

**Village of Clinton  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, May 2, 2023**

Mayor Bud McDaniel called the meeting to order on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 7:00 PM in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jason Popiel and recited by those present.

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

Others Present: New Franklin Officer, Zampelli; Jason Popiel, Village Engineer; Kathy Vadas, Solicitor's office; Fire Chief Wayne Conroy; Kevin White, Street Superintendent; Diane Gunter and Jim McCormick, residents.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Goch made a motion to approve the minutes as written, second by Mr. Rash.

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

**Solicitor Monthly Report** – No report.

**Police Monthly Report**

Officer Zampelli read the monthly report. (In the packet)

**Fire Chief Monthly Report**

Chief Conroy read the monthly report (in the packet). He also reported on mutual aid and that Dispatch mixes up Coventry and Clinton regarding charges and will contact them about this.

The Main Street station roof repair came in at \$7,880 from Meister Roofing. Work will start soon. The grant for COVID-19 bonus was sent back and will be applied for again for the firefighters who worked during the pandemic.

The Chief would like to sell the department's SUV. There are some trees that need taken down as well and we can use that money to pay to remove them. We can sell the SUV on Govdeals.

Mr. Steiner made a motion to allow the chief to sell the SUV based on his comments, second by Mr. Rash.

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

Mrs. Gensimore stated that he has a good staff as she got to witness the EMTs in action. They recently took excellent care of her husband and herself as well. They were amazing.

**Street Commissioner Monthly Reports**

Mr. White advised that he is patching and mowing grass. He ordered the Village welcome signs. He had a resident ask about having striping done on Hickory Street. He asked Council for input.

Mr. White advised council that the Village needs to purchase 205 tons of salt by August 31 and we don't have room for it. He indicated the need to build a storage area for this salt. If we store off site it will cost \$22 per ton. That would be a cost of \$5,600 per month.

Mrs. Weirick said that being part of the CUE all who are in this program have to order 80% of what they said they would take – as a whole. They are only at 55%. Many municipalities are in the same boat. We have never had to pay storage.

Mr. Goch stated we could use concrete block and construct a 30 x 50 three-wall structure with a roof/tarp. The price would be around \$10,000. Even if we don't use for salt, if we use more of the salt we have, we could use for other product. We need the rest of the salt we ordered, delivered by August 31.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to authorize Mr. Goch and Mr. White to proceed with the additional salt storage structure, second by Mr. Rash.

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

**Fiscal Officer's Report** – No Report.

### **Unfinished Business**

Mr. Rash asked about selling the piece of land on S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. We don't need it and we need the tax money from the sale.

Mayor McDaniel said we need to check on the restrictions on how we could sell if we choose to. Mrs. Vadas said she would look into this.

Mr. Goch brought up the fuel tanks. Our existing supplier is offering to replace tanks for \$200 a month. We have two quotes on the electrical work to bring this up to code. This went to committee.

Mr. Goch made a motion to authorize the agreement with Beaver and have Primary do the electrical work, second by Mr. Rash.

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

### **Mayor's Communications**

Mayor McDaniel thanked Jason Popiel for being here. He said the Norton prayer breakfast is this coming Thursday.

He went to a Cyber Security meeting at Summit County and a member from Homeland Security can look at our system at Village Hall for free. This will be scheduled.

He also reported that he went to a Middle Mile Project meeting where they discussed bringing fiber to everyone's house. Holly Miller and a few other people will be meeting to talk about this issue on May 12 and will report on the outcome. Getting to the Village will be no cost, however, we need to find out what it would cost to get to each house.

The new access point was installed and the generator had a maintenance inspection.

This is Mental Health Awareness Month and asked if council was going to pass anything to acknowledge this. He will leave it up to council. Mrs. Gensimore asked about this a few meetings back and did not get a response. She indicated the Mayor could do a Proclamation. Mayor McDaniel made a proclamation that we will honor mental health awareness this month.

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

Mrs. Gensimore stated the Laws & Ordinances and HR committee met at 6 PM. She passed out what they reviewed. A suggestion at the last council meeting was that we needed to define the word "notify" in Ordinance No. O-23-02. The draft ordinance council was given defines that. The rest of the legislation that is also in the employee handbook. The committee reviewed, determined and voted that, "notify means, as used herein, is defined as to give notice by means of email, text, voicemail, etc. Notify does not indicate permission is required." She asked for comments as this will be put forth as an ordinance at the next meeting.

Mrs. Gensimore then reported that the committee talked with Chief Conroy as he wanted the committee to attend some interviews.

Then the committee reviewed the Ordinance No. O-23-05, which is tabled. We discussed again and looked it over and asked if there were other concerns and they recommended that we put before council to put this back on the next agenda using the amended version which allows for any entity doing open boring to go before Planning for all or any fees to be waived. The \$500 fee will be left in with the provision as stated.

Mr. Steiner does not want to set a precedent of waiving the fees. There is the option to go before the Planning Commission to decide whether to waive or not waive the fee.

Mrs. Vadas said she reviewed permit fees but will check the ORC about there possibly being a cap on the fees the Village can charge. She will look into this and send her findings to council. Our own research is welcomed to be considered as well.

Mr. Goch asked at what reading was this tabled as we have gone through three readings and three weeks now and doesn't understand why we are just now bringing up these points. Mrs. Vadas apologized as she was sick at that meeting.

Mr. Steiner asked where the \$500 fee came from. Mrs. Gensimore said this was a suggestion by our zoning inspector. She said if council has more concerns this can be revisited. The Planning Commission was added to the legislation as a means to address the fees. A lower number can be used if we wish. Mrs. Vadas will check on this and send to council.

Mr. Popiel spoke on this issue and said most communities are a minimum of \$100 plus anything else if it's more involved for the Village. It depends on what the project involves.

Mayor McDaniel doesn't want to scare people away because of the fee. Mrs. Gensimore said then they go to the Planning Commission.

Mrs. Gensimore said we don't want to put this back on the agenda if a lot of flack is brought up. Mr. Goch said the ordinance should go back on the agenda and Mrs. Gensimore reminded him that we were cautioned not to amend once on the agenda. It should be a final version that we are all in agreement with. It was then concluded by Mrs. Gensimore that once we get the research from the solicitor and look at it, to put this ordinance on the agenda and if we want to change the number we will do at the next meeting.

Everybody was in favor and said "YES."

Mrs. Gensimore passed out the Village policy on Vehicle Use. Under Section 2, it talks about how vehicles are to be used and the committee discussed how the Village Superintendent only drives the vehicle home and back to work and not for personal use. This policy will stay as is.

Mr. Rash said it is saying you can only take the truck home in inclement weather. Mrs. Gensimore responded that if you put every little thing into this, you are opening up a can of worms. Mrs. Gensimore said we took a vote and the insurance policy says he is covered with the Village. He can take home and use for authorized Village purposes.

Mr. Steiner said the policy also says that private vehicles are not permitted in the service garage at any time.

Mr. Rash said he has received a lot of calls about Kimble and has talked to the supervisor. Mr. Rash asked why are they having these issues. He was told the workers work 14 hours a day and on Friday the workers call in sick. Mr. Rash feels Kimble should fix it. The superintendent told Mr. Rash this would never ever happen again.

Mrs. Gensimore said most often the trash is picked up the next day if they miss the normal day before. They are trying.

### **Citizens Comments**

Mr. McCormick asked about the NOPEC electric contract details on how long it was. He was told it starts up again June 1 until April, 2024. Mr. McCormick said we have a new website and minutes have not been there. He was advised this is being dealt with right now. He then asked about the resolution, if any, that was made about the security cameras going to the private cell phones. Mrs. Gensimore replied nothing at this time. The cameras at the street garage are recording on premise. Those at the fire station are being recorded as well. He asked if any go to a private phone and was told the fire chief has access and the mayor has on his private phone. Mrs. Gensimore said this will be revisited.

### **Resolutions and Ordinances**

#### **Third Readings**

##### **Resolution No. R-23-13**

A Resolution Authorizing All Actions Necessary to Accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) 2023 Energized Community Grant, and Declaring an Emergency.

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

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

**No Second Readings**

**First Readings**

**Resolution No. R-23-14**

A Resolution Authorizing the Village of Clinton Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to Execute Contracts as Required, and Declaring an Emergency.

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

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

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

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

**New Business** – No new business.

**Council General Discussion**

Mrs. Gensimore reported that the Heritage Society needs help with the pancake breakfast for the Memorial Day celebration. Parade participants are needed as well.

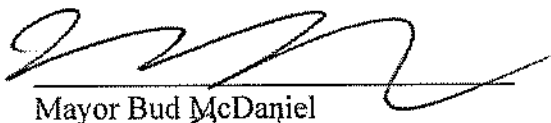
**Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval**

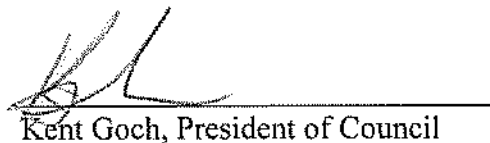
Mr. Steiner said payments this month total \$ 44,821.48, and made a motion to accept the bills as presented, second by Mr. Rash.

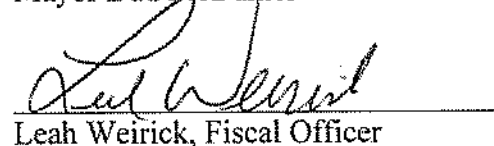
Roll call: Gensimore, Goch, Godwin, Conroy, Steiner, and Rash voted yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Rash made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 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