

Village of Clinton
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Of
Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mayor Clarissa Allega called the meeting to order on Thursday, November 4, 2021, at 7 PM in the Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Terry Siegenthaler and recited by all those present.

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

Others Present: Deanna Jenkins, Diane Gunter, Jim and Jeanie McCormick, residents; Sue Mayberry, Village Office Admin., Mary H. Herron, resident; Leah Weirick, Village Fiscal Officer; Jeff Ferjutz, Village Zoning Inspector; New Franklin Police Officer, and Marshal Pitchford, Village Solicitor.

Approval of Council Minutes

Mr. McDaniel motioned to approve the minutes of October 19, 2021 as written, second by Mr. Rash.

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

Solicitor's Monthly Report- No report.

Police Monthly Report - Officer Heimbaugh read the monthly report to Council.

Mrs. Gensimore appreciated their presence on Trick or Treat, but there was a lot of speeding that night and in general, continues.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to move the Street Commissioner's monthly report to the end of the meeting, second by Mr. Goch.

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

Fire Chief's Monthly Report - Will present at the next meeting.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business.

Mayor's Communications

Mayor Allega stated the levy did not pass and we will have to address that at future meetings. The County is offering vaccine boosters and vaccines for five- to eleven-year-olds is coming soon. There is a meeting scheduled with Summit County regarding sewers on November 15.

Council Communications and Committee Reports

Mrs. Conroy reminded everyone that Sunday, November 7, we turn our clocks back.

Citizen's Comments

Mrs. Jenkins read a prepared statement which outlined her concern and dismay over how many voted for and against the fire levy this past election. There are 848 registered voters in the Village and 277 voted. One hundred and forty-two, voted the levy down. She challenged the 571 who chose not to vote and explained why voting is so important and what the defeat means to the Village and the fire services. She asked those who chose to vote no to come forward with better solutions. She loves this community and feels we need to come together and support our fire department.

Resolutions and Ordinances

Third 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 adopt, second by Mr. McDaniel.

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

Second Readings

Resolution No. R-21-25

A Resolution Amending the Annual Appropriations for the Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2022, and Declaring an Emergency.

First Readings

This is not really a first reading, per Mrs. Gensimore. We just need to amend the title of the resolution. She made a motion to amend the motion without the strikethroughs, second by Mr. McDaniel.

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

Ordinance No. O-21-26

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. O-20-22, Establishing the Pay Rates for Certain Employees, Effective November 1, 2021, and Declaring an Emergency.

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

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

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

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

New Business - Nothing to report.

Council General Discussion

Mr. McDaniel said at 6:30 PM on November 11, Veteran's Day, there will be a Candlelight Vigil at the OVMP and on December 4, there were be a Christmas tree lighting from 5 to 7 and Santa will show up for that.

Mrs. Gensimore stated the Northwest School District will hold a drive through Veteran's parade. The Historical Society is putting together holiday baskets to be delivered the beginning part of December for those in need.

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

Street Commissioner's Report

Mr. Siegenthaler, who is retiring today, introduced Kevin White who will be the new Street Laborer for the Village of Clinton.

He reported an accident involving a guard rail. Met with Jason Popiel to discuss closing Eastern, Grill, Edwards, and Clinton roads all summer long and we decided the traffic flow during this time. The highway will be open, you just can't cross it.

Mr. White will check with Mrs. Weirick on the Village finances for a Community Block Grant for more sidewalks.

They are waiting on the funds to see what happens to North Cleveland-Massillon Road next year. If we don't get the funds, we will need to come up with another option.

The salt spreader has been put on the truck. Mr. Siegenthaler has brought Mr. White up to speed on the key issues he will deal with in this position.

Mr. Siegenthaler asked that Council allow Mr. White to purchase a new chain saw as he has used his own personal one on the job so far.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion authorizing Mr. White to purchase a new 20-inch chain saw, second by Mr. Rash.


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

Mayor Allega presented Mr. Siegenthaler with a plaque and other gifts from Council and staff for all his hard work and dedication for 28 years. He will be greatly missed and we all wish him the best in the years to come. This portion ended in a well-deserved applause.


Motion by Mr. Rash to adjourn, second by Mr. McDaniel. Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.



Bud McDaniel, Council President



Mayor Clarissa Allega



Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer