

**Village of Clinton  
Regular Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, August 15, 2023**

Mayor Bud McDaniel called the meeting to order on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at 7:00 PM in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Diane Gunter and those present.

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

Others Present: Residents Matt Richardson, Diane Gunter, Daryl Schilling, Jacob Duncan and John Henry; Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer and Fire Chief, Wayne Conroy.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Goch made a motion to approve the minutes of August 1, 2023 as written, second by Mrs. Godwin.

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

**Unfinished Business** – No Unfinished business.

**Mayor's Communications**

Mayor McDaniel reported the oil spill in the Tuscarawas River is gone. On 8/7/23 he was advised by Mayor Judge of Barberton that the EPA conducted a final inspection and found no oil.

Holly Miller, Jason Popiel, OHM; our fiscal officer and street superintendent met about the CDBG funding. We asked for more funding and will receive \$49,000. We walked off the entire sidewalk and will take more measurements regarding what we can do with the funding we will be receiving.

The Mayor indicated he is getting phone calls about property value meetings and where they are being held. This information will be posted on the Village's Official Facebook page.

Our sound system was looked at by CHMA Electronics in Canton and discovered the two end microphones needed cleaned and fine-tuned. The Mayor talked to them about setting up these meetings using YouTube and if there was a cost. This will be looked into. Mrs. Godwin asked what our budget was to pay for our sound equipment and these issues. Mrs. Weirick will get that information for her.

**Council Communications and Council Committee Reports**

Mr. Steiner met with the Fire Chief about the ambulance purchase which will cost \$211,000. He wants to present the idea of setting money aside for this future purchase which is about two years out. We have the money set aside and he suggested a CD. Leah is looking into this through a Star Ohio program for two years. The interest rate is 5.31% and is not fixed. We can take out the money when we need it to purchase the ambulance. Doing this will be better than letting the money sit in a fund as we will make money by using Star Ohio.

Mr. Steiner made a motion to take \$211,000 from the Fire Department Fund and put it in the Star Ohio Program and take it out when the ambulance purchase comes due, second by Mrs. Gensimore.

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

Mrs. Gensimore reported that they had a Laws & Ordinances/HR Committee meeting at 6:00 PM. Discussed was the medical insurance for our two full-time employees. Mr. White had asked about getting rates as he had opted out. The two employees filled out the required forms and we will soon learn if we will get better rates from our broker. We don't know all the numbers yet. Right now, the Village saves \$6,000 for Mr. White not taking our insurance. Full-time employees pay 25% of the premium. The committee discussed offering incentives for those employees who don't opt in to the insurance program, and came up with an incentive of \$100 per pay for 26 pays. This is not part of their salary. We will still be saving money and helping out our employees as well. Our policy will be changed to reflect this.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion, baring better insurance quotes from the broker, we change the policy to offer, as an incentive, \$100 per pay to employees who opt out of the medical insurance plan, effective January 1, 2024, second by Mr. Goch.

If Mr. White does not take the insurance, we will still be where we are now. If he takes the insurance, he won't get the incentive. Mr. Steiner had questions on this and wants to know more numbers on this issue and effect of the change.

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

Mrs. Gensimore reported that articles for the last *Your Community News* is projected to go out the beginning of October. She needs articles for events and anything else, through the end of the year and including January of next year, by September 8. If the date changes, Mrs. Gensimore will advise.

### **Citizens Comments**

Matt Richardson, Daryl Schilling, and Jacob Duncan spoke about the speeding on Clinton Road. It was stated that neighbors are asking what they should do. The drivers are aggressive and even pass school busses. Mayor McDaniel said he will discuss this again with the police as we get many complaints about this issue. Mr. Richardson thinks electronic signage showing the car speeds could help. Maybe rumble strips – speed bumps. This must get under control as it's bad in both directions. Mrs. Gensimore said we can look at possibly getting a grant for solar powered signs. It was also stated that the first meeting of the month, the New Franklin PD has a representative present.

### **Resolutions and Ordinances**

#### **First Readings**

##### **Resolution No. R-23-17**

A Resolution Authorizing the transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Street Fund ("Project Fund") of the Village of Clinton, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

Mrs. Weirick explained that we had budgeted / transferred \$150,000 to the Street Fund that covers the Street Department's operations plus the paving we just had done. We already transferred \$75,000 this year and this will give us the rest of the money for the rest of the year.

Mrs. Gensimore motioned to set aside the three-reading rule, second by Mrs. Godwin.

Roll Call: Conroy, yes; Steiner, no; Gensimore, yes; Goch, yes; Godwin, yes. Motion passes.

Motion to adopt was made by Mrs. Gensimore, second by Mr. Goch.

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

#### Resolution No. R-23-18

A Resolution Authorizing the advance of funds from the General Fund to the CDBG Fund ("Project Fund") of the Village of Clinton, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

Mrs. Gensimore motioned to set aside the three-reading rule, second by Mr. Goch.

The County has to send us the money before October 1. First, we have to show them we have the money available as it's a reimbursing grant. Then the county will allow the reimbursement request even though we have not yet expended the money as we have until April 1, 2024. The reimbursed money will go back to the general fund.

Mayor McDaniel indicated we were just advised of this early today. Mr. Steiner is not in favor of one-time readings. We are doing it twice tonight. He said this urgency is frequent.

Roll Call: Gensimore, yes; Goch, yes; Godwin, yes; Conroy, yes; Steiner, no. Motion passes.

Motion to adopt was made by Mrs. Gensimore, second by Mr. Goch.

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

New Business – No new business.

#### Council General Discussion

Mr. Goch said a while ago, before the property tax increase letters went out, it was mentioned at a council meeting about seceding from Summit County and joining Stark County. He said he started to investigate it. One way was for the Village to petition to Stark County, (51% vote) but by doing that you waive your right to contest what Stark County decides. Another way was to get it on the ballot in the Village, through an annexation. Mrs. Gensimore said it costs money for legal fees and put on the ballot and she said she didn't want to proceed unless we had enough support from the Village to go forward. Mr. Goch said we need to know where the Village stands and how to gain that knowledge. There was a forum years ago about this issue, and a petition was put together and then COVID hit. A petition was posted at the post office and other places in town. It fell to the wayside but the group that petitioned it then contacted her recently and will start the door-to-door process shortly.

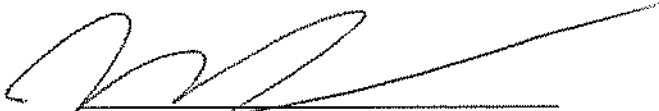
Mayor McDaniel said if anyone is interested, on August 24 at 6:00 PM at Warwick Park there is meeting scheduled by those who are organizing this now.

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

Mr. Steiner stated there is nothing to approve at this time.


Mr. Steiner made a motion to adjourn at 7:56 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