

**Village of Clinton**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 21, 2023**

Mayor Bud McDaniel called the meeting to order on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 7:00 PM in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim McCormick and recited by those present.

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

Others Present: Jim McCormick, resident; Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer; Sandra Dreurey, resident; Kevin White, Street Dept./Commissioner.

Approval of Council Minutes

Mrs. Gensimore made the motion to amend the agenda to include Fire Chief Conroy to give the fire report after the approval of the minutes, second by Mr. Goch.

Roll call: Gensimore, Godwin, Goch, Conroy, and Steiner voted yes. Motion passed.

Mrs. Godwin made a motion for the approval of the minutes of February 7, 2023, second by Mr. Steiner.

Roll call: Goch, Godwin, Conroy, Steiner and Gensimore voted yes. Motion passed.

Fire Chief Monthly Report

Chief Conroy had provided the billing report at the last meeting. He has additional information for the end of the year. They billed \$83,112.80 and received back from insurance \$37,141.04. Mr. Steiner asked if we do anything after that or let it go. These numbers are for Village residents and after billing insurance they don't pay, we take it as a loss. The chief keeps track if it is a resident or non-resident. In soft billing, as other departments around us do as well, we take what the insurance company will pay for and that's it. We don't hard bill our residents or non-residents.

Chief Conroy reported on the radios and chargers they have at the station and have requested quotes for a new system. South Summit County had a rep come down and that quote for an alert system from Staley's. Their quote was about \$6,300 and they will put in an alert for dispatch to activate the tornado siren. Right now, one of us has to hit the button to activate the siren. Mrs. Gensimore asked if dispatch in Green will be able to activate it. Our station would contact dispatch to activate.

In April, there will be swift water training at the river. It's been a while since this has been done.

There is an applicant, Jacob Ricketts, that needs to have his back-ground check completed and as soon as it comes back, he wants to bring him on. He is a fire-fighter/EMT.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to have Chief Conroy accept Mr. Ricketts as an applicant pending the back-ground check, second by Mr. Goch.

Roll call: Godwin, Conroy, Steiner, Gensimore, and Goch voted yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Steiner would like Mr. Ricketts to come to a council meeting after he comes on board.

### **Unfinished Business**

Mrs. Gensimore said we had a first reading regarding joining the Council of Governments at the last meeting and we really need to have the resolution sent by the end of the month. She will later recommend setting aside the three-reading rule.

### **Mayor's Communications**

Mayor McDaniel attended a Mayors and City Managers Association meeting. He reported that they went over the East/West expansion of AMTRACK. He also reported that Tim Cosgrove spoke on the Governor's list this year – property taxes and affordable housing. Mayor McDaniel had sent an email to everyone about House Bill 1, looking at dropping the assessment from 35% to 31.5%.

### **Council Communications and Council Committee Reports**

Mrs. Conroy reported that the Community Development Committee met tonight to go over the website design. We viewed on the big screen and reach out to Luke to see if he can come in and go over everything with him.

Mrs. Gensimore reported that last Wednesday and Laws and Ordinances/HR Committee met and reviewed the street opening right of way permit and came with some suggestions/changes for it and is in the packet. This will go through all the readings. We also reviewed the key and lock policy and made a few changes and an ordinance was put together as well.

They also discussed how a Village resident, Linda Murphy, always had a key to Village Hall. She sets up for voting and also does copying and things for the Heritage Society and Sandra Dreurey brings in paper to be used. The Committee decided to recommend to Council that she receives a key. Mrs. Dreurey also said she gives the Village a monetary donation as well.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to authorize Linda Murphy to have a key to Village Hall, second by Mr. Steiner.

Roll call: Conroy, Steiner, Gensimore, Goch, and Godwin voted yes. Motion passed.

Mrs. Gensimore added that they also discussed the issue to reconsider giving compensation to the street superintendent as he opted out of the healthcare insurance provided to full-time employees. We decided to recommend to council that we review at the next healthcare renewal. It will be October 1 of this year.

Mrs. Gensimore motioned if council agrees, to wait until the next enrollment period to address this issue, second by Mrs. Conroy.

Roll call: Steiner, Gensimore, Goch, Godwin, and Conroy voted yes. Motion passed.

Mrs. Gensimore then stated there was quite a few things in the code, gas wells, solar panels, etc., and we are sending our recommendations to the Planning Commission. They have a meeting on March 7 at 6:00 PM.

The committee also discussed updating the Village Basement \$75 Rental Agreement. In the past, non-profits like the boy scouts, used the basement. Do we cut them a break and not charge them if they use on a regular basis. Do we want to charge them.

Mr. Steiner said as residents pay taxes, he has no problem with it as it's a benefit. Maybe a lesser amount or no charge. Mrs. Gensimore suggested charging non-residents and if a resident, do not charge. Mrs. Gensimore wanted to pool the entire council on these issues.

### **Citizens Comments**

Sandra Dreurey stated that she loves this Village and its history. She was unsure about how levies work after they pass, mainly our fire levy. She called the Summit County BOE as she was not familiar with the ORC about when levies were passed, they normally go forward the year following and the election board explained that there are two exceptions to the rule and that is fire and police levies. Since we are already collecting taxes for 2022 there are only 4 more years on the levy. She also found out 8.25 mils is not near enough to cover what we need for this Village. She brought up the mutual aid and how we reciprocate – when our men are gone – nobody on either side of the Village have access to a fire truck or fireman. Mrs. Gensimore said we have had mutual aid to assist in those instances. Mrs. Dreurey feels young people could help by getting training to become future fire fighters. A solution Mrs. Dreurey thought about is, starting at Main Street by the rail road track, having a one-lane road to the park – safety services only – for quick access to service, south of the track. Mrs. Gensimore added that Metro Parks now owns the Mayberry property and at one time there used to be an access road – all the way from the Mayberry property along the tracks and out by where the Harbaughs lived. However, problems arose in that area and due to potential liabilities, went away. There was further discussion on this issue and how it could possibly work and what would need to be worked out with property owners, etc.

Mrs. Dreurey also brought up the fire station on Main street and it has a room upstairs, but no one stays there. She takes advantage of that on her home insurance and taxes as she lives within a mile of a fire station. You can't just insure a building – it has to be manned. We need some emergency plans in place as what happened in East Palestine. Mrs. Gensimore indicated we do have emergency plans for the Village in place. Mrs. Dreurey was thanked for all her comments and for her continued support and efforts she devotes to the Village.

### **Resolutions and Ordinances**

#### **No Third Readings**

#### **Second Readings**

##### **Ordinance No. O-23-01**

An Ordinance Amending Codified Ordinance No. O-19-11, Adopting Amended Policies for the Village of Clinton Disciplinary Action Concerning Fire Department Officers, and Declaring it an Emergency.

Ordinance No. O-23-02

An Ordinance Amending Codified Ordinance No. O-19-11, Adopting Amended Policies for the Village of Clinton Building Security, and Declaring it an Emergency.

Resolution No. R-23-03

A Resolution Rescinding Resolution No. R-16-05, (A Resolution Granting Bud McDaniel Access to the Village Email Server for the Purpose of Resetting Passwords and Creating New Accounts), and Declaring an Emergency.

Resolution No. R-23-04

A Resolution Authorizing the Village of Clinton to Join the Community University Education Purchasing Council of Governments; And Declaring an Emergency.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to set aside the three reading rule as mentioned at the beginning of the meeting, second by Mr. Goch.

Roll call: Gensimore, Goch, Godwin, Conroy, and Steiner voted yes. Motion passed.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to adopt, second by Mrs. Godwin.

Roll call: Goch, Godwin, Conroy, Steiner, and Gensimore voted yes. Motion passed.

**First Readings**

Ordinance No. O-23-05

An Ordinance Amending Sections 905.02, 905.03, 905.04, of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Clinton, Summit County, Ohio and Declaring it an Emergency.  
(Street / Bore Openings)

Resolution No. R-23-06

A Resolution Adopting a Key and Lock Control Policy for the Village of Clinton, and Declaring an Emergency.

Resolution No. R-23-07

A Resolution Joining with the Summit County Development Disabilities Board in Recognizing March 6, 2023 as Inclusion Day to Recognize and Support People of All Abilities and Maximize the Independence of People with Developmental Disabilities, and Declaring it an Emergency.

Mrs. Gensimore says the Village always participates in this effort and asked Sue Mayberry to reach out to Amy Kelly to see if she could possibly attend the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mrs. Gensimore felt moved to pass this tonight.

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

Roll call: Godwin, Conroy, Steiner, Gensimore, and Goch voted yes. Motion passed.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to adopt, second by Mrs. Conroy.

Roll call: Conroy, Steiner, Gensimore, Goch, and Godwin voted yes. Motion passed.

#### Resolution No. R-23-08

Resolution No. R-23-08 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 was asked why the transfer. She responded it is to transfer \$75,000 to cover the street operations as the gas and license tax doesn't cover everything. We budgeted \$170,000 and this will get us through half the year. We will then need another transfer.

#### New Business

Mrs. Weirick reported that the Clinton Road Project is on the agenda for next year and as of February 1, 2023, we have \$37,989.94 in Permissive Tax Fund on account with the County. We also have Permissive Tax money that has come into the Village in the amount of \$56,168.82 as of today. Estimating for the rest of the year we will get another \$6,000. Our share for the Clinton Road Project would be \$100,000 which we would have and not have to use any general fund money. This will help with what Kevin White can apply for. Mr. Steiner asked what we bring in each year in Permissive Tax money and was told what the county holds for us and what we get ourselves is about \$10,000.

Mr. Steiner wanted to emphasize that our residents need to know when they get their license plates that they are clear they live in the Village of Clinton and if not, that money goes to the county. So, we get less dollars.

Mrs. Weirick reported that we just got our 2023 NOPEC grant for \$ 3,198 and have \$ 275 left over from last year. We need to use this on energy efficient projects. We can roll this over and use next year with that grant money which would be double that. One item is solar power flashing stop signs. Just 4, is over \$6,000. We need to spend it or lose it. It was suggested maybe the fire station could use this grant money for something. Also, today she applied for the \$1,000 Safety Grant from NOPEC.

Lastly, regarding new fuel tanks for the Street and Fire Department, four places were contacted and the prices from each were about the same for the tanks. However, Beaver Petroleum has offered a rental fee of \$100 / tank a month (\$200) for 6 years, no interest, at the end of the 6 years we own them. Up front, no rental, we would pay \$13 – 15K for the two tanks. We have to buy their fuel too. To buy the tanks outright, not from a provider, would cost close to what we would be paying over a period of time instead of all at once. Mr. White did get the cost if we just bought the tanks – close to \$15,000. He also researched the quality of the tanks too. Beaver Petroleum delivers and gets them ready to go. Mr. White would disconnect old ones, remove the old ones and prep for the new ones. We will get a power shut off as well. More discussion is need on this and the committee will review all the options.

**Council General Discussion**

Mrs. Gensimore is hoping that Amy Kelly can come on March 7 to talk with us about March being developmental disability month. March 6 is inclusion day – so wear orange. If you wear orange at the Akron Zoo from March 4 thru the 6<sup>th</sup> you get in free.

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

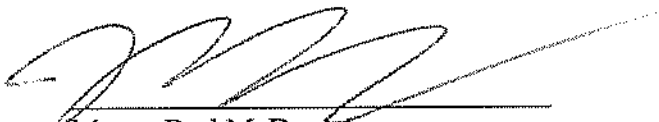
Mr. Steiner reported the bills amounted to \$29,340.35.


Mr. Steiner made a motion to approve the bills as presented, second by Mrs. Conroy.

Roll call: Steiner, Gensimore, Goch, Godwin, and Conroy voted yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Steiner made a motion to adjourn at 8:29 PM, second by Mrs. Gensimore.

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