

**Village of Clinton
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
of
Tuesday, July 5, 2022**

Mayor Clarissa Allegra called the meeting to order on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 7:00 PM in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Boy Scouts.

Roll Call: Council Members Present: Lewis Rash, Kent Goch, Janice Godwin, Ellen Conroy, Bud McDaniel, and Marissa Gensimore.

Others Present: Boy Scout Troop and leaders; Solicitor Marshal Pitchford; New Franklin Police Officer; Kevin White, Street Superintendent; Fiscal Officer, Leah Weirick; and Wayne Conroy, Village Fire Chief.

Approval of Council Minutes

Mr. Goch made a motion to amend the minutes under Mayor's Communications where it says COVID is leveling off but people are still being hospitalized and dying. It should be corrected to say LESS people are being hospitalized and dying. The second was made by Mr. McDaniel.

Roll Call: Rash, yes; Gensimore, yes; McDaniel, abstain; Godwin, yes; Conroy, yes; Goch, yes. Motion passes.

Solicitor's Monthly Report

Mr. Pitchford reported that he has been appointed as the City Solicitor for the City of Hudson and they have meetings the same nights as the Village. So, there will be times that Kathy Vadas will be here in his place.

Police Report – the officer read the report to those present at the meeting. Mr. Rash asked about the ATV's that he sees driving on the street. They need to be registered. Please call the police when they are spotted to check them out.

Mrs. Gensimore said people are not stopping at stop signs in town. She has watched this happen at the 4-way stop where some are not even slowing down.

Fire Chief's Monthly Report

Chief Conroy read his monthly report to those present. Cement work is going to be done at the station and the price will be held at the first quote around \$26,000. They have a new applicant, Mike Yeager, and if he passes the background check which the mayor has submitted, Chief Conroy would like to hire him. He then reported that there is a vehicle he would like to sell and the proceeds go towards a tanker or new squad. We will need a resolution for this in a couple weeks. The chief also stated that the split between the Village and New Franklin – they are currently up on their EMS bills but they have yet to pay the manning bill which is around \$5,000.

Mrs. Weirick stated she called New Franklin about that invoice and they said there is nothing in the contract in support of that invoice and are not going to pay it.

Mr. McDaniel made a motion to approve Chief Conroy hiring Mike Yaeger, pending the background, second by Mr. Rash.

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

Street Commissioner's Monthly Report

Mayor Allega announced that this position is vacant and the appointed made at the beginning of the year for 6 months is now expired. Under the recommendation of Council, they have recommended the appointment of Kevin White. The mayor made the appointment and Mr. White accepted.

The mayor read Mr. Ferjutz final report as commissioner which was in the packet.

Mr. White reported on the park bleachers and dugouts. He has a ballpark quote to update/repair them and would cost \$20,000. He proposes the bleachers should be completely removed and, the dugouts can be taken down as there is a concrete pad beneath the dirt and aluminum benches installed. Nowadays, people bring their own chairs or sits on the lawn. Mrs. Gensimore thinks this issue should go to the Streets, Sidewalks and Parks Committee. Then bring back a recommendation.

Fiscal Officer's Report – No report.

Unfinished Business

Mr. McDaniel met with Mike Weant regarding the Summit County Fiber Ring and the possibility of getting fiber/internet service to our residents. They will send Mr. McDaniel some information on this and people to call.

Mayor's Communications

Mayor Allega said the COVID cases are dropping but it is here to stay. The broadband project is underway in Summit County. We may get some funding on this as well. Due to the shooting in Akron many County and city offices are working remotely so if you need to visit one of them in downtown Akron, call first.

The new fireworks legislation statewide passed, and we have the ability to legislate restrictions if we want to. We are running under state law at this time. Mr. Rash said he was proud of the Village this 4th of July and how they handled the holiday.

Council Communications and Council Committee Reports

Mrs. Conroy said the Community Development Committee hired Luke Wagner as our Website Designer. We need to get the contract proposal from him so it can get signatures and legislation created for approval. Mayor Allega will send a letter to Mr. Brattoli, our former website designer.

Mrs. Gensimore reported that several scouts were in the audience. They are here working on their Communication Badge and needed to attend a government meeting. She also wanted to remind everyone their Community News articles are needed by July 27, 2022, September through the end of the year. Also, she reminded everyone that the August 2 meeting is the 4th of August. The committee meeting will be moved to August 4th as well. The county is on summer recess. Other communities take them as well. Please think about doing as well – maybe one meeting a month, or a full month off. Mrs. Gensimore then gave a special thank you to Sue and Leah. They got information that a CDBG grant was coming up and they, along with Kevin, pulled all the necessary information and called Jason Clark for an estimate. This grant would be for more sidewalk installation in the Village – especially to the Wall. We are waiting to see if we get that grant. The mayor said maybe we could get Trick or Treat into the upcoming newsletter.

Mr. McDaniel made a motion to have Trick or Treat on October 31, 2022 from 6 to 8 PM. Second by Mr. Rash.

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

Citizens Comments – None

Resolutions and Ordinances

Third Readings

Ordinance No. O-22-13

An Ordinance Amending Codified Ordinance Section 917.06 Entitled “Rental Deposit and Fee for the Village Park System” and Approving the Application for Rental for the Village of Clinton, and Declaring it an Emergency.

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

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

No Second or First Readings.

New Business – no new business.

Council General Discussion

Mr. McDaniel reminded council that on July 23, 2022, the Veterans’ Memorial Park will have the dedication of the Korean Wall at 1:30 PM. It’s on a Saturday.

Mr. Rash said that his Donation Program for Thanksgiving, he would like to ask all of council to please donate a turkey for him and he wants to push very early so that the less fortunate have as good a time as we do. He will put an article in the next newsletter.

Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval

Mr. McDaniel motioned to approve the purchase orders and pay the bills as presented, second by Mrs. Conroy.

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

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Rash, second by Mr. McDaniel. Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.



Bud McDaniel, Council President



Mayor Clarissa Allega



Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer