

Village of Clinton
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 4, 2024

Mayor Bud McDaniel called the meeting to order on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 7:14 PM in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kent Goch and recited by those present.

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

Others Present: Chad Schmidt, Solicitor Pitchford's office; Jackie and Kent Goch, Diane Gunter, and John (?), residents.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Godwin made a motion to approve the minutes of May 21, 2024 as written, second by Mrs. Gensimore.

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

Solicitor Monthly Report – Chad Schmidt, no report.

Police Monthly Report – No report.

Fire Chief Monthly Report

Chief Conroy gave his report. Hard copy is in the packet. Mrs. Gensimore thanked the Chief for how well the fire department did during the 4th grader's walk through the Village.

Street Commissioner Monthly Report

The sidewalks are complete by the OVMP. The first round of roadside mowing is done and he passed out Ohio Revised Code regarding mowing requirements. He put flags up and new ones up to the Wall. The accident that happened on Cleveland-Massillon Road that damaged the head wall will be repaired on Monday of next week. Mayor McDaniel questioned the logistics of the ORC on mowing. Mr. White clarified the process he follows.

Fiscal Officer's Report – No Report.

Unfinished Business

Mrs. Gensimore brought up the letter given to us by Jackie Goch who is interested in the open ZBA position.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to appoint Jackie Goch to the open ZBA position, second by Mrs. Godwin.

Mrs. Joseph asked what her qualifications were. She said she is interested in Clinton as a resident, have dealt with the zoning, and is something she would like to volunteer her time doing. Mrs.

Gensimore added that she is a mover and a shaker and is highly intelligent. Mrs. Goch said she ran a committee at her job for 20 years, but not in zoning. Mr. McDaniel thinks she will do a very good job.

Roll call: Joseph, no; Gensimore, Godwin, and Conroy voted yes. Motion passes.

Mayor's Communications

Mayor McDaniel spoke about the mowing regulations in the ORC that was passed out.

He received an anonymous letter stating how they love the Village and how nice it looks. The letter also praised the work of our street superintendent. The letter did bring up some zoning issues that need handled in the downtown and other areas.

Leaving trash cans out all the time on sidewalks need to be addressed. The Mayor asked that residents take the cans up to the house after being emptied. Council will get a copy of the anonymous letter.

Mayor McDaniel read a letter from Summit County as they want to meet with him about the budget. Clinton's share of what we pay annually to Summit County is .331%, and we are annually charged \$10,689.

He was on a call with Summit County and they went over Marijuana as laws are still being written. Right now, there are no sales in publicly owned venues. By July 4, there should be solid laws in place so people know what they can or can't do. It will be more restrictive.

The mosquitos in Ohio carry West Nile Virus and in other areas they carry worse things.

There will be a Fiber Middle Mile meeting this month and Mayor McDaniel will update on that.

Voting machines will be changed in Summit County.

Councilwoman Sykes put out a press release about the U.S. Budget and if it passes, the Village will get a grant for \$1.2 million for Clinton Road next year and another \$1.2 million from state funding.

Council Communications and Council Committee Reports

Mrs. Gensimore thanked those who gave her an article for the newsletter. She will get dates for the 3rd publication. She thanked Mr. Steiner for the sound system on Memorial Day.

Citizens Comments

Diane Gunter thanked everyone who came and made the pancake breakfast a success.

John (last name not legible on sign in sheet) spoke about the houses on Van Buren – they are a mess and need mowed. He also mentioned the new sidewalks to the OVMP. He asked about the bidding process and Mayor McDaniel told him two people put in a bid for the project. The resident felt this price was too high. Mayor McDaniel explained the reasons for the cost and that we got a grant for this.

Resolutions and Ordinances

First Readings

Resolution No. R-24-09

A Resolution, No. R-24-09, Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from the General Fund to the Street Fund (“Project Fund”) and Street Equipment Reserve Fund (“Reserve Fund”) of the Village of Clinton, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

Second Readings

Resolution No. R-24-07

A Resolution Authorizing the Approval and Adoption of the Summit County Hazard Mitigation Plan, for the Executive Department of Law, insurance and Risk Management – Division of Public Safety Management Agency, and Declaring an Emergency.

Resolution No. R-24-08

A Resolution Approving and Adopting the Summit County 9-1-1 Plan, and Declaring an Emergency.

Third Readings – None.

New Business

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to adopting BWC/PERRP Hazard Communication and Personal Protective Equipment Program Policies set forth by FEMA, second by Conroy.

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

Mrs. Conroy read a letter to council announcing her resignation from Clinton Village Council effective tomorrow, June 5, 2024. Mayor McDaniel and Mrs. Gensimore thanked her for her service to the Village and were sad to see her go.

Mrs. Gensimore stated that in light of that, and because we do not have another meeting this month, council has 30 days to appoint someone to an empty council seat. We have been in this position before. She asked Kent Goch if he was willing to take a seat on council again if council appoints you. Mayor McDaniel said we have until July 2. Mrs. Joseph asked if we should wait until all of council is here and was advised that there is a majority here. Mrs. Gensimore brought up other instances when this very thing was done and what happened. Mayor McDaniel said that the seat has to be vacant before we can bring in someone new – her seat is not vacant. Mrs. Gensimore said she has talked to Attorney Pitchford in the past about this very issue as she had contemplated stepping down from council.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion that as Mrs. Conroy is stepping down tomorrow, council appoint Kent Goch to the empty seat that expires tomorrow and that he be part of Council by June 6, second by Mrs. Conroy.

There was more conversation about this issue and the process.

Roll Call: Joseph, no; Gensimore, Godwin, and Conroy voted yes. Motion passes.

They did not have an Oath of Office form to fill out as it was contemplated to swear in Mr. Goch at this time. It was decided if any major issues come up, Mayor McDaniel would be available to swear him in and ensure the form was there to sign.

Council General Discussion

Mrs. Gensimore stated that when council voted to have one council meeting a month, we only talked about council meetings and not committee meetings as they are scheduled the hour beforehand. Do we keep the committee meetings on that date or cancel as well. Mayor McDaniel feels the committees should be cancelled as well. It was stated that the chair of the committee can cancel the meeting at that time. It was decided that the committees will continue unless there is no need to hold and the chair will cancel.

Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval

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

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

Mrs. Gensimore brought up about a gentleman who stopped in wanting to post a flyer in the village kiosk about a Vacation Bible School. Chad Schmidt stated that this could open up this bulletin board to any type of religious posting. The kiosk is normally reserved for Village of Clinton government notices, Historical Society and County publications. Kiosk usage will remain as it is now.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to adjourn at approximately 8:00 PM, and was seconded by Mrs. Conroy.

Meeting was adjourned.



Mayor Bud McDaniel



Matt Steiner, President of Council



Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer