

**Village of Clinton
Regular Council Meeting**

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

Mayor Bud McDaniel called the meeting to order on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at 7:00 PM in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alice Bogdanský and recited by those present.

Roll Call: Council Members Present: Tom Knepper, Mike Boggs, Rita Joseph, John Henry, Ross Blankenship, and Kent Goch.

Others Present: Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer; Seth Marcum, Solicitor; Ken Noon, Jackie Goch, Alice Bogdanský, Karen McDaniel, New Franklin Officer Zampelli, Eric Emery from Manchester Stealth, and Shelley Emery.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Goch, to approve the minutes of July 7, 2026, second by Mr. Knepper.

Roll Call: Joseph, Blankenship, Goch, Henry, and Knepper voted yes. Boggs abstained. Motion passes.

Mr. Goch made a motion to amend the agenda and add a representative from Manchester Stealth Baseball to speak before the Solicitor's Report, second by Ross Blankenship.

Roll Call: Joseph, Blankenship, Goch, Henry, Knepper and Boggs voted yes. Motion passes.

Manchester Stealth Baseball- Presentation

Eric Emery introduced himself and indicated his team and several other teams want to schedule practice times at the Warwick ballfields. He has also learned of another team who wants to use the field as well. Mr. Emery wants to use the field three days a week. Mr. Emery will use the field on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6 to 8 PM. The other teams he knows of want to use the field on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Another team wants to use the field one day a week. Manchester Stealth is the only group who has paid the fee to use the field all year. He was told that if there is another team interested in using the field, to work it out between them. Mr. Boggs asked about getting a moving mound and Mr. Emery was in favor of this possibility. It would have to be a full-sized mound for safety reasons. It can be portable as well. Softball teams want to be there too. Mr. Ross asked who would pay for it and was told the leagues would. Softball teams can contact Sue in administration about using the field and she will forward the information to Mr. Emery.

Solicitor Monthly Report – Nothing to report on.

Police Monthly Report - Officer Zampelli read his report (in packet).

Fire Chief Monthly Report - Chief Conroy read his report (in the packet).

Street Commissioner Monthly Report

Mr. White said he did roadside mowing, grass mowing and storm damage during the month.

Mr. Ross thanked him for how nice the side yard of Village Hall looks. Mr. White said he is getting ideas from companies on landscaping and researching deeper into the best methods of doing what is planned for the area. He is getting good insight.

Mr. Knepper asked about the recycling dumpsters that were left behind. He was advised the company folded and there is no one who will claim them.

Mr. Marcum said he can write a letter and if they don't pick them up in about 90 days, we will scrap them. The Mayor will talk with the scrap company too.

Fiscal Officer's Report

Our audit began and she sent them information they requested. We are doing an agreed upon procedures and not a full audit, so we will save some money.

Unfinished Business – No business reported.

Mayor's Communications

Mayor McDaniel attended the Enbridge beach side barbeque, and he heard about Clinton Sandstone – down 4,000 feet in the ground - the largest reserve for natural gas. One of the largest reserves in the country.

He also attended a MAPSS Mayor's Association golf outing where he met some interesting people. One was a grant writer and he got her number. She may be able to help us with grants. He also learned that the Mayor's Association actually works on getting grants and they get money and help out Village's like us. If we need more money like for sewer, we may qualify to get funding from them if we need more money than what Amilia Sykes' office will give us.

Council Communications and Council Committee Reports

Mr. Boggs said he will be reaching out to the Streets and Sidewalks to set up a meeting. Edge lineS on the roads will be a part of that meeting.

Citizens Comments

Jackie Goch said the Community Action Group's garage sale ended up with eight total stands in front of their barn. The rent money for the use of the Village Hall downstairs was refunded as they did not use. The eight tables received a lot of foot traffic which was great.

Resolutions and Ordinances – No first readings.

Second Readings

Resolution No. R-26-07

A Resolution Amending the Annual Appropriations for the Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2026, and Declaring an Emergency.

Resolution No. R-26-08

A Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from the General Fund to the Street Equipment Reserve Fund ("Reserve Fund"), of the Village of Clinton, and Declaring an Emergency.

Third Readings

Resolution No. R-26-06

A Resolution Implementing a Moratorium on the Development of Data Centers within the Village and Declaring an Emergency.

Mrs. Joseph made a motion to adopt, second by Mr. Goch.

Mayor McDaniel stated this is a 180-day moratorium. We will be putting something together more solid. Other communities are putting theirs together as well. He said there may be many examples we could look at.

Roll Call: Blankenship, Goch, Henry, Knepper, Boggs and Joseph voted yes. Motion passes.

New Business – No new business.

Council General Discussion

Mr. Boggs reported that sidewalk by the brick building on Main Street whose owners have plans for, was torn up by Enbridge. Enbridge will be replacing it.

Mr. Boggs said he has checked the ORC, the Village Code and ChatGPT, on who is responsible for replacing sidewalks.

Mr. Blankenship said his business in Barberton is responsible for replacing sidewalks. If someone messes them up, they are responsible for replacing them.

Mayor McDaniel said this will be looked into further and have an answer at the next meeting.

Mr. Blankenship asked about the plans if they do sewer, will it be on the east or west side of Cleveland-Massillon Road. The mayor said he was not sure. We can determine that after we find out how much money we may get for doing sewer. Mr. Blankenship asked this question because of a Board of Zoning Appeals decision approving a house to be set 17 feet from the right of way, instead of 100 feet. If we have to dig up for sewer, where will they park. Whether the east or west side of the road is why Mr. Blankenship asked.

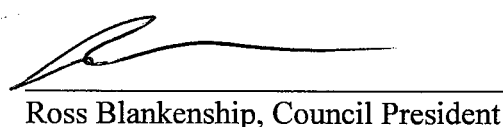
Mrs. Goch, Chair of the Board of Zoning Appeals, was asked to speak. She said the house that was being referred to, she walked it off herself, and the garage starts exactly the same as the neighbors. If this house is affected, so are the houses next door.

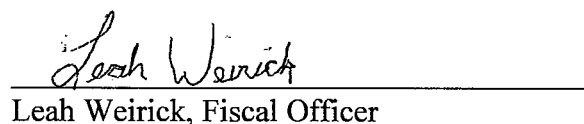
Mr. McDaniel said if you go through the Village, you will find issues in other areas as well. We will see how the funding goes regarding sewer.

Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval - To be done at the next meeting.

Mrs. Joseph made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Knepper. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM


Mayor Bud McDaniel


Ross Blankenship, Council President


Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer