

**Village of Clinton  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, January 2, 2024**

Mayor Bud McDaniel called the meeting to order on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 7:00 PM in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance led by Chief Conroy and was recited by those present.

**Oath of Officers of Newly Elected Officials**

Bud McDaniel was given the oath of office for the Village Mayor by Matt Steiner.

Rita Joseph was given the oath of office for Village Council Member by Mayor Bud McDaniel.

Ross Blankenship was given the oath of office for Village Council Member by Mayor Bud McDaniel.

Council Members present: Matt Steiner, Ellen Conroy, Janice Godwin, Marissa Gensimore, Rita Joseph, and Ross Blankenship.

Others Present: Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer; New Franklin Officer Zampelli; Diane Gunter, resident.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Godwin made a motion to approve the minutes of December 19, 2023, second by Mrs. Conroy.

Roll Call: Joseph abstained, Gensimore, Godwin, Conroy, Steiner and Blankenship voted yes. Motion passes.

**Election of Council President**

Mrs. Gensimore nominated Matt Steiner, second by Mrs. Godwin. There were no other nominations. Matt Steiner accepted the nomination.

Roll Call: Gensimore, Godwin, Blankenship, Conroy, and Joseph voted yes. Steiner abstained. Motion passes.

**Election of Vice-President of Council**

Mrs. Gensimore nominated Ellen Conroy, second by Matt Steiner. Mrs. Conroy accepted. There were no other nominations.

Roll Call: Blankenship, Gensimore, Joseph, Godwin, and Steiner voted yes. Conroy abstained. Motion passes.

**Appointment of Street Commissioner**

Mayor McDaniel appointed Kevin White.

**Solicitor Monthly Report** – Will be at the next meeting.

**Police Monthly Report** – Officer Zampelli read aloud the written report which is in the packet.

Mayor McDaniel thanked the officer for enforcing the speed limit on Clinton Road. Mr. Steiner asked if there is any difference with the radar speed signs. Mr. Zampelli didn't know himself but will give feedback after asking other officers about it. He was asked about other roads and tickets that have been given out.

### **Fire Chief Monthly Report**

Chief Conroy read his monthly report to those present (in council packet).

### **Street Commissioner Monthly Report**

Mr. White welcomed new council members. This month he reported the new salt shed was installed. He installed a new radar sign on Clinton Road. Mr. Steiner asked if there was any salt in the new shed. He was told not at this time but we still have to take 600 tons by August 31, 2024. Mrs. Gensimore asked him about welcome signs at the entrances to the Village. He said they were here in the garage and will be installed. She also asked about contacting the Metro Parks about reopening the old access road on the prior Mayberry property. Mr. White said he talked to Jerry who oversees the parks and he said he would get any information that may be available to possibly reopen this access.

**Zoning Inspector Quarterly Report** – Report is in the council packet.

**Mayor's Report of Village Affairs** – Mayor McDaniel read his report. (attached)

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

### **Unfinished Business**

Mr. Steiner asked for any update on Visual Edge IT. Mayor McDaniel said he hasn't heard anything since our last meeting but will get ahold of them. The project will be kicked off maybe in the middle of February. Mr. Steiner asked Leon to copy him on any correspondence.

### **Mayor's Communications**

Mayor McDaniel indicated there were brand new microphones installed and that the old ones should have lasted longer. They had a one-year warranty and we had them for two years. Hopefully these will work better than the old ones. Mrs. Gensimore asked if this was authorized. Mayor McDaniel stated we got a great price of \$300 total and this was under maintenance and repair and typically it's the mayor's job to authorize. Mrs. Weirick said we have a category for these types of items but we only have \$77.81 left in that line item. Mrs. Gensimore said we need to check with Mrs. Weirick first before we purchase items to see how much is in the account. Mrs. Weirick said she will have to pay this out of this year's budget. Mayor McDaniel questioned if something goes down and needs repaired, if he should wait till the next Council meeting to address. Mrs. Weirick said no, you would need to ask me if there is money available, especially at the end of the year, and if money is not there, we would have to go to council for budgeting. Mrs. Gensimore said if we have to have an emergency meeting, we can do that. We need a procedure going forward. Mr. Steiner said there used to be a discretionary line item for the mayor. This can be added. Mayor McDaniel added that in the past, he would approach prior mayors about IT issues needing resolved that were for a larger amount of money, and was told to get it done. Mrs. Gensimore said if the person asking for the money is the same person authorizing it, it's a disconnect. Mr. Steiner said this is hopefully an exception and not the norm. We work hard on our budget and does not fall into a category easily. Mrs. Gensimore stated maybe we should start a discretionary budget for the mayor. Mrs. Weirick said the line item we do have for this type of expense did not have enough money in it.

**Council Communications and Council Committee Reports**

Mrs. Gensimore stated that she provided the council members with a copy of our Standard Committee Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2024. She explained how this schedule is followed.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to move the first council meeting in November to Thursday November 7 because of the election, second by Mr. Steiner.

Roll call: Godwin, Conroy, Steiner, Blankenship, Gensimore and Joseph voted yes. Motion passes.

Mrs. Gensimore said the Council President will have the committees assigned at the next meeting. She explained how the schedule originated, how many members are on each, etc.

**Citizens Comments** – No comments.

**Resolutions and Ordinances** – No legislation.

**New Business** – No new business.

**Council General Discussion** – No discussion.

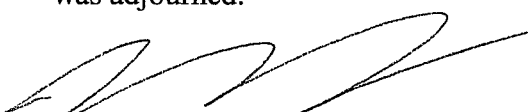
**Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval**

Mr. Steiner indicated the bills totaled \$ 33,193.64. The Ready Mix, \$58.95, was for the salt shed and \$2,100 was for transporting of the salt shed blocks.

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


Roll Call: Steiner, Joseph, Gensimore, Blankenship, Godwin, and Conroy voted yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Steiner made a motion to adjourn at 7:42 PM, and was seconded by Mrs. Gensimore. Meeting was adjourned.




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Mayor Bud McDaniel



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Matt Steiner, President of Council



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Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer