

Village of Clinton
Regular Council Meeting Minutes

of

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

Mayor Knack called the meeting to order on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all those present.

Roll Call: Council Members Present: Bonnie Dilworth, Janice Godwin, Bud McDaniel, Sharley Greer, Kent Goch, Marissa Gensimore.

Others Present: Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer, Terry Siegenthaler, Street Commissioner, Citizens DeAnna Passmore and Lewis Rash.

Approval of Council Minutes: Mr. McDaniel motioned to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of January 3, 2017 as written, second Mrs. Godwin.

Roll Call: Mrs. Godwin, Mr. McDaniel, Mrs. Greer, Mr. Goch, Mrs. Gensimore, and Ms. Dilworth, , and all voted in favor.

Announcement of Committees and Chairmen: Mr. McDaniel provided a proposed list of committees and chairs for 2017. Mayor Knack noted that Scott needed to be added to the planning commission.

Mrs. Gensimore motioned to approve the council committees and chairs, second Mr. Goch. Mrs. Greer wanted to confirm that the list they have is the same as they previously received.

Roll Call: Mr. McDaniel, Mrs. Greer, Mr. Goch, Mrs. Gensimore, Ms. Dilworth and Mrs. Godwin all voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Solicitor's Report: None

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to amend the agenda to move Citizen's Comments from the end of the meeting to just after Committee Reports and before the Readings of Resolutions and Ordinances, second by Ms. Dilworth.

Roll Call: Mrs. Greer, Mr. Goch, Mrs. Gensimore, Ms. Dilworth, Mrs. Godwin, and Mr. McDaniel all voted in favor, motion passed.

Police Report: Attached.

Fire Chief's Report: Chief Frey noted that they answered 50 calls for the month of December. 36 of those were squad calls and 12 were fire related. They had 197 hours of fire and squad and 12 hours of miscellaneous work and that there were no training hours for December. Also in the packet is the annual report for 2016. There was a total 514 calls for 2016, 413 were squad and 101 were fire related. He made note that 54% of those served were of retirement age. The Chief pointed out a couple more items from the annual report. Mrs. Greer asked a question in regards to fire calls asking if there was a time frame throughout the year that the calls were more frequent than others. Chief Frey responded by saying that

there isn't one time more than another, but just the kind of calls varies. There are more outside fires in the summer due to open burns and tend to be more CO calls in the spring and fall.

Street Commissioner's Report: Mr. Siegenthaler mentioned that the Mayor had a meeting with Summit County in regards to going into contract with the County for resurfacing the roads and getting a better deal. They are looking at Comet road and using permissive tax funds for this. He noted that the permissive tax can only be used on County roads. The plan is to go with the main roads that had been paved 2 years ago, Serfass Rd, Taylor Rd and Warwick Rd. They are waiting on an estimated price for the chip and seal from the County. The rest of the money that is budgeted, he would like use to fix up some of the bad spots with paving. Once they get the estimate they can add to it, but cannot take from it once the contract is signed so once they get the figure that will have more of an idea of what additional paving can be done. Last year the bid was over 8 million so that is why they can get a better price for the smaller entities. The County also does all the leg work with bidding, engineering, etc.

Zoning Inspector Report: End of the Year Report Attached. Mayor Knack mentioned he had been in contact with him this week due to an issue on North Street. The notices have been going to the occupant and this week they were finally able to get a hold of the owner. The owner is working with the Village to get the problem taken care of.

Mayor's Report of Village Affairs and Mayor's State of the Village: Attached

The Mayor asked if the Rubber Ducks game is something the Village is interested in again this year. Council made it known that it was. It was determined that a Friday fireworks night would be great and end of July or beginning of August would be best time for that event.

Mrs. Gensimore noted that she would like to do more community events this year and will be working with the Community Development committee on some of her ideas.

Mayor Knack also asked about the minimum bid requirement for Skipco for the ambulance that the Village wants to get rid of. The Mayor noted that Chief Frey and himself though \$1,500 was a good number. Mrs. Greer made a motion to approve a minimum bid of \$1,500 for the Skipco auction of the ambulance, second Ms. Dilworth.

Roll Call: Mr. Goch, Mrs. Gensimore, Ms. Dilworth, Mrs. Godwin, Mr. McDaniel, and Mrs. Greer all voted in favor.

Mayor Knack noted that himself and Mr. McDaniel had a really good meeting at the County with Ilene Shapiro.

Mayor's Report on Money Received: In packet

Fiscal Officer's Report: The Fiscal Officer noted that December had been reconciled and the monthly reports are in the packet. It was also noted that she had contacted the Board of Elections per Mrs. Gensimore's request and the cost of putting a special item on the ballot would range from \$1,100 to \$1,300 per precinct.

Unfinished Business: None

Council Communications: Mr. McDaniel discussed the meeting with Ilene Shapiro. He was very pleased with the outcome of the meeting. Mayor Knack noted the Mrs. Shapiro's focus while she was on council was Community Development. She asked that the Village put together some ideas of what the Village

would like to see happen and present those ideas to her at the next meeting. Currently the County is looking for a resolution from the Village to continue on with the Sewer project. One of the items that was suggested at the meeting was that if the resident hooks onto the sewer during a certain time period, the County would provide the pump and then also offer a loan of up to \$2,500 with no interest to help the owners with the cost of the connection. The details would have to be worked out. Mrs. Gensimore made it aware to Council that the Village needs to advertise and make residents aware of the next sewer meeting, whenever that will be.

Mrs. Greer noted that Ilene Shapiro had been her boss and she had been a good boss. In her opinion she was one of the best council members that had been there. She has a lot of confidence in what she is doing and is going to do for the County.

Mrs. Gensimore gave an update on the land bank project. She spoke with Jim Sickles and they are moving forward on one of the properties. There are other properties that have been put forward that may work into being used in the sewer project and Jim is looking into that to see if these properties can be utilized in that way. Mrs. Greer asked for a list of addresses for the properties she is working with. Mrs. Gensimore said she would provide that information.

In regards to the newsletter, the deadline for the upcoming issue is the 1st of March. If anyone can submit something, that would be great. There is a meeting on the 26th and the theme for the Mayor's section will be determined at that meeting.

There is a program called Happening at the Puff for an evening of arts as a fundraiser for the Northwest Choir. The event is Saturday January 28th at 6:00 p.m. and is \$35 if anyone is interested.

Council Committee Reports: Mrs. Greer wanted to note that on the 1st Tuesday of February there will be a laws and ordinance committee prior to the Council meeting.

Citizens Comments: Resident DeAnna Passmore mentioned that she had read the minutes online and they noted that the NOPEC information would be available online. She is questioning as to where that information is located since she was unable to find the information on the website. Mr. McDaniel provided some information he had readily available. He also noted that he will make sure that information gets added to the website.

She also noted that she has used the contact us form on the website a couple times in the past two months and hasn't gotten a response. She is wondering if this feature is working and how often it is checked. Mr. McDaniel made note and this will be checked on Thursday to verify the feature is working properly. She also mentioned that there are several misspelling errors on the website that should be corrected. Mrs. Greer asked if she would provide a list of those items.

She then asked a question in regards to the Village income tax and why the Village doesn't credit those residents who work outside the Village. The Mayor explained that the income tax from the residents is the only tax that the Village receives. The resident wanted an explanation to the taxes she pays to the City of Richfield. Mrs. Greer noted that there is no reciprocity. The City of Richfield keeps the money.

She asked Mayor Knack in regards to the R.I.T.A. income tax audit that occurred and the next steps in that process. She wanted to know how much is owed to the Village and what is happening to get that money. Mayor Knack noted that 209 subpoenas were sent out and 30 showed up. Now it is a legal cycle and the Village is waiting for R.I.T.A. to go over with us what the next step is. The Fiscal Officer noted that there is no way to know how much is owed. Since these are all individuals who have not filed, it is possible that some of them are under 18 or retired and not owe anything to the Village.

Resident Lewis Rash wanted to thank Mr. McDaniel for talking to someone to have the signs put up on South Division Street as they were put up the day after his request. He also discussed the street signs for 5th, 6th and 7th streets. Mr. Rash thinks they are labeled backwards and that 7th street is actually 5th street. They have looked at the maps on Google and MapQuest and they show the streets opposite of how the street signs are labeled.

Mr. Siegenthaler noted that he will look at the Village's map and verify that the Village has the streets labeled properly.

The resident discussed the issue of house numbers and that where he has a farm in Maryland, they have to pay a fine if they don't have their house number on their mailbox. He feels that the Village should look into the same thing. Mrs. Greer said that would be something the Laws & Ordinances committee would have to look into.

Mr. Siegenthaler also noted that streets run from east to west and avenues run north and south. They need to make sure they are looking at streets vs. roads on the maps and not get confused between the two.

Resolutions & Ordinances:

First Readings

Resolution R-17-3

A Resolution Approving Pay Increases for Certain Employees of the Village of Clinton for 2017, and Declaring an Emergency.

Mayor Knack noted that he had been discussing this with the Fiscal Officer and the employees other than elected officials should get a cost of living increase of approximately 3%. Mrs. Greer questioned the resolution, specifically Section 2 in regards to the elected position salaries. She asked if those are the rates that are currently in place. It was confirmed by the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer that they were. Mrs. Greer believes the resolution should have been written clearer and that those salaries that remained the same should have been separated out and clearly stated that those salaries are not changing. It also should be noted that this is retroactive back to January 1, 2017 and that needs to be added to the resolution.

Mrs. Greer said she would rewrite the resolution so it is more clear and present it at the next meeting.

New Business: None

Council General Discussion: Mr. McDaniel mentioned that he was able to go tour the new Norton High School. It was quite an incredible endeavor. He also noted that he received a copy of a picture of the Clinton police force from 1976. The guy in the middle of the picture is Fire Chief Frey.

Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills:

Mrs. Greer made a motion to approve the purchase orders and bills, second by Ms. Dilworth.

Roll Call: Mrs. Gensimore, Mr. Goch, Mrs. Greer, Mr. McDaniel, Mrs. Godwin and Ms. Dilworth, all voted in favor, motion passed.

Mrs. Greer moved to Adjourn.

