

**Village of Clinton
Regular Council Meeting**

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Vice President Matt Steiner called the meeting to order on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 7:00 PM in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

Council Members present: Matt Steiner, Janice Godwin, Ellen Conroy, Marissa Gensimore, and Louis Rash. Kent Goch and Bud McDaniel were absent.

Others Present: Holly Miller (Summit County) and husband; Marshal Pitchford, Village Solicitor; Police Officer Zampelli; Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer; Jeff Ferjutz, Zoning Inspector; Kevin White, Street Supt./Commissioner; Residents Diane Gunter, and Jim and Jeanie McCormick.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Conroy made a motion to approve the minutes of September 19, 2023 as written, second by Mrs. Godwin.

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

Presentation – Holly Miller, Summit County

Holly Miller is the Deputy Director in the Department of Community and Economic Development. She reported on and explained programs available that benefit residents who qualify based on income for things such as roofing, minor home repair, and sewage treatment system program. Literature was distributed to members of council. Mrs. Miller needs to be contacted first if anyone feels they qualify and are interested in any of the programs. She can be reached at 330-643-8013 or hmillers@summitoh.net. This information will also be on the Village website. She spoke about a county EMA APP alert system for your phone (QR code) or visit Summit County EMA (Emergency Management Agency) for things like traffic updates, etc. Information on grants for county homeowners and landlords for grant money to rehabilitating lead-based paint hazards are available along with home weatherization assistance, housing rehabilitation, and household sewage treatment system programs.

Ms. Miller indicated the senior services program is expanding as well - provide ARPA funds and a digital equity program which is a 135-mile “middle mile” fiber network. There will be an Internet Service Provider (ISP) to provide affordable and reliable internet to our residents. There are digital deals now at grocery stores with QR codes and if you don’t have a smart phone, you can’t get the deals. We want everyone to be able to do this. We want to educate our seniors and provide digital navigators to help once a month to help them if needed and can do it at Village Hall. They also have a “honey do” program that is starting over the next couple years so they can help seniors with things like gutter clean outs, etc.

She will send the income levels to the Village for each program.

Mr. Steiner asked her about the issue of moving to Stark County from Summit County. He also asked about the Broadband initiative.

She advised if Clinton were to leave Summit County all these programs would no longer be available. We would no longer be available to take advantage of CDBG or HUD funds. These services cannot be brought into Stark County.

Mr. Steiner said we need to take advantage of these programs. Mrs. Miller said your residents can learn first of what is available from this council – they don't know who to reach out to at the County level. Mrs. Conroy was asked to get the QR code posted on the website.

Regarding the Broadband Initiative program, Mrs. Miller said they will meet with Mayor McDaniel about the route coming into Clinton using Fairlawn GIG and will be connected into the fiber network. An Internet Service Provider will be brought in with an affordable plan. The "final mile" will come to Clinton off the "middle mile" and fiber run down our streets in Clinton. This is about the next year, year in a half. If you know residents with no service right now, let her know.

It will cost the Village office nothing to connect to the - the middle mile. The ISP pays for the final mile and recoups their cost by the resident's monthly fee. This will compete with Spectrum and Massillon Cable. There will be a commercial rate for businesses. There was further discussion on the service provider and streaming, etc.

Solicitor Monthly Report – No Report.

Police Monthly Report

Officer Zampelli read his report to those present. (Report in packet) He also reported on the speed complaint statistics on Clinton Road. Mrs. Gensimore said she saw a young teen riding a dirt bike without a helmet right down Comet Road, down Main Street around 4 PM. She also said the unlicensed 4 x 4's going through Warwick. Golf carts as well are being driven with no plates. If these are registered for street, they have to be insured.

Fire Chief Monthly Report – Report is in the packet.

Street Commissioner Monthly Report

Mr. White reported that he did more mowing and side road mowing, repaired pipe / drainage issues and got pricing for striping Hickory, Second Avenue to Warwick Road about 1.2 miles. Hickory and South Second will not be repaved for about three years. There is schedule for the roads and were pushed out due to Clinton Road.

Zoning Inspector Written Quarterly Report

Mr. Ferjutz approved 14 permit applications turned in and he approved only 11 because of various issues. We had a BZA meeting and then approved one more. There are two upcoming variances scheduled for October 18th BZA meeting. There was one violation notice sent about a dumpster and 20 notices to people on Hickory Stret about the sidewalk issues. It is the residents' responsibility to maintain their sidewalks. The BZA is not fully staffed. One of the invites at the last BZA meeting showed interest in becoming a member. Mrs. Gensimore said we could not get enough members on this board and she stepped up to be a member. She does not want to remain a member and would like a resident to step up to become a new member. She will be contacting this person to see if he is serious to join. Hopefully Council can approve this new member at the next meeting.

Mr. Steiner said Mr. Ferjutz has rescinded his resignation letter.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to accept Mr. Ferjutz's recent letter rescinding his resignation he sent us a while back, second by Mr. Rash.

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

Fiscal Officer's Report

Mrs. Weirick brought up the NOPEC grant we had received. The quote was for two radar speed signs. The cost was \$8,200 and we have half of that in our grant and proposed we purchase one this year which will cost \$700. Next year we can get our grant and purchase another one.

Mr. Rash made a motion to approve the NOPEC for the radar speed signs, second by Mrs. Godwin.

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

Unfinished Business

Mr. Steiner said at the last meeting we talked about the evaluation for of Summit County properties – 34%. Casey Roch, a realtor, was brought up as a third party to possibly look into this. We will add to the agenda for the next meeting. We need an independent review of our properties. We did confirm that the County used the Village and not the zip code.

Mayor's Communications

Mr. Steiner thanked all who made Applefest a success and for the fall flowers around town. The OVMP Memorial Wall had a great car show turnout.

Council Communications and Council Committee Reports

Mr. Steiner indicated the Finance Committee met again tonight on the 2024 budget. We have another meeting scheduled before the next council meeting as well and should then be prepared to present a budget for 2024.

Mrs. Conroy made a motion to purchase the John Deere Backhoe for \$115,998, a 36-month finance option, with an interest rate of 6.9%, second by Mrs. Gensimore.

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

Mr. Steiner said we have been taking advantage of a Star Ohio program which gets us a higher interest rate, and Mr. White says we can pay off early as well. So far, we have made \$800 in six days in interest.

Mrs. Gensimore said what Holly Miller shared tonight falls under the Community Development Committee and we could discuss at the next meeting how we can reach the community with meetings at Village Hall. It's up to us to take advantage of the programs.

Citizens Comments – No comments.

Resolutions and Ordinances

Third Readings

Resolution No. R-23-19

A Resolution Amending the Annual Appropriations for the Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2023, and Declaring an Emergency.

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

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

Second Readings

Resolution No. R-23-20

A Resolution Authorizing Expenditure from American Rescue Plan Acts Funds for Use in the Clinton Road Project, and Declaring an Emergency.

Ordinance No. O-23-21

An Ordinance Establishing a Capital Project Fund Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 5705.13 (C) for the Purpose of Accumulating Resources for the Purchase of Street Equipment for the Village of Clinton, and Declaring an Emergency.

First Readings

Resolution No. R-23-22

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 2024, and Declaring an Emergency.

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

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

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

Mrs. Weirick stated this was due to the County yesterday and needs to pass tonight.

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

Resolution No. R-23-23

A Resolution Authorizing the Village of Clinton Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into an Agreement with OHM Advisors to Provide Engineering Services Associated with the 2023 CDBG Sidewalk Project, and Declaring an Emergency.

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

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

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

Mr. Steiner said we have a County check in hand for \$49,000. Originally, we thought our cost was going to be \$11,000 in addition for the sidewalk project and didn't realize the engineer fees for a project over \$50,000. That puts us to \$26,000 – more than we thought.

Mrs. Weirick said, if we don't do it, we have to send the money back to the County and might hurt our chances in the future when you send money back.

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

New Business – No new business.

Council General Discussion – No discussion.

Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval

Mr. Steiner indicated the bills came to \$26,393.28.

Mrs. Conroy made a motion to approve purchase orders and bills, second by Mr. Rash.

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

Mr. Rash made a motion to adjourn at 8:06 PM, and was seconded by Mrs. Gensimore. Meeting was adjourned.



Mayor Bud McDaniel



Kent Goch, President of Council



Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer