

**Village of Clinton**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, December 6, 2022**

Mayor Bud McDaniel called the meeting to order on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at 7:00 PM in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dawn Paytosh and recited by those present.

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

Others Present: Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer; Dawn Paytosh, Aggregation Consultant; Kathy Vadas, Solicitor's Office; Chief Wayne Conroy; Jason Popiel, OHM; Diane Gunter and John Gajovski, residents.

**Approval of Council Minutes**

Mrs. Conroy made a motion to approve the November 15, 2022, Council Meeting minutes, second by Mr. Rash.

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

**Presentation**

Dawn Paytosh from Brilliant Source Energy spoke on electric aggregation and services her company would provide. This company may be able to offer the Village a good option since NOPEC pulled out of the market. She explained that this June, utility rates will be at 12 - 14.5 cents. She explained how the aggregation program / pricing would work if the Village would choose to go with her organization. She said she could get us pricing in a week. They also offer grants, around \$2,000 a year. There is no exit fee. She also briefly touched on the Carbon Free Energy Option – it's nuclear - \$4.00 a megawatt hour. Attached is a Request for Qualifications provided to Village Council to review.

**OHM Advisors**

Jason Popiel, OHM, has been with the Village for 9 years. The council is to decide what length of contract they will choose to approve - 1, 2, or 3 years. He explained what they have provided and will continue to provide to the Village.

Mrs. Gensimore asked about the Clinton Road grant and why we were not able to do get the grant for next year. North Cleveland-Massillon Road ran over and the costs were higher and we would not have had enough of a local match to score.

Mrs. Gensimore asked if we could put up signage to keep semi-trucks off Clinton Road. Mr. Popiel was not sure about that, other than Village ordinance on that issue. A truck count will be done in the future when a grant is prepared. Mr. Goch asked about the ODOT project on 21 and Clinton Road interchange. Mr. Popiel will look into this project.

**Solicitor Monthly Report**

Mrs. Vadas had nothing to report.

**Police Monthly Report** – The police are on a call and will not be here. Report is in the packet.

**Fire Chief Monthly Report** – Chief Conroy read the fire report to council.

**Street Commissioner Monthly Report**

Commissioner White reported that he had two salting events and is servicing the equipment for next year.

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

**Unfinished Business** – No unfinished business.

**Mayor's Communications**

He was pleased to have Mrs. Paytosh here to address Council and at the January 17 council meeting, Tom Bellish, Buckeye Energy Brokers, will be here regarding electric aggregation. This will give us two sources to help us make our decision. Mrs. Gensimore has another individual interested in addressing council as well.

Two weeks from now is our last meeting of the year and he wants to continue the tradition of having a Christmas party after the meeting.

Nathan Cunningham has applied to our Fire Department and Chief Conroy would like Council to appoint him. A back ground check will be done.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to hire Mr. Cunningham, part time, into the Village Fire Department pending a back ground check, second by Mr. Rash.

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

**Council Communications and Council Committee Reports**

Mrs. Gensimore stated that she brought up the electric suppliers. She spoke to Energy Harbor, Ben Rich, and he recommended we look into Energy Brokers – Tom Bellish. Also, an Eric Burns – both are local companies. They told her if you can lock in at 5, jump on that as no one will get you lower than that. Summit County is in the middle of their contract renewal so we can't join with them. We need to explore other companies and get a good broker that will provide free guidance who will be paid by the utility company.

Mr. Goch reported that the Streets Committee met before council and Mr. White brought up a good point that he could save a lot of wear and tear on the one-ton by procuring a small pickup, single cab, to keep all the equipment for his day-to-day projects. The committee would like to make a recommendation to council to let Kevin start looking down that path for a truck not to exceed \$40K so not to put so much hurt on the one-ton and suit his daily needs.

Mr. Goch made a motion to allow Kevin White to start looking for a pick-up truck and not to exceed \$40K and then present findings to council, second by Mrs. Gensimore.

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

### **Citizens Comments**

Mrs. Gunter thanked Mr. Rash for being Santa Claus on Sunday. It was a good time and had around 25 children.

Sunday, December 11, from 2 – 4, the Historical Society will have an open house at the Rhoads Harter House.

John Gajovski wanted to say they are having trouble with the parking lot and its condition. A contractor will dig it down and put chip and seal on it and he will pay for the entire expense. The Village owns the property and its tree lawn that was turned into a parking lot. We will asphalt around the drains. The contractor will be here tomorrow. It will look good and maintained yearly. Mrs. Gensimore felt our street superintendent should be there to oversee it to some extent. Mr. White stated it will be a great feature and maybe use this contractor down the road as well.

Mr. Goch made a motion to allow the Gajovski's to repair the business parking lot area that is owned by the Village and have the work supervised by the street superintendent, second by Mr. Rash.

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

### **Resolutions and Ordinances**

No Second or Third Readings.

#### **First 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.

##### **Resolution No. R-22-28**

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

Mrs. Gensimore explained how staggering of contracts was discussed recently and asked for recommendations for this contract. Mr. Rash said three years would be his choice. Mr. Goch likes the two-year contract as does Mrs. Gensimore.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion that make this a two-year contract for OHM, second by Mr. Goch.

Roll Call: Conroy, Rash, Gensimore, Goch and Godwin 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.

**New Business** – No new business.

**Council General Discussion**

Mrs. Gensimore thanked Diane Gunter for all the decorations she put up in the downtown. The Village is so fortunate to have her and we don't say it enough. Please help set up for the Christmas Party at the next meeting. She thanked Mr. Gajovski for improving the parking lot area and being such contributing members to this community.

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


Mrs. Conroy made a motion to approve the purchase orders and the bills, second by Mr. Rash.


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

Mr. Rash motioned to adjourn at 8:00 PM, second by Mrs. Gensimore.

Meeting 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