

Village of Clinton
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Of
Tuesday, April 4th, 2017

Mayor Knack called the meeting to order on Tuesday, April 4th, 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, and Marissa Gensimore.

Others Present: Elaine Kilker, Assistant Fiscal Officer; Marshal Pitchford, Village Solicitor

Approval of Council Minutes: After a misspelling of the program title ReWorks which occurred on page three was addressed, Mrs. Greer motioned to accept the minutes as corrected. Mr. McDaniel seconded the motion.

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

Solicitor's Report: No Report.

Police Report: No Report.

Fire Chief's Report: No Report.

Street Commissioner's Report: No Report.

Mayor's Report of Monies Received: None Received.

Fiscal Officer's Report: In Packet.

Unfinished Business: None.

Mayor's Communications:

Mayor Knack had continued his campaign to obtain ISO cooperation with reducing the fire insurance rate. He had also spoken with the police chief and ascertained that all police reports reading "Clinton" do indeed originate from within Village limits.

A number of citations had been issued for various infractions, among them 12 during the first hour of Clinton Road's closing for construction, and another 12 during the second, for speed violations on Serfass Road.

Progress had been made in construction and toward resolving runoff issues.

Mayor Knack had exchanged ideas with Margaret Scott, Deputy Chief Assistant Summit County Prosecutor. He'd also met with Jim Sickles and Dave Krock, who were eager to address Council with some updates.

He requested a mention on the website indicating New Franklin as the designated drug drop-off site.

Mayor Knack had learned that the Village of Newburgh Heights had generated profits buying and selling real estate. Done within guidelines established by law, this form of economic development could likewise be a potential source of revenue for Clinton.

Council Communications and Committee Reports:

Mr. McDaniel would not be in attendance at the next Council meeting, as he would be chaperoning a TeenPact event. Solicitor Pitchford encouraged him, while in Columbus, to schedule in a meeting with Senator Frank LaRose.

Mrs. Gensimore, on behalf of the Community Development Committee, addressed further land bank issues. She had conferred with John Cavalier and Jim Sickles regarding two parcels of land in serious tax delinquency. Under the Neighborhood Initiative Program, a blighted structure thereupon could be demolished, but the land would need re-parceled in order for this to occur. Mr. Cavalier and Mr. Sickles advised her that this could be accomplished at a cost of approximately \$800.00-\$1,000.00 to the Village, a ballpark figure with which the Zoning Inspector had concurred. The first step in such a process would be to approach the owner and obtain his permission to re-parcel.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion, as phrased by Solicitor Pitchford, authorizing and directing the Mayor to make contact with the land owner to explore the possibility of re-parceling the property, with the goal of ultimately securing the property for the Village, through Land Bank or otherwise.

Mrs. Greer seconded the motion.

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

In his Committee Report, Mr. McDaniel confirmed that the Village had qualified to receive a \$100.00 stipend for submitting ReWorks paperwork, although Carol Giulitto had informed him that the Village had not qualified to receive additional monies this year. ReWorks representatives would be attending an upcoming meeting of the Utilities Commission to discuss future opportunities their various programs may offer the Village.

Although not a Member of Council, Mayor Knack also offered a report. In that day's meeting of the Planning Commission, a proposed primitive campground had been voted down without prejudice.

Prior to that meeting, he'd had audience with residents living in close proximity to Hillside. Failure there to observe the 100-foot rule, along with numerous other infractions, has been an ongoing source of frustration. A letter had been sent out to Mr. John Henry, composed by the Zoning Inspector and the Law Director and containing one and one-half pages' worth of citations. In the event its receipt was not acknowledged within 14 days, Mayor Knack would hand-deliver a second copy.

Citizens' Comments: None.

Legislation:

Third Reading

Ordinance O-17-5

An ordinance approving and adopting Section 337.31, Jake-braking and engine braking, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Greer moved to adopt Ordinance number O-17-5, and Mrs. Gensimore seconded the motion.

In Discussion, Mr. McDaniel stated that he was not in favor of this Ordinance. He explained that while applying the Jacobs engine brake is not a quiet procedure, it is far safer than not doing so, particularly when descending steeply as is done on Clinton Road. He reminded Council of the importance of safety for the community in general, as well as of the location of the fire station.

Mrs. Godwin noted that the Ordinance had come about at the request of a single concerned citizen, rather than at that of a petitioning group. Mrs. Gensimore questioned whether a Jake- or engine brake would be necessary if the 35 mile-per-hour speed limit set for the crest of the hill was more carefully observed. Pointing out that the Jacobs engine brake was designed as a safety feature, Mayor Knack conceded with Mr. McDaniel's position.

Roll Call: Mrs. Greer voted No, Mrs. Gensimore voted Yes, Ms. Dilworth voted No, Mrs. Godwin voted No, and Mr. McDaniel voted No. The motion failed.

Second Reading

Ordinance O-17-8

An Ordinance memorializing the pay rates for elected officials retroactively to January First, 2017, and declaring an emergency.

First Readings

Resolution R-17-11

A Resolution authorizing the placement of an historical marker by the Clinton Historical Society on Village Hall property, located at 7871 Main Street, Clinton, Ohio, 44216, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Greer moved to suspend the Three Reading Rule, and Mrs. Gensimore seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mrs. Gensimore, Ms. Dilworth, Mrs. Godwin, Mr. McDaniel, and Mrs. Greer all voted Aye. Motion passed.

Mrs. Greer motioned to adopt Resolution R-17-11. Second by Mr. McDaniel.

In Discussion, Mayor Knack explained that a First Reading passage of Resolution R-17-11 would be beneficial, in that although the monument the Historical Society intends to install on Village Hall property is still in its planning stages, arrival of the actual monument would follow the setting of its base. It will feature notable moments in Clinton's history for which certified documentation can be produced, and its placement and maintenance are of high import.

Roll Call: Ms. Dilworth, Mrs. Godwin, Mr. McDaniel, Mrs. Greer, and Mrs. Gensimore all voted Aye. The motion passed.

Resolution R-17-12

A Resolution approving the Clinton Road Project with Wellington Construction Incorporated, in amount not to exceed \$33,500.00 as indicated in the attached bid proposal, confirming and authorizing future and retroactive actions of the Mayor and the Street Superintendent to proceed with this project, and further authorizing the Fiscal Officer to pay any invoices submitted pursuant to this proposal, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Greer moved to suspend the Three Reading Rule for R-17-12. Mr. McDaniel seconded the motion.

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

Mrs. Greer motioned to adopt R-17-12. Second by Mr. McDaniel.

Roll Call: Mr. McDaniel, Mrs. Greer, Mrs. Gensimore, Ms. Dilworth, and Mrs. Godwin all voted Aye. Motion passed.

Resolution R-17-13

A Resolution approving the Clinton Road Paving Project with Hensel's Paving Company, in amount not to exceed \$13,270.00 as indicated in the attached bid proposal, confirming and authorizing future and retroactive actions of the Mayor and the Street Superintendent to proceed with this project, and further authorizing the Fiscal Officer to pay any invoices submitted pursuant to this proposal, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Greer moved to suspend the Three Reading Rule, and Mr. McDaniel seconded the motion.

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

Mrs. Greer motioned to adopt R-17-13. Second by Mrs. Godwin.

Roll Call: Mrs. Gensimore, Ms. Dilworth, Mrs. Godwin, Mr. McDaniel, and Mrs. Greer all voted Aye. Motion passed.

New Business:

Mr. McDaniel presented Council with information he'd obtained while meeting with representatives from the Walter H. Drane Company. Citing Clinton as possibly the last entity whose Codified Ordinances are not available for online reference, he outlined two potential remedies for such a shortcoming.

Option A would require a P.D.F. file be uploaded, with no provision for a frame of reference to aid in locating specific information.

More costly Option B would involve a host company, reachable through a link on the Village's website, and offer a searchable table of contents, making specific information easily accessible. Annual updates were recommended.

General Discussion:

Mrs. Gensimore made the motion to move the May 4th Council Meeting to Thursday, May 4th, due to Election Day, and Mr. McDaniel seconded the motion.

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

Council was reminded that the Records Commission meeting would also occur on that date. May the Fourth Be With Them.

Mrs. Gensimore informed Council that the City Manager of Canal Fulton had elected to pull the crossword puzzle from the Community Newsletter; prizes were thusly no longer being awarded.

Presentation of Bills: None outstanding.

Mrs. Gensimore motioned to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.



Mayor Allen Knack



Bud McDaniel, President of Council



Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer