

**Village of Clinton
Regular Council Meeting**

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

Mayor Bud McDaniel called the meeting to order on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at 7:00 PM in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

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

Others Present: No one signed in.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to approve the minutes of December 5, 2023, second by Mr. Rash.

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

Unfinished Business

Mr. Goch stated at the last meeting council passed legislation regarding the IT contract. Since then, he and the Mayor spoke and the Mayor relayed concerns that there may be better deals and we should get other quotes. Mr. Goch thought he would make a motion to table for two council meetings, 30 days, to obtain more quotes and the more he thought about it, therein lies the problem – he would not be here. The verbiage in what was passed stated the council authorized and directed the mayor to sign the agreement. The council has already voted on this. Mr. Goch said anyone else here can make a motion, but I'm not going to. Mrs. Gensimore said council discussed and voted on it and we directed the mayor to sign it. According to the law, per our solicitor, when council directs the mayor, he has to sign it. We need to move forward with this.

Mr. McDaniel said the server is up to date and it will be out of date next year but the contract quoted four seats, Microsoft 365, at \$23 a seat, including emails. We have 34 emails. That's a lot more per month. They didn't give us the cost for fiber for a server-based system which is about \$500 a month. If you do the math, a three-year contract could mean \$10,000 a year for a cloud-based server with Microsoft 365.

Mr. Steiner said the contract quote of \$4,000 was under their original number of \$5,000. The fiber will be a separate quote. We will be going away from the servers which are full to a cloud. Mayor McDaniel said we can update the drivers. Mrs. Gensimore indicated that the IT company will do the updating of anything we do. Mr. Steiner said this is the first step of what needs to come. We voted on a contract that is \$4,000. Leon from Visual Edge IT said he would work with us on things. We may need to stay with LEK for our emails. We have the ability to make those decisions as we go along. Mayor McDaniel said it would be nice to know all the cost before we enter into this contract as we do not know at this time. Mr. Steiner said it's not a guarantee we will go along with their recommendations down the road. Mr. Goch said the fiber was a recommendation, not a prerequisite and this is not dire. The email issue can be a discussion with them. Mr. Steiner said we need to be budget conscience and we can do that. We have choices. Mrs. Gensimore said she had asked the gentleman from Visual Edge IT; can we do with what we have – do we have to have fiber to move forward and he said no. Fiber may be here in 2024. Mayor McDaniel explained the emails included in this contract is for moving emails to the server. They quoted four Microsoft 365 accounts at \$23

each. It covers four users, not four computers. We have more users here – they have email only that is \$10 per month which is an addition, not part of the contract.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion that Matt Steiner be included in any emails, meetings, conversations with Visual Edge IT and be part of the process, second by Mrs. Godwin.

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

Mayor's Communications

Mayor McDaniel thanked Mr. Goch and Mr. Rash for their years on council.

He talked to a gentleman today from Warwick who was offered a free caboose. He said there is one in Copley and maybe once we get numbers could get one here in Clinton. Mr. Rash asked where we could put one. Mr. McDaniel said this is just interesting to think about.

Council Communications and Council Committee Reports - No reports.

Citizens Comments – No comments.

Resolutions and Ordinances – No second or third readings.

First Readings

Ordinance No. O-23-27

An Ordinance Amending Codified Ordinance Chapter 185 to Adopt Updates and To Conform to Ohio Amended Substitute House Bill 33; and Declaring an Emergency.

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

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

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

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

New Business

Mrs. Gensimore stated she was contacted by the people that do the newsletter for us and they are talking about next year's schedule. It's looking like they will stick to the original schedule. The first issue should be in the post boxes by the first of April. So, March 1, 2024 is when articles are needed for the first quarter which includes through June any information about Memorial Day, spring cleanups, etc.

Council General Discussion

Mayor McDaniel wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

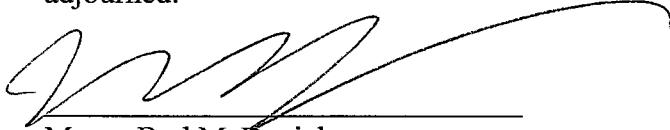
Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval

Mr. Steiner indicated the bills totaled \$32,621.81. We have quite a few charges from the solicitor. He was also questioned what Bain Enterprise was for.

Mr. Steiner made a motion to approve purchase orders and bills, second by Mr. Rash.

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

Mr. Rash made a motion to adjourn at 7:23 PM, and was seconded by Mrs. Gensimore. Meeting was adjourned.



Mayor Bud McDaniel

~~Kent Goch~~, President of Council



Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer

President appointed
for 2024 after minutes
were approved.