

Village of Clinton  
Regular Council Meeting  
of  
Tuesday, November 1, 2016

Mayor Knack called the meeting to order on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 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: Marissa Gensimore, Kent Goch, Sharley Greer, Bud McDaniel, Janice Godwin, Debbie Ikins.

Others Present: Leah Weirick, Assistant Fiscal Officer; Marshall Pitchford, Solicitor; Terry Siegenthaler, Elaine Kilker

Approval of Council Minutes

Mr. McDaniel made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Council meeting on September 28, 2016, second by Mrs. Godwin.

Roll Call: Mrs. Ikins, Mrs. Godwin, Mr. McDaniel, Mrs. Greer, Mr. Goch, and Mrs. Gensimore voted yes.

Mr. McDaniel made a motion to approve the minutes from October 4, 2016, second Mrs. Godwin.

Roll Call: Mrs. Godwin, Mr. McDaniel, Mrs. Greer, Mr. Goch, Mrs. Gensimore and Mrs. Ikins voted yes.

Solicitor's Report – No report

Police Report – Mayor reported that there was a multi-task force drug bust on Center Road.

Fire Report – In packet

Street Commissioner Report - Mr. Siegenthaler reported that the small truck was in the shop with a starting issue. It had to be towed today. This is also the last quarter for the land fill inspection. Sidewalks are done and look great. Mr. Siegenthaler asked if we were going to go with the County for paving in 2017. The deadline is in February for the commitment. Mrs. Ikins asked Mr. Siegenthaler for his opinion on what he'd like to do. Mr. Siegenthaler stated it depended on what the Village is going to do. If small project, he feels that it should be done on our own, but if we go with a large project it might be better to go with the County. Mrs. Gensimore asked if a 5 year plan was to be submitted to the Village for paving by Jim Sickles that would help make this decision. This has not been received yet by the Mayor. The Mayor is going to meet with Mr. Sickles. Budget is the biggest thing to know what the Village is going to spend.

The Mayor mentioned that he talked with Mr. Siegenthaler and they would like to pay off the big truck in 2017 which would be about \$24,000. The reason is the 1 ton that he has keeps having too many issues and we are dumping too much money into it. State bid wise, a new truck would be between \$30,000 and \$40,000. They would like to stay with a gas engine vs. a diesel engine and then get 4WD instead of 2WD. Mrs. Ikins asked when the purchase of the new truck would occur. Mr. Siegenthaler

stated that the purchase would be in 2017 in the spring. Mrs. Gensimore stated that this would be a discussion for the roads committee.

Mr. Siegenthaler stated he would like to order some of the signs that are in the budget. These are the required reflective signs that need to be done by end of 2017. He stated it might be cheaper to go with a non-local vendor.

Mayor's Report of Money Received – In Packet

Fiscal Officer's Report – In Packet

Unfinished Business Mrs. Ikins stated she has the revised Committee Meeting Schedule for 2017. If anyone has any feedback, let her know. The issue with Bertie's tree has yet to be resolved. She has done some looking around and got some pricing but this is still hanging out there.

Mrs. Greer stated that she received a phone call on the land bank and the Trisini property has not gone to the Board of Revision yet but it should go this fall but it looks like the demolition will be in 2017.

Mayor's Communications Mayor asked if November 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. would be ok for the progress update on the sanitary sewer. After some discussion in regards to the time which should be allotted for citizens' questions, it is determined that a 5:30 p.m. meeting time would be suitable. Mayor Knack will speak with the engineer and the others present first thing the following morning to confirm.

Mayor Knack mentioned that he was in receipt of correspondence from the Summit County Board of Public Health, describing a free informal session on septic system maintenance, to be held on Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> November. It will occur in the Auditorium from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and registration can be done via their website.

It is then determined that the most efficient way to let Sue know to post this would be to email her a photograph of the notice.

Council Communications Mrs. Gensimore reported on her meeting with the newsletter committee. A proposition in favor of a community news board has been put forth. This would allow the three representatives to work on this endeavor without requiring them to obtain votes from the Clinton, Canal Fulton, and Lawrence Township councils. Also discussed was accepting advertising to help defer the costs for each entity, and the need for updated photographs, which, along with editing, a high school Communications teacher has volunteered her services. Prizes for word searches geared toward children grades K-5 will also be solicited from local businesses, enhancing good public relations.

Also she was to obtain Council opinion as to a change of deadlines for newsletter content submissions, brainchild of Mayor Schultz. Quarterly deadlines would be moved to the first of the month, with Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter issues becoming available on or near the twenty-third of the month. Mrs. Gensimore voiced concern that these deadline and issue times will be missing major holidays and events, and Mayor Knack mentions the Applefest and Memorial Day Parade.

Mrs. Greer suggested a midmonth deadline and after some favorable discussion, Mrs. Gensimore requested permission to poll the committee, and a consensus for proposing the midmonth deadline was quickly achieved. Mrs. Gensimore planned to contact Mayor Schultz the following day with the

Council's decision. It was agreed that the three-member board idea is also a good one, as far as decision-making purposes. Mrs. Gensimore thanked the Council members and concluded, as the remainder of her material is committee related.

In response to Mayor Knack's inquiry, Mrs. Greer responded that she had no communications.

Mayor Knack then requested Mr. McDaniel's communications, and he responded that he was in receipt of an email from First Energy providing notice that they will be opting out of their agreement with NOPEC. As of the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016, the discounts that have been applied for and within the village will no longer be in effect.

Some discussion ensued in regards to Question/Answer literature that has been sent out by both First Energy and NOPEC. It was mentioned that the Utilities Commission will need to be well enough informed to provide talking points for citizens, and Mayor Knack offered that it would suffice for the Committee to post their Q & A's to the Village of Clinton website and that this information has already been sent to the webmaster.

Mr. McDaniel put forth that a number of other discount programs are available and that it would be prudent to begin shopping around.

Mayor Knack made it known that he has received confirmation that the 5:30 rather than 6:00 p.m. time for the meeting in regards to progress update on the sanitary sewer will work, and Mrs. Godwin did not have any communications to share.

Mrs. Ikins reported that ODOT has added the Council to their communication, even though the construction occurring at the Route 21 and Clinton Road intersection is technically occurring in Wayne County. ODOT does not anticipate any lane closures while investigating ways to reduce hazardous conditions associated with the intersection.

Mayor Knack stated that he had attended a meeting with ODOT in Ashland regarding the construction project, and that he had reported to Council on it, perhaps during a session for which Mrs. Ikins was absent.

Council Committee Reports Mrs. Ikins reported that she and Mr. Siegenthaler met to take measurements and have received a quote for the work on South Cleveland-Massillon Road. The budget for that 2017 project is at approximately \$150,000.00, and a decision as to whether or not to purchase materials through the county will need to be made. She hoped to have more information in regards to the 2017 Main Street culvert project on Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> November, as Jim Sickles' engineer report stated the OPWC Grant communications would then be available.

Mrs. Ikins had been working up some projections and reports, and requested a finance committee meeting be held the following week.

After some discussion in regards to members' availability, during which Mayor Knack reminded members of the Summit County septic system maintenance meeting, the meeting was scheduled for Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> November at 1:00 p.m.

Mrs. Ikins mentions the Police Contract, and Mrs. Godwin continued from this point. Transcripts of the first meeting held in this regard were distributed to provide background information; minutes for the September meeting wherein issues had been fine-tuned had not yet been typed up. Also distributed was some literature from the New Franklin police representative. Therein the services they provide for New Franklin residents are described, but not necessarily the services they offer or are pertinent in their contract with the Village of Clinton. Information in this document is listed under the titles School, Community, Neighborhood Watch, Take Me Home Program, and School Resources.

During the month that has been thus far spent on the policing issue, there had occurred some confusion, but the Summit County Sherriff and Lieutenant (Soon-to-Be Captain) Smith were very well prepared for Monday's meeting attended by Mrs. Godwin, Mr. McDaniel, Mrs. Ikins and Mrs. Gensimore.

While Summit County usually prefers a three-year contract, they can be flexible and do offer a 90-day Out Clause.

Generally, under contract with Summit County, the Village of Clinton could expect to receive the same services that New Franklin provides, and much more. Because of state and federal grants it will not cost anything, because it is not costing them.

Saturation patrols with speed trailers would be placed at varying locations and times, and after the court receives its proceeds from fines, the Village of Clinton would receive the remainder, which does not occur under the contract with New Franklin. While impossible to project, it could provide a small stream of revenue.

24/7 indicates (in addition to all of the other services they would provide) four hours daily of patrolling, which would occur at various times and increments of such through the day.

Summit County would provide a drop box for expired drugs, allowing the Village to provide more and more close-to-home services for their citizens. Chaperoning and mounted unit services could also be arranged for such events as Applefest and the Memorial Day Parade. Community Outreach programs, among them safety talks and Senior Watch, are a high priority for the Summit County Sherriff's Office.

The SWAT team, Drug Force, and detective work would all be available, in addition to the services of 54 officers at all times, many who reside in close proximity to the Village of Clinton and would be available to respond to calls even while off duty.

Some discussion ensued in regards to services that New Franklin does provide, as well as their refusal to negotiate, even with the knowledge that the Village had received a better offer. Further, it appeared that three years of Summit County services could be had for the same price as one, under the current contract with New Franklin.

Mayor Knack stated that safety for the citizens is his number one priority, and raised two concerns. The first was proximity: at any given time in the district they are in, their closest point to Clinton is five miles away, and the furthest point is 9.5 miles away. This could pose some problems in the instance of a domestic situation, where time is of the essence. Secondly, in the hypothetical event that Green forms their own Police Department and in the knowledge that they have the resources to do so, does that leave Clinton at a disadvantage? It would be prudent to look toward the future.

Some discussion ensued in regards to a domestic issue involving a gun which had occurred in Clinton just that afternoon. New Franklin officers made no arrests, but Summit County policy is that in any domestic, somebody is leaving the situation. It is mentioned also that while Coventry is pleased with Summit County services, there can occur delays which Clinton could also expect. This is due to the format of call routing, and the nature of cellular telephone calls, towers, usages, and pinging.

Mr. McDaniel inquired as to whether the Village of Clinton name would appear on a car, and noted that, that in itself, would send a message. He queried as to how soon the vote would occur. Mrs. Godwin answered that a vote would be due in two weeks' time, as the New Franklin contract expires in January.

Comparing meetings between Summit County and New Franklin, Mrs. Ikins and Mrs. Godwin noted that, while the Summit County Sherriff and Lieutenant dedicated the time to inform them what they planned to do for Clinton, with the New Franklin representative, what they currently do or plan to do for Clinton in the future never comes up. The beginning, middle, and end of the conversation is only about what we are going to pay them. The geographic and dispatch related advantages offered by New Franklin are overshadowed by their unwillingness to negotiate, and far outmatched by the services and professionalism that Summit County has to offer.

Mrs. Greer made a motion to accept to move forward with Summit County, second by Mr. McDaniel. Roll Call: Mrs. Genismore, Mr. Goch, Mrs. Greer, Mr. McDaniel, Mr. Godwin, Mrs. Ikins voted yes. Motion was approved.

Mayor Knack inquired as to whether Mrs. Ikins or Mrs. Godwin had any further Committee Reports, to which they replied in the negative.

Mr. McDaniel noted one additional item, referring to an email he'd received mentioning that Scott Varney would be available to meet for a question-and-answer session on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> November at 3:30 p.m. if that is an acceptable time. This suited the members and it was determined that fact finding sessions need not be posted.

Mrs. Greer and Mr. Goch did not have further committee reports to submit.

Mrs. Gensimore touched on the issue of the Land Bank. She and Mrs. Ikins had looked at and selected several properties, which they had submitted in a timely fashion to Mr. Jim Sickles. Mr. Sickles had informed them that as of now he has not heard back from the land bank company, and Mrs. Gensimore advised him that his work should not exceed what the retainer covered. Further, an email has been sent out in regard to moveable training dates for those interested in managing their own web page. And finally, the fire levy would be coming up, and has been posted on the web, as well as the fire department sign.

#### Legislation

##### First Readings

Ordinance 0-16-32

Ordinance Modifying the Modified Ordinance 121.02 Clarifying Selection of Committees and Chairperson Thereof in Declaring an Emergency.

Ordinance 0-16-33

Ordinance Amending Modified Ordinance Chapter 149 Entitled Employees Generally Declaring an Emergency

New Business Mayor Knack stated that the engineers were working on a fifteen minute presentation, "Engineers Recommendation of System Type and Engineers Recommendation of Assessment Method," a question and answer session for residents in a public forum. Written questions or comments would also be accepted.

General Discussion No discussion.

Presentation of Bills Mrs. Greer made a motion to pay all bills and purchase orders, second by Mr. McDaniels.

Roll Call: Mrs. Genismore, Mr. Goch, Mrs. Greer, Mr. McDaniel, Mr. Godwin, Mrs. Ikins voted yes. Motion was approved.

Mrs. Greer motioned to adjourn; Second: Mayor Knack

*Oliver Knack*  
*Lisa Weirich*  
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