

Village of Clinton
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Of
Tuesday, January 4, 2022

Mayor Clarissa Allega called the meeting to order on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at 7 PM in the Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Diane Gunter 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, resident; and Leah Weirick, Village Fiscal Officer; Kathy Vadas, Marshal Pitchford's Law Office; and Officer Heimbaugh from New Franklin.

Approval of Council Minutes

Mr. McDaniel motioned to accept the minutes of December 21, 2021 as written, second by Mr. Rash.

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

Election of President of Council

Mr. Rash made a motion to nominate Mr. McDaniel as President of Council, second by Mrs. Conroy.

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

Mr. McDaniel made a motion to nominate Mr. Goch as Vice President of Council, second by Mrs. Gensimore.

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

Mr. Ferjutz was reappointed and accepted the position of Street Commissioner for 6 months, at this time.

Solicitor's Monthly Report

Regarding the Fire Levy, information/numbers for the County needs to be added to legislation and should be ready by the next meeting.

Police Monthly Report

Officer Heimbaugh read the December report to Council.

Fire Chief's Monthly Report

Chief Conroy read his report to Council. (Attached) He asked Council to approve the hiring of Brandon Johnson.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion authorizing the hiring of Brandon Johnson contingent upon his background check comes back with no issues, second by Mr. McDaniel.

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

Mr. Rash asked how many officers are in the fire department. Mr. Conroy responded one full time and 23 part-time. We struggle to find people to work, so we need that many. Illnesses have affected those who can work and many have other jobs.

Street Commissioner's Monthly Report

Mr. Ferjutz reported that in December they had a bad wind storm and property damage at Warwick park. The pavilion was damaged and quotes were submitted to the insurance company and this will be repaired. We have a full bin of salt as well.

Zoning Inspector's Quarterly Report

Mr. Ferjutz reported on the permits and violations that were addressed over the past three months. He reported on the downtown buildings and that painting will continue this year. He discussed high grass notices and the abandoned vehicles towed, etc., and that the Planning Commission met and explained its purpose.

Mayor's Report of Village Affairs

Mayor Allega read her report. (Attached)

Fiscal Officer's Report

Mrs. Weirick indicated at the next meeting she will have an appropriation amendment for the FEMA funds we will be getting for the Main Street Project.

Unfinished Business - Nothing to report.

Mayor's Communications

The health department again wants us to abide by the precautions of washing hands, wearing masks, staying home if you are sick, etc. to stop the spread of COVID and the flu.

In 2021 we discussed the Small-Town America Volunteer Award, and that I said I would nominate Diane Gunter. While she did not win the National Competition, we did receive a nice letter back from them stating she was one of over 700 nominees from 49 states and sent us a National Honoree Sticker. Mayor Allega presented Mrs. Gunter with the letter and sticker and thanked her publicly for all she does for the Village.

Council Communications and Committee Reports

Mrs. Gensimore stated the Standard Committee Meeting Schedule for 2022 is the same rotation that's in our code. We review then approve every year.

She made a motion to move the official council meeting for May 3, 2022 to Thursday, May 5, 2022 due to the elections that will be held in Village Hall. Bud McDaniel seconded the motion.

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

Mrs. Gensimore more said no other council meetings need moved at this time. In August there is a slot for a special election if need be. We will then have to address that Tuesday. There is no conflict in November.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to approve the Standard Committee Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2022, second by Mr. Rash.

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

Mrs. Gensimore advised Council that she has not heard when the articles will be due for the next newsletter. When she does, she will advise but added that any articles they would like to have included be put together as they may get short notice. Input on events should be through the end of May. She added that Diane Gunter does the yearly Main Street decorations and the Village owes her a great deal of gratitude. She indicated that she enjoys doing it. Our next scheduled committee meeting will be the Safety Committee on January 18, 2022.

Mrs. Godwin indicated that we are receiving incident and case reports from the Police Department. Mayor Allega added that when we renew our new police contract, we will have to look into dispatch as well. New Franklin can't provide as part of a contract as they no longer provide their own dispatch.

Citizen's Comments - None.

Resolutions and Ordinances - None.

New Business - Nothing to report.

Council General Discussion

Mr. Rash is concerned about how young families are supposed to have to deal with trees on their property that are dangerous. They can't afford to cut down. He was told that we have to follow our code. He said we have to have a heart also. He was told if it falls on their property (you own to the middle of the road) it's their responsibility. He was told that citizens who are in that situation can meet with the mayor to help them figure out how to handle. Mayor Allega said when you become a homeowner, you assume some risks.

Mr. McDaniel wished everyone a happy New Year!

Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval

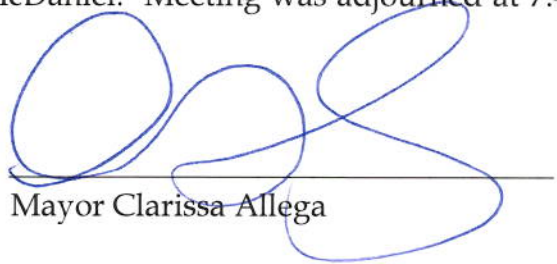
Mr. McDaniel motioned to approve the purchase orders and pay the bills as presented, second by Mr. Rash.

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

Motion by Mr. Rash to adjourn, second by Mr. McDaniel. Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.



Bud McDaniel, Council President



Mayor Clarissa Allega



Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer