Village of Clinton Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 18, 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 Wayne Conroy 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; Rep; and Wayne Conroy, Fire Chief.

Approval of Council Minutes

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to approve the Sept. 27, 2022, Special Council Meeting Minutes, second by Mr. Rash.

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

Mrs. Conroy made a motion to approve the October 4, 2022, Council Meeting Minutes, second by Mr. Rash.

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

Unfinished Business

Mr. Steiner did research on the aggregation programs. A lot of people are on NOPEC, Village of Clinton Plan. Why are there two aggregation programs and why did we fall back on First Energy's program. NOPEC abandoned the customers. The deadline was March 28, 2022. Is that an option?

Mr. Steiner said it is a fixed rate with staying in the Summit County Program – Energy Harbor. Mayor McDaniel said the electricity rates are going up – 12 cents per KW hour. In speaking with a representative from First Energy Mayor McDaniel indicated they offer 5.8 cents for Kilowatt hour. That keep price low for now but will go up. In May we may save over 4 cents per KW hour. Why are some residents on the Summit County rate and others aren't? Mayor McDaniel has information that he emailed to council and has copies tonight for them to review on this issue. In May 2023, the Village will qualify at that time for grants and lock into a five year rate. The representative the mayor spoke to said she would attend a council meeting and this was decided to have happen on December 4, 2022. She will be asked to attend the meeting.

Mayor's Communications

Mayor McDaniel reported that the beauty salon is no longer there. The owner's choice. It will be part of our park area now.

The broadband initiative is still in progress and the path is being determined.

Council Communications and Council Committee Reports

Mrs. Godwin said we are still waiting on the police contract. It's not been signed yet – but is on the agenda for a second reading tonight.

Citizens Comments - None

Resolutions and Ordinances

No Third Readings

Second Readings

Resolution No. R-22-22

A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and, Certifying them to the County Fiscal Officer for 2022, and Declaring an Emergency.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to set aside the three-reading rule, second by Mr. Goch.

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

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to adopt, second by Mr. Goch. There is a deadline on getting this to the County.

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

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.

First 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

A 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

Mrs. Gensimore said that when committee meetings are cancelled, the chair of the committee needs to let administration know so we can plan accordingly.

At this time, Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss employee matters and asked the Mayor and Fiscal Officer attend as well, second by Mr. Rash.

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

Executive Session

Return to regular, open session at 8:01 PM.

Mayor McDaniel asked if there was any other new business. No new business.

Council General Discussion

The mayor indicated he walked Clinton Road with the engineer and Kevin White, to look it over as it's getting paved in 2024.

Mrs. Gensimore didn't receive feedback, but our Engineer, Solicitor, and Fiscal Officer's contracts are up at the end of this year. The mayor will reach out to them to get their upcoming contracts to review. These are two-year contracts. Mr. Steiner said to stagger in the future, 1, 2, and 3 year so as to not do all at once.

Mayor McDaniel said at the Veteran's Park on Veteran's Day there will be a candlelight service starting at 6 PM.

Mrs. Gensimore said the Fire Department is having a vehicle going through the Village on October 31, as well as New Franklin to slow people down. This Saturday, 11 to 4, at Grace Bible Church there will be hayrides, face paintings, etc. and should be a fun time.

Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval

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

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

Mr. Rash motioned to adjourn at 8:01 PM and was seconded.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Bud McDaniel

Kent Goch, President of Council

Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer