

**Village of Clinton
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Of
Tuesday, October 19, 2021**

Mayor Clarissa Allega called the meeting to order on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at 7 PM in the Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jason Popiel and recited by all those present.

Roll Call: Council Members Present: Kent Goch, Lewis Rash, Marissa Gensimore, Bud McDaniel, Janice Godwin, and Ellen Conroy.

Others Present: Jason Popiel, OHM Advisors; Charles Ikins, and Misty Anderson, residents.

Approval of Council Minutes

Mr. McDaniel motioned to accept the minutes of October 5, 2021 as written, second by Mr. Rash.

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

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to add Ross Wymer to the agenda, second by Mr. Goch.

Roll Call: McDaniel, Godwin, Conroy, Goch, Rash and Gensimore voted yes, motion passes.

Chief Conroy asked that he introduce a Lucas Device to Council for the department to purchase this year. It is a vital piece of equipment for cardiac arrest. It is a chest compression device and does the compression until stopped which frees us up to do other things. It is \$14,584 which is in the appropriations amendment for this evening.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion authorizing the fire department to purchase the Lucas Device, second by Mr. Goch.

Roll Call: McDaniel, Godwin, Conroy, Goch, Rash and Gensimore voted yes, motion passes.

Village Engineer, Jason Popiel - Re: North Cleveland-Massillon Rd. Resurfacing Project

Mr. Popiel reported that the Village received state funding for the project which triggers ODOT running the project and we have to do things their way. This requires a full set of plans per ODOT standards and is \$32,000 for Design and Inspection. The Village portion is \$10,000 for the total project. The entire project is \$727,000. We have two funding sources, OPWC and AMATS. Should we not be approved by OPWC we can delay the project one more year and then reapply.

Mr. McDaniel made a motion authorizing to proceed with the project and authorize the mayor to sign proposal, second by Mrs. Conroy.

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

Mr. Rash asked if Mr. Popiel would be on the job when it starts. He stated no, but there would be an inspector there. The bridge is included in the scope as well. Mr. Popiel is looking forward to meeting the new street laborer and Mr. Siegenthaler is retiring. He will be hard to replace.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business.

Mayor's Communications

Mayor Allega got the INDEED Ad app so we could look at the candidates. She attended the last Fire Levy meeting at Luna Lake.

Council Communications and Committee Reports

Mr. McDaniel indicated there were Finance Committee minutes from the last two meetings in the packet to approve. Mr. McDaniel made a motion to approve the two sets of minutes, second by Mrs. Conroy. All in favor, all committee members voted yes. Minutes were approved.

Mrs. Gensimore reported that the Laws and Ordinances and HR Committee met before the Council meeting tonight, and they had 15 total applicants for the street laborer position. Two were decided to interview. The committee decided the rate needed raised and how it would affect the Village budget. The HR committee consensus was to recommend to council and she made the motion that the starting rate for the new street laborer be \$25.95 per hour, second by Mr. McDaniel.

The date of hire is the first week of November. This individual will have four days with Mr. Siegenthaler. There will be a six-month review and at that time the new street laborer will be considered for an increase according to the salary scale.

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

Mrs. Gensimore also said the committee discussed transferring sick and vacation time. Transferring sick time is a mandate for municipal hires. We decide the vacation time. The HR committee decided to recommend that we allow the transfer of vacation time as well for this new hire, except vacation cannot be taken during the winter months. That is the understanding. That was her motion and Mr. McDaniel seconded the motion.

Mr. McDaniel asked how many weeks will this prospective candidate bring over? He was told three weeks.

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

Mrs. Gensimore said looking at the two final candidates, and by a ballot vote, we would like to recommend to Council by this motion to hire Kevin White as our next Street Laborer, second by Mr. McDaniel.

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

Mrs. Gensimore said at the last Council Meeting, Council voted to have the Mayor appoint Jeff Ferjutz as the Acting Street Commissioner. With a definition of what a Street Commissioner does, we will honor that offer and vote. Mr. Ferjutz is aware of what that position entails. This will be acting as Terry is still the Street Commissioner as there is a one-month overlay. There is also a 6-month probationary period on this position as well.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to honor the vote making Mr. Ferjutz the acting Street Commissioner, second by Mrs. Conroy.

Mr. McDaniel said in the minutes of the last meeting, there was not a motion made or voted on for this issue. It may have happened but did not make the minutes.

Mayor Allega is not 100% sure the vote happened as we needed clarification from the solicitor. Mrs. Weirick said we didn't vote on this.

Mrs. Gensimore revised her motion that we honor the offer that we made to Mr. Ferjutz to be the acting Street Commissioner pending consultation from the solicitor, second by Mrs. Conroy.

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

Mrs. Gensimore said everyone got their copy of the Community News and we had a lot of information in it about Clinton and how we spend our money. The Fire Levy was well discussed too.

Mr. McDaniel said on Page 2 there are three events at the Veterans' Wall. The event on November 13 at 1 PM has been postponed. There is a delay in getting the Korean names on the wall. The other two events listed are still on.

Mrs. Gensimore said the details have not been finalized about the Veterans' Day Parade at the school.

Mayor Allega reminded everyone that Election Day is November 2, and the Clinton Council meeting will be held on Thursday, the 4th instead. Please vote!

Mrs. Gensimore said Trick or Treat is October 31, from 6 – 8 PM. If residents are usually not frequented at their homes that night, they are welcome to come down to Village Hall and pass candy out! Bring candy and a lawn chair!

Mr. Goch said the lights are down at the park, electrical is demoed out and capped.

Citizen's Comments

Mr. Ikins addressed council regarding his opposition to the Vaccine Choice and Anti-Discrimination Ordinance. He explained why he was opposed and listed all of his reasons. His points were: It is the wrong legislation at the wrong time, for the wrong reasons. His objections were that it's a solution in search of a problem which does not exist. The title employs the term "anti-discrimination," implying a "protected class" exists. We are told there is "concern" by Village employees about a potential mandate. Discard the fiction this is about personal liberties. Could be a conflict of interest depending on vaccination status of Village employees and officials. Poorly timed. What serves the greater good? Does this exercise common sense? Do not warp a public health issue into a political one.

Resolutions and Ordinances

No third readings.

Second Readings

Ordinance No. O-21-22

Vaccine Choice and Anti-Discrimination Ordinance for the Village of Clinton, and Declaring it an Emergency.

Resolution No. R-21-23

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 2021, and Declaring an Emergency.

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

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

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

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

First Readings

Resolution No. R-21-24

A Resolution Amending the Annual Appropriations for the Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2021, and Declaring an Emergency.

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

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

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

Mrs. Weirick explained why this needed passed by emergency, as there is money in it for a Lucas Equipment grant for this year and we have Mr. Siegenthaler's pay out as he is retiring and had to appropriate for that.

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

Resolution No. R-21-25

A Resolution Amending the Annual Appropriations for the Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2022, and Declaring an Emergency.

New Business - Nothing to report.

Council General Discussion

Mrs. Gensimore stated that she appreciates and respects those who attend meetings and speak and council will listen to anyone's opinion. Mr. McDaniel added he wished more citizens attended and echos Mrs. Gensimore's comments.

Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval

Mr. McDaniel motioned to approve the purchase orders and pay the bills as presented, second by Mrs. Conroy.

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

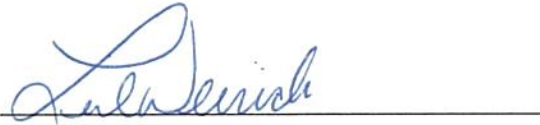
Motion by Mr. Rash to adjourn, second by Mrs. Gensimore. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.



Bud McDaniel, Council President



Mayor Clarissa Allega



Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer