

Village of Clinton
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Of
Tuesday, December 5th, 2017

Mayor Knack called the meeting to order on Tuesday, December 5th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Mrs. Alethia Rantanis and recited by all those present.

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

Others Present: Allen Knack, Mayor; Marshal Pitchford, Village Solicitor; Terry Seigenthaler, Street Superintendent; Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer; Mrs. Alethia Rantanis, Mrs. Clarissa Allegra, Mrs. Diane and Mr. Tom Gunter

Approval of Council Minutes:

Mr. McDaniel motioned to approve the minutes as written, and Mrs. Dilworth seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Goch, Mr. McDaniel, Mrs. Godwin, Ms. Dilworth, and Mrs. Gensimore each voted Aye, passing the motion.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Pitchford would have forthcoming two pieces of legislation for Council consideration.

The first of these was an Ordinance being developed to bring Village Code into conformity with new state tax legislation. Earlier in the current year, the General Assembly had updated the Revised Code to allow private businesses to opt out of paying their municipal taxes locally, and instead through one central portal, the Ohio Business Gateway. Opposed by the Ohio Municipal League, R.I.T.A., and a number of communities, new policy permits the Ohio Department of Taxation to handle municipal taxes for corporations having more than one owner, retaining a certain percentage as an administrative fee. Should litigation momentarily underway overturn the legislation, the Ordinance could simply be rescinded.

Secondly, Solicitor Pitchford had emailed Summit County Executive Cabinet Chief of Staff Jason Dodson regarding a particular proposal or sample of legislation that the County was looking for in order to move forward with the sewer project. In keeping with the timeline put forth by the Village Engineer, he would be drafting legislation affirming the Village's interest.

Police Report: No Report.

Fire Chief's Report: No Report.

Street Commissioner's Report: No Report.

Fiscal Officer's Report:

Fiscal Officer Weirick indicated that the packets contained November's reconciliation, and that upcoming in the meeting was a first reading passage request for an appropriation amendment. Final Appropriations and Resources were due to the County by the 19th of the month for the budget hearing on the 20th.

Unfinished Business:

Mrs. Gensimore inquired as to the status of the snow removal contract proffered to the Luna Lake Association, and Mayor Knack answered that it was being reviewed by the Association's legal department.

Having been questioned what residents could expect for the sewer meetings, she requested further detail on the Village Engineer's presentation plan. It was determined that the interactive Geographic Information System map would be accessible once final numbers had been received from the County. Assessments, it was again confirmed, would factor in ten percent of 2020 property values.

Mr. McDaniel raised the issue of how best to advertise the meetings, and Council came to the consensus that, given the time constraint, a rental sign placed in a high traffic area would be the most effective means.

He then motioned to rent a sign, for the purpose of notifying people of both sewer meetings, to place that at a point in Clinton that will see the most traffic. He'd like to see the Mayor put in charge of that. And to set a limit of \$500.00; put it out for one week, December 9th through the 15th, or as near to that as possible. Mrs. Gensimore offered a second.

In Discussion, mailers were mentioned as another powerful means of promotion for future meetings.

Roll Call: Mr. McDaniel, Mrs. Godwin, Ms. Dilworth, Mrs. Gensimore, and Mr. Goch each voted Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor's Communications:

Mayor Knack reported that work on Van Buren road was complete. Himself and Mr. McDaniel were exploring options for improving Village Hall's outdoor lighting, funds for which had already been appropriated and approved.

Council Communications and Committee Reports:

Submissions for the next edition of the Community News, with a target distribution date of February 1st, should focus on what the public could look forward to seeing in the Village of Clinton from February through May, as well as make mention of the sewer meeting outcomes, Mrs. Gensimore stated.

Citizens' Comments:

Mrs. Alethia Rantanis challenged Council to view an unsightly hoard germinating from a Warwick residence, and Mayor Knack noted that the Zoning Inspector had that day made phone contact with the responsible party.

Mrs. Gunter announced that in the following week, the Historical Society would be assembling fruit baskets for delivery to the Village's shut-ins and elderly.

Legislation:

First Reading

Resolution R-17-33

A Resolution amending the annual appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures of the Village, for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 2017, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Gensimore moved to set aside the Three Reading Rule, and Ms. Dilworth seconded.

Roll Call: Mrs. Godwin, Ms. Dilworth, Mrs. Gensimore, Mr. Goch, and Mr. McDaniel each voted Aye. Motion carried.

Mrs. Gensimore then motioned to adopt Resolution R-17-33. Ms. Dilworth seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mrs. Gensimore, Mr. Goch, Mr. McDaniel, Mrs. Godwin, and Ms. Dilworth all voted Aye to pass the motion.

New Business:

On behalf of Council and the Village, Mrs. Gensimore recognized Mrs. Gunter and the Historical Society for their community-oriented contributions.

General Discussion: None.

Presentation of Bills:

Ms. Dilworth moved to accept all P.O.s issued and invoices paid through 12/5/2017, and Mr. McDaniel seconded.

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

Mrs. Gensimore motioned to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned.


Bud McDaniel, Council President


Mayor Allen Knack


Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer