

**Village of Clinton
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
of April 7, 2020**

Mayor Allega called the meeting to order on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 7:05 p.m. in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by a New Franklin Police Officer and recited by those present.

The following Village officials were present: Mayor Allega, Council members: Marissa Gensimore, Lewis Rash, Ellen Conroy, Bud McDaniel, and Kent Goch. Jan Godwin was not present.

Others Present: Leah Weirick, fiscal officer (live streamed in), Solicitor Marshal Pitchford (live streamed in), Fire Chief Conroy; and member of New Franklin PD.

Mr. McDaniel made a motion to approve the March 19, 2020 council meeting minutes, second by Mrs. Conroy. Roll call: Mrs. Gensimore, Mr. McDaniel, Mrs. Conroy, Mr. Rash, and Mr. Goch voted yes. Motion passed.

Solicitors Report: He had no report.

Police Report: The officer read aloud the March report. (most of this was very inaudible) Discussion was about traffic and speeding on Clinton Road.

(Switched to Recorder) Mrs. Gensimore stated the police helped us out with some vandalism down at the street garage. Within 3 hours he had all the juveniles talked to.

She also said that Summit County suggested, due to COVID-19, removal of picnic tables from the park. We don't have anywhere to put them. She posted signs on pavilions and taped up around the playground and equipment. We don't want to cite people, but we need them to know the playground is closed per the Ohio State Governor. The officer was asked to give warnings, but if the same individuals repeat violating this, they need to write a citation. There was emphasis restated on social distancing. The police department will keep an eye on this. Mrs. Gensimore restated the speeding is bad throughout the Village.

Fire Department Report: Mr. Conroy read his written report out loud.

Street Commissioner Report - No report.

Zoning Inspector Report - Mr. Funk updated council on the violation notices that were mailed out and the status. There were a couple whose financially substantial violations are showing no progress, while one is. He also drove around and found some additional violation issues as well. Mr. Goch asked Mr. Funk to email this updated information to council and agreed.

Fiscal Officer's Report

Mrs. Weirick advised council that she received word from OPWC regarding the Cleveland Massillon project. The lowest bid was \$10K less but we cannot do anything until OPWC gives us an agreement, which right now is after July 1, 2020. Nothing will be happening with that until then.

Our revenue in March was \$20K less compared to last year which she feels is tax extension related. Those monies will come in, but does not know when - maybe July when they are now due. The gas taxes revenues will be less as well with no one driving like before and prices are down as well. What COVID-19's affect on our taxes will probably not be known until next year. Mr. Rash said we should not spend any money unless mandatory above necessary operations. The Fire Department is stand alone based on their levy and are not affected.

Unfinished Business

Mr. McDaniel reported on the Ransomware virus we were hit with. Someone on our email clicked on something that had a virus in it. Don't click on anything that seems suspicious. Also, our hard drives can be used again. The insurance company covered our expenses to fix this issue.

He received a quote he received on a three-venue, video system/surveillance system which was around \$2,300. He felt this could be covered by the COVID-19 relief money. Will we continue to live stream our meetings. Mr. McDaniel brought up another broadcasting system which is a higher cost and also offered something called E-Comment which he shared the concept. If we continue live feeding the meetings, we might want to think about this.

Mr. Rash said we can't afford to spend anything. Mr. Goch suggested documenting how many watch the live feed over the next few meetings.

The new code is not online at this time. Municode emailed the Village a copy to review and Council received a copy to review. We need to make a motion for Municode to publish the new code online. Once this is done, we will get hard copies. We have to approve what they sent us to publish first.

Mr. McDaniel made a motion to approve Municode to put our codified ordinances on-line. Second by Mrs. Gensimore.

Roll call: Mrs. Gensimore, Mr. McDaniel, Mrs. Conroy, Mr. Rash, and Mr. Goch voted yes. Motion passed.

Mayor's Communications

Mayor Allega reported that the Cleveland Massillon Road project came in lower than what was expected. But we have to wait to see if the money comes in from our grant for the paving before we spend our money.

She said it is very critical to complete the Census. This determines our revenues that come from the State and Federal Government funding for the next 10 years. There will be no door to door during the COVID-19 issue at this point.

She has been on various phone calls regarding the COVID-19 crisis. There is a Summit County Small Business Relief Grant to work hand in hand with businesses apply for government relief funds. These are \$5,000 grants but you have to already have applied for the SBA funding. There are also White House Briefing calls ongoing. She advised of all the other informational phone calls you can participate in and each gives you another piece of this issue to make us stronger. The Governor also gives daily briefings.

She reported on the many places that have closed during this COVID-19 issue and those still open doing carryout. Non-elective medical procedures are allowed, but others, not critical are being advised to hold off for now. She continued reporting on other State level recommendations that are in place right now regarding the Stay at Home Order and wearing face masks, social distancing, etc. RITA is online only right now. She prepared an emergency proclamation which is on Clinton Village Talk. There is legislation that we will be addressing for FMLA/COVID-19 related if any part-time firefighters are out sick, we can pay a part-time paid administrative leave complying with the law.

We have had complaints about barking dogs and feral cats. We have legislation in place on the barking dogs and residents should contact the New Franklin Police as they can enforce that. The issue of feral cats and we have legislation prepared for that as well. Kimble is limiting service due to the COVID-19 concerns. Keep all trash and recycle in one bin at this time. Issues related to this should by consumers should be turned over to the Ohio Attorney General to formally complain. The Village may consider at some point to rebid this service. Mr.

McDaniel said Summit County ReWorks was considering a consortium on trash collecting and recycling. The Village can contact ReWorks before our current contract expires to check on this and get an update. Other trash companies are going through the same thing as well. It's not just Kimble.

Council Communications and Council Committee Reports

Mrs. Gensimore stated if the CDBG funds will come for the generator and the Mayor said we are still in a holding pattern. She asked if we could look into a chair lift up and down our stairs if the generator does not come through. Mayor Allega thinks we will meet the criteria and the generator will come through, however, the chair lift can be also considered and looked at next year too. We need to know what the cost would be.

Mr. Rash talked to Mike Weant. He said the sewage looks promising. They are working on the price. He thanked Marissa for getting the hot water heater installed. Mrs. Gensimore asked what he meant. Stark County may say yes? He said yes, the price is the issue.

He brought up the cat issue and said that one complaint was made, and it got solved. Some things complained about are ignored.

Mrs. Gensimore said she emailed Mayor Schultz of Canal Fulton about the Your Community News. Events right now are up in the air if they will take place, so this newsletter is being pushed out one month. She will be meeting with the newspaper committee the first week in May.

She also spoke with Diane Gunter and we may not be able to have the Memorial Day Celebration. She is in a holding pattern. What if we have a parade in July and we could do that without a pancake breakfast. It's a wait and see situation. Donations may be difficult at this time too.

Third Readings - None.

Second Readings - None.

First Readings

Ordinance No. O-20-05

An Ordinance Establishing Section 505.18 of the Codified Ordinances Regarding Unlawful Feeding of Feral Cats on Public and Unauthorized Properties, and Declaring an Emergency.

Mrs. Gensimore wanted to clarify "Exhibit A." This is not meant to say you cannot feed feral cats in the Village. There are humanitarians in the Village who care for these animals on their own property. We needed to make it clear it is done on private property, not on Village property or other's property without permission. She read Exhibit A.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to set aside the three-reading rule on this ordinance, seconded by Mr. Rash.

Roll call: Mrs. Gensimore, yes; Mr. McDaniel, no; Mrs. Conroy, yes; Mr. Rash, yes; and Mr. Goch voted yes. Five affirmative votes needed. Motion to suspend the three-reading rule failed.

Ordinance No. O-20-06

An Ordinance Retroactively Adopting A Paid Administrative Leave Policy During A State and Locally Declared State of Emergency, Amending the Employee Handbook, And Declaring an Emergency.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to set aside the three-reading rule on this ordinance due to our current situation, seconded by Mr. Rash.

Roll call: Mrs. Gensimore, yes; Mr. McDaniel, yes; Mrs. Conroy, yes; Mr. Rash, yes; and Mr. Goch voted yes. Five affirmative votes needed and received. Motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed.

Mr. McDaniel made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Rash.

Mrs. Godwin was called at this time as she was not present during this live feed. She was now viewing.

Chief Conroy asked clarification of how this would work should someone be placed on quarantine due to the Coronavirus. Mayor Allega stated because the part timers do not work a convenient set schedule, the fiscal officer will calculate what their average pay is per pay period over the six months before the leave. They won't get paid dollar for dollar what they were scheduled. This will not affect a Village part time fire fighter if full time elsewhere and is off from there as well.

Roll call: Mrs. Gensimore, yes; Mr. McDaniel, yes; Mrs. Conroy, yes; Mr. Rash, yes; and Mr. Goch voted yes. Motion passed.

Ordinance No. O-20-07

An Ordinance Amending Codified Ordinance 0-19-11, Adopting Amended Policies for the Village of Clinton Full-Time and Part-Time Employees, and Declaring it an Emergency.

New Business - No new business.

General Discussion - No discussion.

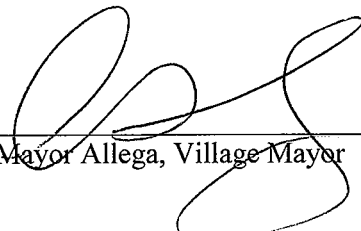
Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval

Mr. McDaniel made a motion to approve the purchase orders and bills, the second made by Mr. Rash. Roll call: Mr. Rash, Mr. McDaniel, Mrs. Conroy, Mr. Goch, and Mrs. Gensimore voted yes. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned.



Leah Weirick, Village Fiscal Officer



Mayor Allega, Village Mayor



Bud McDaniel, President of Council