

Village of Clinton
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 7, 2024

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

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

Others Present: Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer; Officer Zampelli, New Franklin PD; Chief Conroy, FD; Kevin White, Street Superintendent/Commissioner; Diane Gunter, resident.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to approve the minutes of April 16, 2024 as written, second by Mrs. Godwin.

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

Solicitor Monthly Report – Not present, no report.

Police Monthly Report – In packet.

Officer Zampelli read his report. Mrs. Gensimore indicated that dirt bikes, mini bikes and unlicensed golf carts are running rampant in the Village. He indicated that when they approach, they go through yards where they can't be followed. She also added the speeding on these vehicles is dangerous as well, as some other issues. Mayor McDaniel did report that the flashing speed sign is working and the officer agreed.

Fire Chief Monthly Report – In packet.

Chief Conroy read his report. Mr. Steiner brought up the old UHF radios the FD wants to sell. Some other Marcs radios are also no longer needed. Mr. Blankenship asked for more information on this as to why this sale is necessary and who they are being sold to. The individual who installed the UHF radios, initially, is offering to purchase at fair market value – a personal sale and not a trade in.

Mr. Steiner made a motion to accept an offer for \$750 for UHF radios and the Marcs radios at \$25 each, as many as the Fire Chief sees fit, second by Mrs. Gensimore.

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

Street Commissioner Monthly Report

Mr. White said the sidewalk project just kicked off. He mulched around Village Hall and the fire station and is getting prices on fixing some spots on Shadow Lane and Clinton Road.

Fiscal Officer's Report – No Report.

Unfinished Business

Regarding our village computers, Mr. Steiner reported on two quotes in the packets as the hard drive is full and is causing problems. There are four people he is getting quotes from. We will need hard drives no matter what. There will be other quotes provided at the next meeting. He explained both quotes in the packet and what they were for. Mrs. Gensimore asked for clarification on what Mr. Steiner's motion will be.

Mr. Steiner made a motion to hire Emerson Yerian for the quote of \$1,209.98 and allocate \$1,500 if needed for unforeseen expenses, second by Mrs. Gensimore.

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

Mayor's Communications

Mayor McDaniel provided pamphlets on mosquitos and how best to control them. The most obvious was to not have standing water on your property. Summit County has not provided a spray schedule yet.

The Summit County Sheriff's office concealed carry training/workshop was well attended and went well. The next one is June 4 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

Our electric aggregate expectation was to have 12-cent electric by June of this year. At a recent meeting he learned that rates for gas and electric are coming down.

Mayor McDaniel thanked Kevin and Diane for the nice work on the mulching that was done.

The letter to the EPA, discussed at the last meeting, was again brought up.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion that council authorize the mayor to send the letter to the EPA, second by Mrs. Godwin.

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

Council Communications and Council Committee Reports

Mr. Steiner reported that the Laws and Ordinances Committee met, and voted to recommend that Council recodify our ordinances using American Legal. They will update our codification and provide updates/changes in State law.

Mr. Steiner made a motion to vote and accept American Legal for codification, second by Mrs. Joseph.

The cost for American Legal which in the long run will be cheaper, is \$20,000 to codify and make them legal, after that it is \$595 a year and any updates we add or state law added is \$22 a page.

Mr. Blankenship said it does not make sense that we spend money on something so we can have laws that we already have. Mr. Steiner said our ordinances prior to codification were worthless. We have to have our own laws, even though state laws are a part of them. If we have to go before the Barberton Court, we have to do this, and by doing so, we will be updated on anything we have missed through today. Anything extra we do is \$22/page. Mr. Pitchford recommended we do this. Leah Weirick clarified that this is really only our second time doing this.

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

Mrs. Gensimore reported that at the last Safety Committee meeting, Chief Conroy brought up an issue about an incident that happened between a fire fighter and a member of council. She said she reached out to the solicitor how we address this. He said in an open meeting. On April 6 the incident happened at Council Member Blankenship's home. What happened was described as unbecoming. When a safety officer comes to your home and says you are breaking the law you have to listen. Mr. Blankenship was told his fire was too large and he stated that he was not aware of the law. The fire fighter said he would send him a copy of the regulations. Mr. Blankenship said he was a Village council member. When the fire fighter extinguished the fire, Mr. Blankenship was asked not to start the fire again but he responded that he was going to put more wood on it, and would block the driveway at the road. He said if anyone wanted to put it out, they would have to see him first. Mr. Pitchford said council would have the right to vote to sanction.

Mr. Blankenship said these are lies and said that a fire man came on his property, put out the fire and could not tell him what the law was with farm use. For farm use you can only have a three-foot fire. Mr. Blankenship said they are burning skids and this is for farm use. The fireman said he burns skids too but they got an anonymous call and had to respond. Mr. Blankenship said they had to drive around to even see the fire. He said when he said he was on council was because he needed to see the law and said he should have come to my house and knocked on the door and asked me. Mr. Blankenship said to have the chief email him the law as he is on council and he has his email. The fire fighter said to put nothing more on that fire they put out. Mr. Blankenship said he called the EPA and talked to someone about the situation and initially she laughed about having to search for the fire on his property. Then she clarified the farm use. Mr. Blankenship thought it was 500 feet, but it is 1,000 feet. He said that he never sat on council to try to get out of trouble and has 50 witnesses to this and there are two sides to every story.

Mrs. Gensimore reported that articles for the next Community News are due May 29. It will hit mailboxes on July 1. She announced some changes to how the Newsletter will be published for the rest of the year. Then she will need more articles by the end of July.

She contacted our website person and he made some changes. She also reached out to the school superintendent about the SWORD group helping to spread mulch. There will also a 4th grade field trip and they will be coming to Village Hall and the fire station.

Memorial Day is coming up. Please contact Diane Gunter if you can help with the pancake breakfast or donations for the raffle.

Citizens Comments

Mrs. Gunter said the kids did a wonderful job spreading the mulch and thanked Kevin for getting the wheel barrows, rakes and everything together for them as well. The Historical Society is getting the flowers to plant around town. The pancake breakfast will be May 27, 7:30 to 10:30 AM.

Resolutions and Ordinances

No First Readings

Second Readings

Ordinance No. O-24-02

An Ordinance Amending Section 1113.10 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Clinton; and Declaring an Emergency.

Ordinance No. O-24-03

An Ordinance Amending Section 905.03(d) of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Clinton; and Declaring an Emergency.

Third Readings

Resolution No. R-24-04

A Resolution Amending the Annual Appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures of the Village for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Joseph made a motion to adopt, second by Mrs. Conroy.

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

Resolution No. R-24-05

A Resolution Authorizing the repayment of funds from the CDBG Fund (“Project Fund”) to the General Fund of the Village of Clinton, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

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

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

Resolution No. R-24-06

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into Professional Services Agreement with OHM Advisors Regarding Individual MS4 Permit Application for Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) (Task #1) and the Creation and Submission of Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPP) (Task #2); and Declaring an Emergency.

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

Mayor McDaniel clarified that this is mandatory and now, we are doing instead of Summit County.

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

New Business – No new business.

Council General Discussion

Mr. Steiner brought up that we had talked about only have one Council meeting a month for June, July and August.

Mr. Steiner made a motion to only have one Council meeting for the month of June, July, and August, second by Mrs. Joseph.

Leah Weirick clarified that to try it out a motion will suffice. If we want to do it permanently, we need legislation. This could be a trial basis this year only. This is legal with a motion.

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

We can always call a special meeting if there is something we have to address.

Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval

Mr. Steiner reported that the bills were not copied in sequence somehow, so this will be provided again at the next meeting. The total dollar amount for the bills is \$ 52,516.45.

Mr. Steiner made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$52,516.45, second by Mrs. Conroy.

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

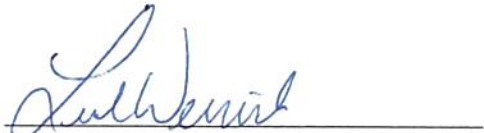
Mr. Steiner made a motion to adjourn at 7:54 PM, and was seconded by Mrs. Joseph. Meeting was adjourned.



Mayor Bud McDaniel



Matt Steiner, President of Council



Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer