a motion to recommend to council that we set aside advertising for the Street Commissioner for the time being, and just advertise for the Street Laborer position. The committee motioned to make the current Streets, Sidewalks and Parks committee chair act as Street Commissioner for the interim. Our legal representative advised us that we cannot have the Street Committee Chairman who is legislative also be administrative – as the Street Commissioner. So, this recommendation will not be made. However, our zoning inspector who holds a street laborer job and a zoning position in Walton Hills who indicated he would consider the Street Commissioner position.

The Street Commissioner is appointed by the Mayor with Council approval for one year at a time. Mayor Allegra asked if she can appoint before the position is vacant? Mrs. Gensimore said the position will be vacant December 1. Mr. Siegenthaler will be on vacation November 4 and will not return. Hopefully the new hire will need someone to supervise him. We can't call Terry on vacation when the new person comes on board. Both happening at the same time and we need to figure out the proper way to make this happen.

The Committee also talked about legislation, Ord. 21-22, Anti-discrimination Ordinance three-reading rule. Mrs. Gensimore indicated she was contacted by Chief Conroy who wondered if the Village was going to mandate vaccines. She contacted our solicitor back in late August and at this time, the members of the fire department and other employees have been waiting for this piece of legislation. So, the Laws and Ordinance committee made a motion to recommend to council that because if this goes three readings it will be the beginning of November before we get to a third reading. We recommend to suspend the three-reading rule.

All the articles were sent in to the City of Canal Fulton for the Newsletter – we may go over our two pages. We are on the front page and you should be getting Your Community News in the mail soon.

Citizen's Comments

Mr. Ikins asked what the anti-vaccine legislation says. Mrs. Gensimore said the Village government would allow the Village employees to make their choice and not be discriminated against for their choice.

Mr. Ikins disagrees and said EMT's should be vaccinated and if you are going to be a leader, you should be vaccinated as well. We should not get involved in that culture war and see what the CDC recommends.

Mrs. Gensimore said, "Thank you, Mr. Ikins. That's your right to disagree and state your opinion. The essence of this legislation comes from pending Ohio House Bill 248."

Resolutions and Ordinances

No third or second readings.

First Readings

Ordinance No. O-21-22

Vaccine Choice and Anti-Discrimination Ordinance for the Village of Clinton, and Declaring it an Emergency.

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

Roll call: Gensimore, Rash, Conroy, Godwin, all voted yes. McDaniel voted no. Motion fails.

Resolution No. R-21-23

A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and, Certifying Them to the County Fiscal Officer for 2021, and Declaring an Emergency.

Mrs. Weirick says we can do a second reading on this but it must pass at the next meeting as it needs to get to the County by November 3.

New Business - Nothing to report.

Council General Discussion - Nothing to report.

Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval

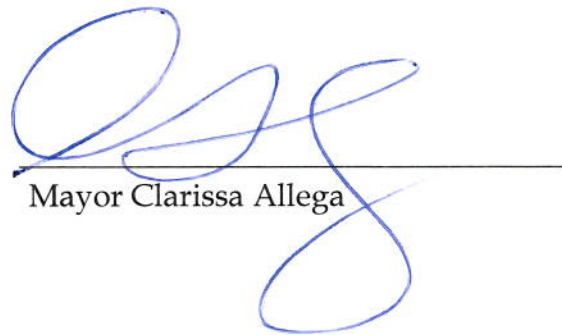
Mr. McDaniel motioned to approve the purchase orders and pay the bills as presented, second by Mr. Rash.

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

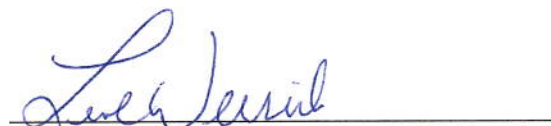
Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.



Bud McDaniel, Council President



Mayor Clarissa Allegra



Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer