

**Village of Clinton  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
of March 19, 2020**

Mayor Allega called the meeting to order on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in Clinton Village Hall. Due to the Coronavirus issue, the public cannot attend and this meeting was held with only Council members present, 6 feet apart, and live streamed so the public could view and watch the proceedings.

Mayor Allega reported that she received a statement from the Ohio Attorney General's office about the Ohio Open Meetings Act. She explained the current open meetings law and stated to comply with the COVID-19 safety precautions, the public can be excluded as long as we live stream so the public can still view the public meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Eric 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 absent.

Others Present: Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer, a member of the fire department, and Village IT Client, Eric

Mr. McDaniel made a motion to approve the March 3, 2020 council meeting minutes, second by Mr. Rash. Roll call: Mrs. Gensimore, Mr. McDaniel, Mrs. Conroy, Mr. Rash, and Mr. Goch voted yes. Motion passed.

Solicitors Report: No Report.

Police Report: In the council packet.

Fire Department Report: Matthew Weiland reported that this year they budgeted for three sets of fire gear and would like approval to go into next years' budget and purchase three more sets to save money as next year the price will go up.

Mrs. Weirick budgeted \$18,000 for turn out gear which almost covers six sets. Mr. Weiland said six sets before April 1, 2020 will cost \$19,812. This is over the original amount budgeted however after talking with the Fire Chief, there are purchases that won't happen this year, so there is enough in their budget to purchase the six sets now. Mr. Weiland advised that gear is good for 10 years and there are those who are wearing non compliant gear. Mrs. Gensimore said the gear we purchase is only used while serving the Village of Clinton. She was told that is correct and we don't share gear with other entities.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to authorize the fiscal officer to amend the budget to allow for the purchase of the six sets of turnout gear for the fire department, second by Mr. Rash. Roll call: Mrs. Gensimore, Mr. McDaniel, Mrs. Conroy, Mr. Rash, and Mr. Goch voted yes. Motion passed.

Street Commissioner Report - No report.

Zoning Inspector Report

Mayor Allega said there is no new report but one resident who received a new violation letter did contact her and is in the process of cleaning up.

Mr. McDaniel said that during the tree trimming he was with Mr. Siegenthaler on Clinton Road and said police presence on the road is warranted - people are out of hand and they stop but some would decide to go around and that could be dangerous. Since trees are trimmed it looks great and vision is clear in the area. Mrs. Gensimore said we went over the budget in the trimming - around \$200 over what we approved.

Mr. Rash said Clinton Road is a very big hazard speeding wise. He almost got run off the road and Mayor Allega will contact New Franklin about this.

### Fiscal Officer's Report

Mrs. Weirick advised council that she does not know what affect the Coronavirus issue will have on our income tax collections. She won't know till about May as to how this will affect the Village. Some municipalities are expecting a 20% hit and for us, that's about \$60,000 to \$70,000. So we have to be careful with our spending. We have a good fund balance - our carryover for the year was a year's worth of expenses.

The resolution on the agenda is for the audit fees. She did not include their fee in the 2020 budget so the fees need to be added and that's the reason for the legislation. The addition of \$10,200. The three reading rule needs to be suspended.

### Unfinished Business

Mr. McDaniel said the backup on the system due to the Ransomware issue is still being addressed and we are safer now than we were before. He is still working with the attorney in Michigan with this who advised getting hit twice is not unusual at all. He also said WIFI guest access is working.

### Mayor's Communications

Mayor Allega reported that she, Mr. McDaniel and Mr. Rash met with Mike Weant on March 3. Mr. Rash will update council on this later in the meeting.

She attended a South Summit Joint Dispatch meeting with the Fire Chief and it looks like New Franklin and Green are moving forward with the COG, Council of Governments, for dispatch services. We do not have to join but we can purchase services from the COG. We have preliminary cost numbers in place and no decisions have been made.

She reported meeting with Chief Conroy regularly regarding the fire department and COVID-19 issue. They have temperature checks in place and doing everything they can to ensure our department is up and running.

The Summit County Executive is holding on-going conference calls for Mayors in the County and Mayor Allega will continue to be a part of them. She also listened in on a 2-hour White House Intergovernmental Affairs Briefing call with details on how the Federal Government is mobilizing and the big take away is that there is funding coming down from them to the State and then to us. They emphasized to do what we need to do to make our response effective. She is working with the fiscal officer and have started a spreadsheet to track our expenses as there will be funding available to be reimbursed down the road.

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. RITA is online only right now. She prepared an emergency proclamation which is on Clinton Village Talk.

There is also some flooding going on with the large amount of rain we have received.

Mayor Allega read aloud the President of the United States' Coronavirus Guidelines for America which we have been asked to disseminate.

The engineer has issued their recommendation to award the Cleveland-Massillon Road Culvert Project to Glenn O. Hawbaker, and we need to approve via a voice motion.

Mr. McDaniel made a motion to award the Cleveland-Massillon Road Culvert Project to Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc., second by Mr. Rash. Roll call: Mrs. Gensimore, Mr. McDaniel, Mrs. Conroy, Mr. Rash, and Mr. Goch voted yes. Motion passed.

### Council Communications and Council Committee Reports

Mr. Rash and Mr. McDaniel both spoke about an electronic turn-in program and a leaf disposal voucher grant program with an organization called Reworks. We will look into the details of these programs further and more information and details will be forthcoming. Both programs need to be approved by Village Council and public feedback is encouraged.

Mr. Rash stated that he spoke with Mr. Mike Weant in Summit County about the sewer project. It looks like Canal Fulton is out. Stark County maybe promising although what is holding us up is not being able to officially meet and discuss due to the Coronavirus issue.

Mayor Allega added that Sue Mayberry will be here during the day, business as usual, until further notice, however Village Hall is closed to the public.

Mr. Rash questioned what information Kimble provides to Village Hall for these grant applications and if there is a better way to determine the amount of recyclables that are collected from the Village.

Mr. Goch asked for clarification about Mr. Rash's report on the sewer project - Canal Fulton, out, and Stark County being promising. Mayor Allega clarified the issue is that the flow will go to Canal Fulton - the question is whether we purchase capacity from Canal Fulton or Stark County in the Canal Fulton facility.

Mrs. Gensimore reminded everyone that in the Community Newsletter there was information on the Census. She explained the importance of all residents completing - children need to be counted. The door to door has not started yet - be aware of that as no one should be going door to door now. The packet will come in the mail. The deadline for the next Community Newsletter was April 1, but will be pushed out and coming out June 1. Right now, we are unsure what events will take place or not because of the Coronavirus. We are not sure what will happen with that. Ideas for articles can be worked on now so I can get them submitted.

Citizens Comments - None, however she saw that Sue Mayberry was watching this meeting online.

### **Third Readings**

#### Ordinance No. O-19-34

An Ordinance adopting the Comprehensive Land Use Plan for the Village of Clinton, Ohio.

Mr. McDaniel made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. O-19-34, second by Mr. Rash. Roll call: Mrs. Gensimore, Mr. McDaniel, Mrs. Conroy, Mr. Rash, and Mr. Goch voted yes. Motion passed.

### **Second Readings - None.**

### **First Readings**

#### Resolution No. R-20-03

A Resolution Amending the Annual Appropriations for the Current Expenses of the Expenditures of the Village of Clinton for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2020, and Declaring an Emergency.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to suspend the three reading rule, second by Mr. McDaniel. Roll call: Mrs. Gensimore, Mr. McDaniel, Mrs. Conroy, Mr. Rash, and Mr. Goch voted yes. Motion passed.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R-20-03, second made by Mr. McDaniel. Roll call: Mrs. Gensimore, Mr. McDaniel, Mrs. Conroy, Mr. Goch and Mr. Rash voted yes. Motion passed.

Ordinance No. O-20-04

An Ordinance Temporarily Amending the Frequency of Council Meetings, C.O. 121.02 and Council Rules C.O. 121.02, during the current COVID-19 Crisis and Granting the Mayor Extraordinary Authority to Extend Funds of the Village and Purchases for Goods and Services, and Declaring an Emergency.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to suspend the three reading rule, second by Mr. McDaniel. Roll call: Mr. McDaniel, Mrs. Gensimore, Mrs. Conroy, Mr. Goch and Mr. Rash voted yes. Motion passed.

Mrs. Gensimore explained this legislation will allow our Mayor to make purchases up to \$25,000 without revisiting council. Just for this period of time. We are going down to one council meeting a month. It will be live streamed and on our Village Council Website. These documents will be available requesting council packets today and going forward. Residents may ask questions ahead of meetings as well. We will arrange for that to happen.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. O-20-04, and a second was made by Mr. Rash. Roll call: Mr. McDaniel, Mrs. Conroy, Mrs. Gensimore, Mr. Rash, and Mr. Goch voted yes. Motion passed.

New Business

General Discussion

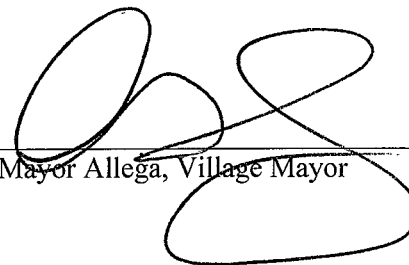
Mrs. Gensimore said Northwest Schools are providing lunch and breakfast for those students normally provided and if you go to their website homepage you can find this information along agencies were additional help that may be needed.

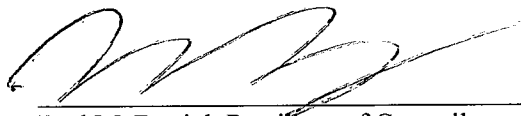
Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval

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

The meeting was adjourned.

  
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Leah Weirick, Village Fiscal Officer

  
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Mayor Allegra, Village Mayor

  
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Bud McDaniel, President of Council