Village of Clinton Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

Mayor Bud McDaniel called the meeting to order on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 7:00 PM in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vicki Rash and recited by those present.

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

Others Present: Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer; Vicki Rash, resident; Bethany McKinney, Summit County Council and BACM Board and BACM President, Dorothy Sommerville and associate, Beverly.

Approval of Council Minutes

Mrs. Godwin made a motion to approve the November 1, 2022, Council Meeting minutes, second by Mr. Rash.

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

<u>Police Monthly Report</u> – Report in packet.

Fire Chief Monthly Report – Report was in the first monthly meeting packet.

Unfinished Business

Matt Steiner mentioned that Marissa Gensimore had reached out to Energy Harbor about an aggregation program. They suggested getting a Broker who would tell us how to do a step by step how to do a public aggregation program. Brokers would not cost anything as they get paid by the energy company. The County program said it was not for residents in the Village even though some are on it. Maybe the Broker can guide us on a new community aggregation program.

Mrs. Conroy reported that she reached out to Luke Wagner that the website will be done soon and will have something for council to review soon.

Mayor's Communications

Mayor McDaniel added that he attended a NOPEC meeting. They purchase 6-month futures on energy and has worked until now, then failed them and their customers. They didn't finish their obligation. PUCO is looking into all this right now. Dawn Paytosh, My Brilliant Source, will be here at the first meeting of December to answer our questions.

The police contract has been signed by all parties. The attorneys have it as well.

The Veterans' Park ceremony went very well and Channel 5 News gave a great plug as they did a broadcast about the park. Channel 8 News also reported on this park. It's no longer a best-kept secret!

Council Communications and Council Committee Reports

Mr. Rash said he has reported some street lights out in the Village.

Citizens Comments

Dorothy Sommerville, is the Executive Director of Barberton Area Community Ministries (BACM), an organization that serves Clinton, New Franklin, Barberton, Norton, Doylestown, and Portage Lakes with home deliveries to several of these areas for senior citizens. It was reported that this year, turkeys were hard to come by and very expensive. The food bank was selling them for \$30 each. Their organization provides a five-day supply of food twice a month, to those who come into the pantry throughout the year – not just at holidays. The food bank is experiencing shortages. December 7 at LaLa's they are having a Christmas Party from 5 to 7.

Mrs. Bethany McKinney is on the board at BACM and is on Summit County Council. She thanked everyone for their service to the Village of Clinton. She thanked Lewis Rash for helping BACM and spearheading this wonderful service to the Village of Clinton and keeping it going, especially now. He said he won't quit.

Resolutions and Ordinances

Third 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.

Mr. Rash made a motion to approve, second by Mrs. Conroy.

Roll Call: Rash, Godwin and Conroy voted yes. Steiner abstained. Motion passes.

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. This is next year's budget.

Mrs. Conroy made a motion to approve, second by Mr. Rash.

Roll Call: Godwin, Conroy and Godwin voted yes. Steiner abstained. Motion passes.

No Second Readings.

First Readings

Resolution No. R-22-26

A Resolution Authorizing the transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Street Fund ("Project Fund") of the Village of Clinton, and Declaring the Same to be an Emergency.

Mrs. Weirick advised this is in our budget for this year and is just transferring funds to cover the operations of the Street Department.

Mr. Steiner made a motion to suspend the rules for Resolution No. R-22-26, second by Mr. Rash.

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

Mr. Steiner made a motion to adopt, second by Mr. Rash.

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

New Business - No new business.

Council General Discussion – No discussion.

Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval

Mr. Steiner indicated our present bills are less than the last bill presentation because we had those road expenses. Amount to approve is \$23,187.30.

Mr. Steiner made a motion to approve the purchase orders and bills as presented, second by Mr. Rash.

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

Mr. Steiner asked if the two resolutions he abstained on, if they pass with three "yes" votes. Mayor McDaniel stated that the abstentions go with the three yes votes – the majority. Technically, four votes. So, they did pass.

Mr. Rash motioned to adjourn at 7:20 PM, second by Mrs. Conroy.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Bud McDaniel

Kent Goch, President of Council

Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer