

**Village of Clinton**  
**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**  
**of June 16, 2020**

Mayor Allega called the meeting to order on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Bud McDaniel and recited by those present. Due to COVID-19, this meeting was held using Zoom to live stream council members choosing to meet from home. Residents watched via Facebook Live.

Village officials present: Mayor Allega, Council members: Marissa Gensimore, Lewis Rash, Kent Goch (Zoom), Ellen Conroy (Zoom), Bud McDaniel, and Jan Godwin.

Others Present: Leah Weirick, via Zoom.

Mr. McDaniel made a motion to approve the June 2, 2020 council meeting minutes, second by Mrs. Godwin. All the changes requested to be made prior to the meeting were made.

Roll call: Mr. Rash, yes; Mrs. Gensimore, no; Mr. McDaniel, yes; Mrs. Godwin, yes; Mrs. Conroy, yes; Mr. Goch, yes. Motion passes.

Solicitors Report: No report.

Police Report: The report's in the packet. An officer will start coming to meetings next month.

Fire Department Report: No report.

Street Commissioner Report: No report.

Zoning Inspector Report: No report.

Fiscal Officer's Report

She had a meeting with Summit County regarding the Cares Act funding coming from the Federal Government and the portion that we get from the County has to be spent on payroll only for first responders, our fire department. There is legislation in the packet to set up that fund basically saying we are going to set up the fund and spend as we are required to. There is also HB 481 legislation in the packet and she is waiting on an email from the County to indicate what we will be receiving. She will keep council up to date on when this information becomes available. The money coming from the government must be spent on COVID related expenses and the State will be advising what is allowable and not allowable. The legislation needs to be passed on the first reading. It is very time sensitive – the sooner passed we will be insured that we get the money and if it does not get passed, we will not get the money. Mr. McDaniel thanked Leah for all her hard work in getting us this information.

Unfinished Business

Mr. McDaniel had passed out information relative to the IT equipment that he feels is needed for recording meetings now and in the future. Because of COVID, the prices have become inflated. He explained what we could do and what would be best for us to purchase. The fire station is a

backup council meeting facility and he presented the equipment necessary for that location as well. All of this should be COVID related and covered by the funds that we will be getting. He shared the cost publicly so those on Zoom knew what the rest were reading.

Mrs. Gensimore appreciates the Tech stuff, but she thinks it would be fiscally irresponsible to purchase until we know if it will be covered. We need to know if all will be covered, or just a portion. Mrs. Weirick said the house bill is very vague on what you can spend the money on and she doesn't want to have to pay the money back. She will submit this purchase to see if it will be covered. This money needs to be spent by the end of the year. We have to expect to spend the money by October or know what we are buying. We have to be able to broadcast these meetings and need the equipment. She will most likely hear something from the State this week. This is not in the budget and will need to do an appropriation to the budget and depending on what the State says, legislation will be done for the next meeting.

### Mayor's Communications

Mayor Allega reported that she continues to spend time on weekly calls and getting updates on COVID-19. Calls are getting shorter as things are slowing down. Our fiscal officer has provided a lot of information from the calls she has been on.

The Census is still moving forward. They are not knocking on doors yet, but when they do, she will make sure this is put on the Village's Facebook Page.

She attended a Crisis Management Seminar on Zoom. If we ever have a disaster, she knows how to respond on the media.

Mrs. Weirick added that the Village is at 66.3% completion rate on the Census. In 2010, it was 62%. Mayor Allega added that they still have to go door to door.

Regarding social distancing, the mayor indicated that pretty much everything is open. The big thing is the 10-person gathering rule is still in effect unless you are in a sector that says you can have more than 10 people there. Employees wear masks when they are at work, unless in an isolated environment. In a cubical environment, they all have to wear masks. We still cannot open Village Hall for any reason.

### Council Communications and Council Committee Reports

Mrs. Godwin reported the Safety Committee met and they had a very good discussion. A lot of things were put forward and the assignment for the meeting was to send Lawrence Township what we would want for services if they were to take on our police services.

Mr. Rash brought up a telephone pole on S. 2<sup>nd</sup> that is leaning with ribbons around it. People are calling and no one will remove the pole. He was told this would be taken of. PUCO will be called about this situation as we have better response when AT&T does not respond.

Mrs. Gensimore attended the same Crisis Management Seminar as the Mayor. Of interest was the topic of responding to Facebook posts. Handouts will be made available. Mrs. Weirick reminded everyone that Facebook posts are a public record. We need to advise that they should contact Village Hall, or give them a relative piece of legislation to read about the issue they may

have. We still need to do the roll call in alphabetical order until the legislation passes amending what is in our code at this time.

In lieu of the Street Superintendent, Mr. Goch reported on the status of Cleveland-Massillon Road. We need Also, a truck at a residence was parking on the sidewalk and she advised the police department and they went to talk to the resident about that. She said there are people who pull over to fish but end up on the sidewalk. This will cause deterioration and she asked the police give warnings and if necessary, give citations. We may want to invest in some No Parking / Blocking the sidewalk signs.

Regarding the Street Committee report, Mr. Goch reported that N. Cleve.-Mass. Rd. is structurally / mechanically done. They are waiting on asphalt and guardrail. Can't get an answer when that will be available to install to completely finish the project.

### **Resolutions and Ordinances**

All of these will need to be passed by emergency on the first reading and set aside rule. Reasons have been spoken to during the meeting.

### **Third Readings**

#### **Resolution No. R-20-09**

A Resolution Creating a Clinton Coronavirus Relief Fund, Authorizing the Directing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to Take All Necessary Actions to Comply with the Requirements of the Cares Act and SB 310 in Expending Funds and Seeking Reimbursement, and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion was made by Mrs. Gensimore to set aside the three-reading rule, second by Mrs. Godwin.

Roll Call. Conroy, Gensimore, Goch, Godwin, McDaniel and Rash, all voted yes. Motion passed.

Motion was made to adopt by Mrs. Gensimore, second by Mrs. Godwin.

This needs to passed tonight because these are federal funds and we need this passed to get the money.

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

#### **Ordinance No. O-20-10**

An Ordinance Extending Ordinance No. O-20-04, and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion was made by Mrs. Gensimore to set aside the three-reading rule, second by Mrs. Godwin.

Roll Call. Conroy, Gensimore, Goch, Godwin, McDaniel and Rash, all voted yes. Motion passed.

She needs to make an amendment. On the 6th Whereas, the last Whereas, the last word before the colon we need to change to “may” instead of “should.” This is because the following numerical descriptions talk about us meeting one meeting a month, but since then, we have gone back to our regular meeting twice a month. In the event we have to go back to a stricter lock down, we need to keep this open and this amended verbiage will allow us to do that without having to restructure on another piece of legislation.

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

Roll Call. Conroy, Gensimore, Goch, Godwin, McDaniel and Rash, all voted yes. Motion passed.

Motion was made to adopt as amended by Mrs. Gensimore, second by Mrs. Godwin.

This makes it permissive instead of mandatory and extends out to September. We can shorten or lengthen at any time as well.

Roll Call. Conroy, Gensimore, Goch, Godwin, McDaniel and Rash, all voted yes. Motion passed.

Ordinance No. O-20-11

An Ordinance Amending Administrative Code 120.02 (m), Adopting Amended Policies for Council Rules and Declaring it an Emergency.

Mrs. Gensimore motioned to set aside the three-reading rule, Mr. Rash made the second.

Roll Call. Conroy, Gensimore, Goch, Godwin, McDaniel and Rash, all voted yes. Motion passed.

Motion was made to adopt by Mrs. Gensimore, second by Mrs. Godwin.

Roll Call. Conroy, Gensimore, Goch, Godwin, McDaniel and Rash, all voted yes. Motion passed.

Resolution No. R-20-12

A Resolution Requesting the Village of Clinton to Receive its Share of Funds from the County COVID-19 Local Government Payroll Support Grant Program Funds and Declaring it an Emergency.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to set aside the three-reading rule, second by Mr. Rash. Roll Call: Goch, Rash, Gensimore, McDaniel, Godwin, and Conroy, all voted yes. Motion passes.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gensimore to adopt, Mr. Rash made the second. Roll Call: McDaniel, Godwin, Conroy, Goch, Rash, and Gensimore, all voted yes. Motion passes.

New Business – No new business.

Council General Discussion

Mr. Rash said he is sick and tired of making phone calls to try to get our Village to look nice. Too many cars parked on Fifth Street. Codes are being violated. You call someone who is supposed to work for us and they don't get back to the person with a response. He called the zoning inspector four times and did not get hear from him.

Mr. McDaniel said that he called him and left a message and knows the messaging at Village hall works. People need to log of when, time and how many times they have called for assistance. Mr. Gensimore said if you email you have a better paper train as well. She said that on 4<sup>th</sup> Street there is a person who is parking on Village right of way. Mayor Allega said we will find out the process to get it towed. Mr. Rash said some major violations have been going on for three years.

Mr. McDaniel said we were supposed to get a list from our zoning inspector in March and we have not received it.

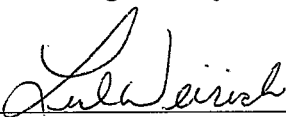
Discussion continued regarding this issue and they will be addressed and maybe a meeting can be held to get things resolved.

Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval


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

Roll call: Godwin, Gensimore, Conroy, McDaniel, Rash, and Conroy voted yes. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned.

  
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Leah Weirick, Village Fiscal Officer

  
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Mayor Allega, Village Mayor

  
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Bud McDaniel, President of Council