

Village of Clinton
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 20, 2022

Council President Kent Goch called the meeting to order on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at 7:00 PM in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jared McDaniel and recited by those present.

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

Others Present: Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer; Fire Chief Wayne Conroy; Diane Gunter and Jared McDaniel, residents.

Approval of Council Minutes

Mrs. Godwin made a motion to approve the December 6, 2022, Council meeting minutes, second by Mrs. Conroy.

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

Unfinished Business – No unfinished business.

Mayor's Communications

Nothing to report.

Council Communications and Council Committee Reports

Mrs. Gensimore stated that she contacted Eric Burns of Independent Energy Consultants. He will email what their contract would look like. We are working on a date when he could attend a council meeting. He said be careful about people giving quotes on what the rates would be now, because the agreement rate may be different.

Matt Steiner asked about where we are getting the \$40,000 from that was noted in the December 6, 2022 minutes. Mrs. Weirick said there was money left over from the budget of this year as we didn't use to purchase salt and Kevin did not opt to take healthcare insurance which is about \$16,000. We were not appropriating anymore but using funds that were budgeted that we didn't use for other things.

Mr. Goch said the mileage is terrible on the one-ton truck, a V-10 and there are no job boxes on it. Should we get job boxes on the one-ton? Mr. Steiner also brought up the fire department's pick up. May make sense for the fire department to sell the street department their pickup truck.

Mr. White provided council with his research on a truck he found. He indicated if anything happens to the one ton, he does not have another vehicle to use.

Mrs. Weirick said we do everything on a cash basis. Mr. White could just start using it and move funds from our General Fund to the Fire Department fund and make changes on our insurance policy. The cost would be fair market value. The fire department also wants to sell the Explorer unless they Street Department takes possession of the pickup.

The legal service contract that is in the legislation for tonight did increase. It's \$160 an hour now, and is going up to \$180 an hour in 2023 and \$190 in 2024.

Citizens Comments – No comments.

Resolutions and Ordinances

No Third Readings.

Second Readings

Resolution No. R-22-27

A Resolution Authorizing and Appointing Varney, Fink, and Associates as Village Fiscal Officer and Authorizing and Directing the Mayor to Enter into a Three-Year Contract, and Declaring an Emergency.

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

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

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

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

Resolution No. R-22-28

A Resolution Authorizing and Appointing OHM Advisors as Village Engineer and Authorizing and Directing the Mayor to Enter into a Two-Year Contract, and Declaring an Emergency.

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

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

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

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

Resolution No. R-22-29

A Resolution to Provide Legal Services for the Village of Clinton and Confirming the Appointment of Marshal M. Pitchford as Village Solicitor for Years 2023 and 2024, and Declaring an Emergency.

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

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

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

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

First Readings

Resolution No. R-22-30

A Resolution Amending the Annual Appropriations for the Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village of Clinton for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2022 and Declaring an Emergency.

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

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

Mrs. Weirick explained this needs passed due to some transfers, along with a few other “clean up” items to avoid violations.

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

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

New Business

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to authorize Mr. James White to be our auxiliary driver of the small truck when we have big storms and Kevin White needs a helping hand, second by Mr. Goch.

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

Council General Discussion

Mr. Steiner said passing legislation on second readings should not happen very often. It was stated that we try to always do the required three readings.

Mr. White indicated he does not take the Village health insurance. He asked if Council would compensate him a portion of that money they are not paying for his insurance. Mrs. Gensimore said they made a decision on that last year. Mr. Steiner asked what his wife’s insurance would say on this. Mrs. Gensimore said we can revisit that and had decided to continue as they were without compensation.

Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval


No purchase orders or bills to approved.

Mrs. Gensimore motioned to adjourn at 7:26 PM, second by Mr. Steiner.


Meeting adjourned.



Mayor Bud McDaniel



Kent Goch, President of Council



Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer