

**Village of Clinton  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, October 1, 2024**

Mayor Bud McDaniel called the meeting to order on Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 7:00 PM in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ellen Conroy and recited by those present.

Council Members Present: Rita Joseph, Marissa Gensimore, Keith Clackler, Jan Godwin, and Matt Steiner. Ross Blankenship was absent.

Others Present: Seth Marcom from Marshal Pitchford's office, Solicitor; Officer Zampelli, New Franklin PD; Chief Conroy, Village Fire Chief; Kevin White, Street Supt./Commissioner; Jeff Ferjutz, Zoning Inspector; and Ellen Conroy and Diane Gunter, residents.

Mayor McDaniel asked for a motion to acknowledge Mr. Blankenship's absence. Mrs. Gensimore stated this needs to be in our code.

Mr. Marcom said he discussed with Mr. Pitchford and this creates a good record in case someone has three unexcused absences in a row if in the future council were to take action on it. Mrs. Gensimore stated that is not in our code and Mr. Marcom said it's a procedural matter. It does not need to be codified. Mrs. Gensimore just wants to make sure whatever we do we are covered in doing it. Mayor McDaniel said he thought our codified says three meetings in a row and it was said that he was correct.

Mrs. Joseph made the motion to excuse Mr. Blankenship. It was determined he didn't contact anyone that he would not be present. No second was made. Motion dies.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Godwin made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Mrs. Joseph.

Roll Call: Joseph, Gensimore, voted yes; Steiner, abstained; Godwin and Clackler, voted yes. Motion passes.

**Solicitor Monthly Report**

Mr. Marcom said most of the legal review requests have been addressed. There may be a couple things yet outstanding. A records request had been reviewed and broadened but he has not heard anything back from our email service provider on it. Mayor McDaniel stated he would call them.

**Police Monthly Report** - Officer Zampelli read his report. (In the packet)

**Fire Chief Monthly Report** – Chief Conroy read his report that he passed out to Council.

Mayor McDaniel said at the last meeting the Fire Chief brought a couple of job applications to Council for consideration, and they wanted to look over them for a few weeks first. This will be discussed later in the meeting by Mrs. Godwin.

**Street Commissioner Monthly Report**

Mr. White stated he was finishing up road side mowing and was working on the Shadow Lane road project. Mayor McDaniel said the second salt bin has come in very handy. Shadow Lane has been an annoyance and thanked Mr. White for addressing it. Mr. White said it should be fixed by the end of the week.

## **Zoning Inspector Quarterly Written Report**

Mr. Ferjutz's report was in the packet and he read it to council. He explained how the high grass notices work and how the fee works up to the tax duplicate. He reported about the Planning Commission meetings that took place and the purpose. He submitted a map for council to review that depicted the old school and church and how the parcels lot splits and consolidations were approved. He thanked New Franklin about one of the calls mentioned in their report regarding the arrest and tow of a junk camper that was in the yard for many years.

Mayor McDaniel clarified that recent concerns about complaints of notices not being written. We didn't have proper paperwork or forms and now these will be addressed. He also mentioned many lot splits that have been done that have made it cleaner for the homeowner when they may sell their house. Mrs. Gensimore said this takes a lot of time for the Planning Commission to meet. Mr. Ferjutz is contracted to work 4 hours per week – phone calls, extra meetings, etc. We need to be cognizant of his time and how busy he is.

**Fiscal Officer's Report** – No report.

## **Unfinished Business**

Mrs. Gensimore said a prior council person, Ellen Conroy, had been in contact with the Canal Fulton Library about a free library. Since that time, the person who contacted Mrs. Conroy left employment at the library. So, they contacted Mrs. Gensimore about it. She passed out pictures of this wooden book holder and the best place to put it would be the "Village Greens" where you could drive up and get a book.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to approve the free little library to be installed and maintained by the Canal Fulton Library, this corner of the "Village Greens," second by Mrs. Godwin.

Mayor McDaniel said this type of little library is becoming popular and he is thrilled that it will be built by the Boy Scouts.

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

Mrs. Godwin brought up the applications for the two fire department new hires, Joseph Keefer and Joseph Olinger.

Mrs. Godwin made a motion to accept these two applicants, second by Mr. Steiner. Chief Conroy praised both applicants.

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

## **Mayor's Communications**

Mayor McDaniel attended a Mayor's meeting and there were a couple speakers. One spoke about outcome of healthcare depending on who gets elected as president. It was an unbiased report, an honest assessment. Another speaker talked about fiber optics in depth.

He attended the State of the Akron Zoo that is heavily visited. There will be Dinosaurs next year – most likely animated and real giraffes. They own a lot of land yet to expand.

He received a newsletter from the Summit County Prosecutor about avoiding texting scams.

Summit Soil and Water had their annual meeting, which he attended.

The guard rail is still being looked into.

Our network move downstairs is half done.

October 3 or 10<sup>th</sup> there is an Emergency Management 101 for elected officials. On October 4, the American Red Cross is having an All-Hazards Conference and he indicated that he will attend. The East Palestine Train Derailment and response is a highlight of the conference.

**Council Communications and Council Committee Reports**

Mr. Steiner talked to Mr. Blankenship about who does our website and updates. For our citizens we need to put a link on the website to report what street lights are out. Sue and Leah will work to get this done.

Mrs. Gensimore had a meeting with the newspaper committee and talked about what we liked and didn't like that was happening. The printing company we used dictated the schedule. We are going back to the original schedule. The first issue will come out February 1, the second June 1 – only two quarters. We have no cost yet and postage has gone up even on bulk. We can't commit until we see some numbers on the cost.

**Citizens Comments** – No comments.

**Resolutions and Ordinances** – No legislation to read.

**New Business** – No discussion.

**Council General Discussion** – No discussion.

**Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval**

Mr. Steiner reported that this month's bills totaled \$31,405.02. One high amount was for Massillon Asphalt, road repairs. Our solicitor's bills for the public records requests were \$5,000, \$5,000, and \$7,000. The ones that come from within the Village is what bothers him the most.

Mrs. Joseph made the motion to pay the bills and purchase orders, second by Mr. Clackler.

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


Mr. Steiner made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 PM, and was seconded by Mrs. Gensimore. Meeting was adjourned.



Mayor Bud McDaniel



Matt Steiner, President of Council



Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer