

Village of Clinton
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, November 21, 2023

Council President Kent Goch called the meeting to order on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at 7:00 PM in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bethany McKenney and recited by those present.

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

Others Present: Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer; Bethany McKenney and Dorothy Somerville, Summit County; New Franklin PD – Officer Zampelli; Diane Gunter, Vicki Rash, David Graham, and Rita Joseph, residents.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Steiner made a motion to approve the minutes of November 9, 2023 as written, second by Mr. Rash.

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

Presentation: Visual Edge IT – enroute to the meeting.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to move the Visual Edge IT presentation to later in the meeting, second by Mr. Steiner.

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

Unfinished Business – Nothing to report.

Mayor’s Communications

Mr. Goch did not have a report from Mayor McDaniel who has been under the weather but is feeling better.

Council Communications and Council Committee Reports

Nothing was reported.

Citizens Comments

Bethany McKenney from Summit County Council spoke of the wonderful efforts by Mr. Rash for helping with the community giveaway for Thanksgiving. She is on the BACM (Barberton Area Community Ministries) board and as our County representative is here to serve the Clinton residents. Mrs. Somerville spoke as well on the BACM program and reported on Pantry Day and how many they served this Thanksgiving holiday. They said they can use volunteers and new members on the senior delivery team. They also acquired a church and are opening a new resource center for veterans.

On behalf of the Clinton Historical Society, Mrs. Gunter announced that on December 3, Santa Claus will be coming to Village town hall where refreshments will be served, and on December 10, there is an open house tour at the Rhoads-Harter House.

New Franklin PD Monthly Report

Officer Zampelli read his October report.

Presentation: Leon Feldman, Visual Edge IT

Mr. Feldman addressed council. He indicated that he was introduced to us by the person who was responsible for our copier account. The primary issue was that there was no formal documentation of where information of access to our system lies. When he did an assessment on the server, Mr. McDaniel was very helpful in providing that information. All of the recommendations he had to make on the security side are going to be a low priority for any municipality when you have regular issues with server outages. The primary way to avoid these issues is to move from a server-based environment altogether. Go with cloud-based services. He spoke with Mr. McDaniel about that. This evening when he went downstairs, he didn't need the password again, as the server was unlocked. The server room does not have a lock. There are no physical or technical controls for access, which is concerning but that can be overcome by moving to a serverless cloud environment. He suggests a cloud-based environment – not server based which ours needs upgraded. We are in a good place to do this. The server wasn't working as it ran out of storage and had Mr. McDaniel been here, he may have been able to do a number of things and may have gotten alerts. To move to cloud services, as I've spoken with Mr. McDaniel, we need an internet circuit that will support that fiber business class internet. Those are the two urgent recommendations that will solve most of the issues the Village is experiencing. He indicated he would be happy to provide a roadmap and a proposal.

Mr. Steiner made a motion to allow Visual Edge IT provide a roadmap and proposal moving forward. It will cost between \$5 to \$8,000 that includes the licensing services for the first year. Mrs. Gensimore stated that she has talked with other companies and asked if we go with Visual Edge IT, will it provide updates, internet security, and a maintenance package. He said yes – a full staff monitors it.

Mr. Feldman added that when you go to a cloud-based environment, you go from capital expenditures to operational expenditures. The total cost over time is lower. Jackson Township spent a lot of money on a ransomware attack, and it's because when you are a municipality you have data that belongs to your constituents and you have to report these incidents and handle them in a specific fashion. When you have cloud services, these incidents would be easier manage if they occur in the future but less likely to occur.

To go forward, the Village can go cloud based now, even with our current internet, there will be a number of phases so we can migrate the data. There are some types of security solutions that would require a better internet for things like backup. Mr. Feldman said his company has negotiating power with all the national and local vendors.

Mr. Steiner talked about the video conference call he had with the company on security. They have a bigger footprint in the security world and a team of people.

Roll Call: Gensimore, Goch, Godwin, Conroy, Steiner and Rash, voted yes. Motion passes. Visual Edge IT will send the Village a quote.

Resolutions and Ordinances – No first or third readings.

Second Readings

Resolution No. R-23-24

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to sign the July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 Summit County Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Job Creation and Tax Sharing, and Declaring an Emergency.

Resolution No. R-23-25

A Resolution Adopting the Annual Appropriations for the Current Expenses and other Expenditures of the Village for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2024, and Declaring an Emergency.

Ordinance No. O-23-26

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. O-22-24, Establishing the Pay Rates for Certain Employees, Effective January 1, 2024, and Declaring an Emergency.

New Business – No new business.

Council General Discussion – No discussion.

Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval

Mr. Steiner indicated the bills totaled \$28,555.90.

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

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

Mr. Rash made a motion to adjourn at 8:03 PM, and was seconded by Mr. Steiner. Meeting was adjourned.



Mayor Bud McDaniel



Kent Goch, President of Council



Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer