

Village of Clinton
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 1, 2022

Mayor Bud McDaniel called the meeting to order on Tuesday, October 18, 2022, 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: Janice Godwin, Marissa Gensimore, Matt Steiner, Ellen Conroy, Lewis Rash, and Kent Goch.

Others Present: Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer; Street Superintendent Kevin White; Kathy Vadas (Marshal Pitchford's Office); and Diane Gunter, resident.

Approval of Council Minutes

Mrs. Conroy made a motion to approve the October 18, 2022, Council Meeting minutes, second by Mr. Goch.

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

Solicitor Monthly Report

Mrs. Vadas indicated Mr. Pitchford had emailed the Village his contract for services. It covers a 5-year period. According to the Ohio Revised Code, you can only do two-years at a time.

Regarding the aggregation programs, she reported that their law clerk was looking into this and is a first time something like this has happened. NOPEC is giving the residents an option to go someplace else and maybe if they do, they are not in breach of their contract. She is trying to find the actual agreement they are sending out to the municipalities. Mr. Steiner has a copy of the County's aggregation contract and will send to Mrs. Vadas. Mrs. Gensimore says there should be information in the Village files about our agreement with NOPEC. Mrs. Weirick indicated she and Sue had researched the Village's information and will send to Mrs. Vadas as well. Mrs. Gensimore added that she called Energy Harbor and asked about an aggregation program for the Village community and was told it was done on an individual basis and the Village government could not lobby for their residents. Mr. Steiner responded that they may not be doing that now because it's not profitable for them to do so. However, residents can call Energy Harbor to get a rate of 4.67 thru May of 2024. The number is 1-877-855-2424. Have your electric bill handy and give them the customer number on the bill.

Police Monthly Report- No report but will be at the next meeting.

Fire Chief Monthly Report – No report.

Street Commissioner Monthly Report

Kevin White reported that the Cleveland-Massillon Road project is about done but there are a couple spots they want to surface grind. Part of North Street was paved. A cross-over pipe was replaced on 4th Avenue. He also did some ditching throughout the Village.

Mrs. Gensimore said there is white stripe at the railroad tracks where people think they need to stop even when a train is not there. She wondered if the white stripe needs to be there. This is a State spec and it is required.

Fiscal Officer's Report- No report.

Unfinished Business – No report.

Mayor's Communications

Mayor McDaniel attended a Mayors Meeting and a key item he heard about is a lot of ARPA funding is still out there and sewers and broadband initiative qualify. Not many people apply for it so he will be getting more information on this and hopefully we can apply and both will benefit this community greatly and for business to open up here.

Trick or Treat went very well this year.

Channel 8 News was at the Veterans' Park. On November 11, there will be a 2-hour special on Veterans and we may be represented on this program. There is also a candle light vigil on that date.

He has the contracts from Varney Fink and our Solicitor. OHM is working on theirs as well.

Council Communications and Council Committee Reports

Mr. Steiner met with the mayor and fire chief about the Village's finances.

Mr. Rash stated that he called Mike Viney to find out what the status was of the sewer. He has COVID so he could not speak with him about it. Mayor McDaniel asked Mr. Rash to try to get another meeting set up with Summit County about the sewer.

Mr. Rash is also concerned about the electric costs people are paying now. His bill is very high and hopes this issue gets resolved.

Mrs. Gensimore felt trick or treat went very well too. She had over 100 kids at her house.

Citizens Comments – None

Resolutions and Ordinances

Third Readings

Resolution No. R-22-23

A Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Mayor of the Village of Clinton to Enter into An Agreement with the City of New Franklin Regarding Policing, Patrol and Related Services; and Declaring an Emergency.

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

Mayor McDaniel said New Franklin will be having their third reading on legislation soon. It is a four-year contract.

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

Second Readings

Ordinance No. O-22-24

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. O-21-27, Establishing the Pay Rates for Certain Employees, Effective January 1, 2023, and Declaring an Emergency.

Resolution No. R-22-25

Resolution Adopting the Annual Appropriations for the Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2023 and Declaring an Emergency.

New Business

Council General Discussion

Mr. Rash asked if there is something set up if electric goes out in cold weather to open up Village Hall for people to come to. Mr. Goch said the last time this situation happened, he came over and opened up Village Hall.

Mayor McDaniel indicated any one of us could open up this building if need be. Our website has the numbers of council members to call and we will make sure someone is here to open up for those in need.

Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval

Mr. Steiner noted the \$47,640 payment to Hensel paving for North Street. Total output for the month was \$111,128.17.

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

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

Mr. Rash motioned to adjourn at 7:38 PM and was seconded by Mrs. Gensimore.

Meeting adjourned.



Mayor Bud McDaniel



Kent Goch, President of Council



Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer