

**Village of Clinton**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, August 1, 2023**

Mayor Bud McDaniel called the meeting to order on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at 7:00 PM in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Sergeant Zampelli and those present.

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

Others Present: Kathy Vadas, Solicitor's Office; Captain Yohey, Fire Department; Kevin White, Street Commissioner/ Superintendent; and Sergeant Zampelli, New Franklin Police Officer.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Steiner made a motion to approve the minutes of July 18, 2023 as written, second by Mrs. Conroy.

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

**Solicitor Monthly Report** – No report.

**Police Monthly Report** – in packet.

Officer Zampelli read his report for the month of July.

Mr. Steiner said he received complaints about profanity on flags. He asked if we can do anything about this. This does not represent our community and asked if we could pass a resolution - make a statement that we don't approve of the words used. He was told because of freedom of speech; we can't legally stop this. Mr. Steiner said Summit County does this when they oppose an issue – as they did with Issue 1. However, they didn't ban, only made a statement they don't support.

Mrs. Gensimore wanted clarification on what we could do. Mrs. Vadas said whatever we choose to do, it will only be a statement. Mrs. Gensimore said we can discuss this in a Laws and Ordinances Committee meeting and prepare a resolution – if we want to do that. Mr. Steiner just wants a statement. Mayor McDaniel suggested a proclamation. Mrs. Vadas said that would only be an opinion – no legal significance. Mr. Steiner said it will be a statement indicating we saw it and don't support it. He added it's not just the flag – it's the words used. Mayor McDaniel was asked if he was going to do a resolution or a proclamation – or not. Mr. Goch felt that a proclamation could be put together easily. Mayor McDaniel said that sounds good.

**Fire Chief Monthly Report** – Report in the packet.

Captain Yohey reported that FEMA has been kind to us as we entered into an agreement for a regional radio grant with several other departments in South Summit, and that was awarded to the group in the amount of almost \$800,000. A little over a week ago, Clinton was also awarded approximately \$500,000 for our tanker grant. We will spend \$494,693 for the tanker itself - the extra was for other incidentals relating to the bid process.

**Street Commissioner Monthly Report**

This month it was reported that a driveway pipe was put in on Serfass Road. Paving was finished up and some storm damages were handled. We were awarded the CDBG sidewalk grant and will

move forward on that as we don't have a lot of time. We have two bids on the cost from last year. Mrs. Gensimore said a bid packet will need put together and advertised in the newspaper. Administration has reached out to OHM Advisors on the bid package. Mayor McDaniel will let Holly Miller at the County know, and ask for an extension.

**Fiscal Officer's Report** – No report. Information is in the packet.

**Unfinished Business**

Regarding the CDBG grant, Mrs. Gensimore she said we should be able to get this done on time. We also have a sign prepared that will need to be displayed.

**Mayor's Communications**

Regarding the oil spill in the Tuscarawas River, he spoke with the Mayor of Barberton and was advised it was contained in Barberton. Mayor McDaniel will receive a final report on the incident.

The Village received three quotes on the exterior lighting. They are all different – some items we requested are missing on them. One quote contained everything we wanted and was \$2,900. There was also a quote that was much less, but was not complete. The final quote was for \$1,000 and a few things were missing but if we add what was missing, would probably be the best choice. Mayor McDaniel asked council to review them for the next meeting. He is still waiting on more information on the quotes and will keep council posted.

He met with Kendra Kundra (?) from Team NEO and gave her a tour of Clinton. They help grow communities.

**Council Communications and Council Committee Reports** – No reports.

**Citizens Comments** - No comments.

**Resolutions and Ordinances** – No readings.

**New Business** – No new business.

**Council General Discussion**

Mrs. Gensimore asked everyone to keep in mind that the Historical Society is working on the Applefest event and to please help if you can.

Mayor McDaniel said the Rhoads-Harter House looks great after the new paint job. The gazebo will be painted as well. There is grass now growing in front of the gazebo and it looks great thanks to Kevin White.

**Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval**

Mr. Steiner stated this a light month with the bills totaling \$58,398. The biggest expense was OHM Advisors for Clinton Road Engineering.


Mr. Steiner made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$58,398, second by Mrs. Conroy.

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

Mrs. Godwin made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 PM, and was seconded.

Meeting was adjourned.

  
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Mayor Bud McDaniel

  
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Kent Goch, President of Council

  
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Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer