# Village of Clinton Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, September 3, 2024

Mayor Bud McDaniel called the meeting to order on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 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: Rita Joseph, Marissa Gensimore, Ross Blankenship, and Keith Clackler. Matt Steiner and Jan Godwin were absent.

Others Present: Seth Marcom from Marshal Pitchford's office, Solicitor; Member of Fire Department; Kevin White, Street Supt./Commissioner; Officer Zampelli, New Franklin; and Diane Gunter, resident.

# **Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Joseph made a motion to approve the minutes of August 20, 2024 as written, second by Mr. Blankenship.

Roll Call: Clackler, Blankenship, and Joseph voted yes. Gensimore abstained. Motion passes.

Jan Godwin arrived at the meeting at 7:10 PM.

## **Solicitor Monthly Report**

Mr. Marcom stated that he responded via email to the two public records requests we received and passed on to him and have not heard anything back from either party. Mrs. Gensimore said that she reached out to our email provider and asked if that was something that they could handle for us. That way no elected officials need to be involved. That way there would be no appearance of impropriety and could work with you. Mr. Marcom said he has not worked with email providers before, but it does not sound like something too difficult to work through. Mayor McDaniel said Steve just gave him the proper email address this morning and will copy Mr. Marcom on it.

#### **Police Monthly Report**

Mr. Zampelli read the monthly report (attached in the packet). Regarding the spray painting of street signage and personal property in the Village, tossing of the flowers and containers in the river, he encourages anyone with camera footage or information about this to contact the police department. This weekend is the Run to the Wall. Mayor McDaniel announced that this is the last year for it. The officer reported that the traffic on Cleveland-Massillon Road has really picked up.

#### **Fire Chief Monthly Report**

Total calls were 27 for the month of August. The report is attached in the packet.

# **Street Commissioner Monthly Report**

Mr. White reported he has been doing road repair on Comet, Fulton, and Clinton Road. He thanked Canal Fulton and Chippewa Twp. for their help. Chip and Seal was done on a few roads in town. He also did roadside mowing. The bleachers were purchased at the park and are being taken down. Mayor McDaniel thanked Mr. White and council for passing the legislation at the last meeting made it possible to get this work done. Mr. White ordered 280 tons of salt before the August 31 deadline.

# Fiscal Officer's Report - No Report.

#### **Unfinished Business**

Mr. Blankenship asked Mr. Clackler if he had been able to find out anything about septic for Kevin at the service garage. Mr. Clackler has been looking into it. There is an incinerator toilet. Mr. Blankenship said he bought one and it does not work well and smells. He needs a place to wash his hands – Gojo is not sufficient. There is a perfect place in the garage to put a bathroom. Mr. Clackler said there is a room out back at the service garage property for a leach bed. Mrs. Gensimore said her friend has an incinerator toilet and has used it for three years. You can get a holding tank for him to wash his hands. There are options. Mr. Blankenship said employees should be able to wash their hands and not have to go home to use the restroom. Mr. Clackler will continue to look into this. Mrs. Gensimore said the prior street superintendent didn't complain and neither has Kevin. Kevin stated the next employee in this position may have an issue with it. Mrs. Gensimore added that there should be an eye wash station as well.

# **Mayor's Communications**

Mayor McDaniel attended the Emergency Management Executive Committee meeting and of all discussed, the biggest issue was Cyber Security for Local Governments. Training will be on September 9. If you want to go to this, contact the mayor for information. Governments are being hit with Ransomware more than ever before.

The Summit County Address by Eileen Shapiro is October 2. If you are interested in going, it's \$40.

The Run to the Wall is this Saturday at the OVMP.

The zoning forms are complete and ready to be used for violations and are legal and binding. Some properties are being cleaned up.

# **Council Communications and Council Committee Reports**

Mrs. Gensimore received confirmation from Trent from SBT, our new IT provider, that the work is underway. They need to get into the computer behind the TV on the wall. The rack will be coming to secure the IT server/equipment in the basement as our liability insurance company wants this done. The mayor will get Trent what he needs to complete this process. A new quote will be coming.

#### **Citizens Comments**

Diane Gunter thanked on behalf of the Clinton Historical Society, the Northwest High School SWORD students, all girls, for all the help to get the yard in shape at the Harter House. They did an awesome job!

Applefest is on Sunday, September 15. If you would like to volunteer to help set up at 8:00 AM and tear down it would be appreciated.

# **Resolutions and Ordinances** – No first or second readings.

### **Third Readings**

#### Ordinance No. O-24-12

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance O-17-24 Ordinance to Create Chapter 761: Medical Marijuana Cultivators, Processors, and Retail Dispensers, And Declaring an Emergency.

Mrs. Joseph made a motion to adopt, second by Mrs. Gensimore.

Mr. Blankenship clarified that this makes it illegal for anybody to commercially grow marijuana in

Clinton. Mrs. Gensimore said people have called into the Zoning Department about this issue, from out of state. Mr. Blankenship said I can see to grow, but not sell here. Would this not be a huge tax revenue for Clinton? It would have to be a secure facility.

Mayor McDaniel said he has heard at a mayor's meeting that this is not going to be the "cash cow" for Ohio that was expected to be. There are a lot of regulations that are stricter than alcohol at this point.

Roll Call: Godwin and Clackler, yes; Blankenship no; Joseph, abstained; Gensimore, yes. Motion passes.

New Business – no new business discussed.

**Council General Discussion** - No discussion.

## Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval

Mrs. Godwin made a motion to approve the bills, second by Mr. Blankenship.

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

Mr. Blankenship made a motion to adjourn at 7:29 PM, and was seconded.

Meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Bud McDaniel

Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer