

Village of Clinton
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Mayor Bud McDaniel called the meeting to order on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 7:00 PM in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Conroy and recited by those present.

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

Others Present: Fire Chief Wayne Conroy; Diane Gunter, resident.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Rash made a motion to approve the minutes of May 2, 2023 as written, second by Mrs. Conroy.

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

Unfinished Business – Nothing to report.

Mayor's Communications

Mayor McDaniel attended the Norton Prayer Breakfast – a community prayer breakfast. It was a wonderful event.

He met with Ernie Statin about bringing fiber to the community (Middle Mile project). We could start off quickly and it be more costly, or wait till the project is complete and they will seek Internet Service Providers to be a part of the project that would probably not cost us anything. He is in favor of waiting till the Middle Mile is finished.

Mr. Rash asked if fiber could share space (rent) with underground cable lines/phone lines, etc. Spectrum cable is run on poles. There was further discussion on the Middle Mile project which will be a couple years out.

There will be another Hazard Mitigation Program meeting and the street superintendent will attend this one as well. Our interest was potentially doing an upgrade to the kitchen we have downstairs. The fire department is looking into putting in a house alert system in one station (tornado siren).

Mayor McDaniel brought up the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) sidewalk grant and if we want to go forward and apply for it again as we didn't get it last year. We pay 20% they pay 80%. Council needs to decide if they want to apply again.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to authorize the mayor to go forward and apply for the CDBG grant, second by Mr. Rash.

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

The mayor stated he received an email about an event at the Tudor House from 12 – 5 PM on Sunday May 28 if anyone is interested in attending.

Mayor McDaniel reported that the village can sell the land we acquired through the Summit County Landbank that was discussed at the last meeting. There are specifics that must be followed to do this. He wanted Council to think about it. He will send everyone the information on it as well as other properties the village owns. Council wanted the information before voting to do this.

Council Communications and Council Committee Reports

Mr. Rash asked why the sewer project is not progressing. Mayor McDaniel will be calling the county about this. Council did receive an email with a report with three solutions of moving forward. What it showed was the cost deemed unattainable the residents can't afford. The former Limbach buildings (now privately owned) are maintaining their waste water treatment plant. The county has allowed them to use it. There are limits because of the need of fresh water. There may be the possibility the other downtown commercial buildings may apply for their own systems too.

Mr. Seiner said that if our residents fixed their own septic systems and the village get out of the red zone, we would not need a sewer system. We now have a reprieve from the county and need to advise residents to please maintain their septic systems so we don't have to get a sewer system. We need to get that message out.

Mrs. Gensimore said we didn't get the invoice for the last newspaper, therefore doesn't know how much it will cost the village. The next issue's articles (for Summer 2023) are needed by June 10. It is still costing us more than was originally agreed to. The mayor wants to know how much the last invoice was before we proceed with another submittal. Mrs. Gensimore asked if Council wants to proceed or not participate with the newsletter. Mrs. Gensimore said we can stay in, and voiced her concerns as a newsletter meeting has not been called for going forward. The residents like this information and their taxes are paying for it. Mr. Steiner said when we had the fire levy, this was our only way to get information to the residents. Mrs. Gensimore felt that based upon that important benefit, it pays for us staying in.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion that we stay involved with the community newsletter, second by Mrs. Conroy.

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

Please get your articles to Mrs. Gensimore by June 10. This is for events and things going on through the end of September.

Mrs. Gensimore reported that there had been previous discussion about reading and amending ordinances. It was stated that all three readings should be the same ordinance without amendments. In our codified, Sec. 121. 02, under Rules, "J", it reads, Amendments. It shall be in order to amend an ordinance or resolution at any time, but if amended after its second reading, it shall be read as the second reading thereof and laid over for further and final action. So, if it's amended after its second reading, it has to be read again as a second reading.

Mr. Steiner has been asked as Finance Chair about Clinton Road and where we are getting the money for it. We have \$58,000 and \$40,000 in license plate tax; \$127,000 in unused grant money; \$74,000 from a refund from the Cleveland-Massillon Road project; and our annual budgeted amount for paving, \$100,000. All total is \$398,728. More than enough to cover the anticipated expenses for Clinton Road.

Citizens Comments

Mrs. Gunter wanted to remind everyone of the pancake breakfast on Memorial Day, May 29. Thursday, May 18 we will be putting mulch down. We can always use help with the set up for the breakfast and spreading mulch.

Resolutions and Ordinances

No third or second readings.

First Readings

Ordinance No. O-23-15

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

This is regarding clarification of the word “notify” as was brought up at the last meeting.

Mr. Rash said he looked it up in the dictionary, and under the vehicle for our worker, to take the vehicle home, it says inclement weather. This is not in our legislation. He wants to protect the worker if it's in the ordinance. He was then advised this is not part of the ordinance, but the workers are covered.

Ordinance No. O-23-05 (Tabled ordinance)

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to put Ordinance No. O-23-05 back on the table, second by Mr. Rash.

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

Mrs. Gensimore said this a first reading. An Ordinance Amending Sections 905.02, 905.03, 905.04, (Amended) of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Clinton, Summit County, Ohio, and Declaring it an Emergency.

This is the first reading, and has been discussed at length. It went to a third reading, however there was a concern was the dollar amount. We can amend that dollar amount or leave alone. It's \$500 for a permit fee for just one opening and then \$500. The village engineer indicated that he's known the fee to be \$100 for fees and charge per opening. Mr. Rash asked what an opening was. Mrs. Gensimore explained what this meant. Mayor McDaniel added that boring is the process of opening an area, for example with running conduit, you put a trench in horizontally but you are limited where it goes. You may need many entrances and exits. Mr. Rash feels \$500 is a high price. Mrs. Gensimore felt \$100 each was a fair price.

Mr. Rash made a motion to change the fee and opening fees from \$500 to \$100, second by Mrs. Godwin.

Mrs. Gensimore said she has a timing concern as there are projects coming in and we really can't wait for a second reading on this.

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

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

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

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

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

New Business

Chief Conroy would like to have an employee promoting ceremony at the next meeting, June 6, at the beginning of the meeting and hold his report till the end. Mrs. Gensimore said they will make a motion to amend the agenda at the next meeting.

Council General Discussion

Mr. Rash asked why we can't get more grants to put in new sidewalks. The process of applying and being awarded was explained. There are a lot of communities asking for grant money and we are one of them. Mayor McDaniel has talked with the county about our CDBG sidewalk grant and hopefully we will be awarded this year.

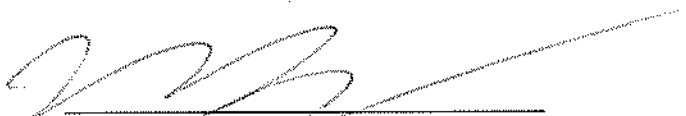
Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval

Mr. Steiner said payments this month totaled \$ 71,317.05 and he highlighted some bills that were more than usual. He made a motion to accept the bills as presented, second by Mr. Rash.

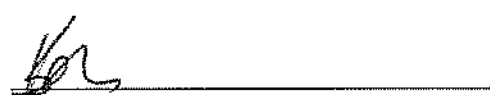
Roll call: Conroy, Conroy, Gensimore, Rash and Steiner voted yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Rash made a motion to adjourn at 8:17 PM, and was seconded by Mrs. Gensimore.

Meeting was adjourned.



Mayor Bud McDaniel



Kent Goch, President of Council



Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer