

**Village of Clinton**  
**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Of**  
**Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

Mayor Knack called the meeting to order on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 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, and Marissa Gensimore.

Others Present: Leah Weirick, Assistant Fiscal Officer; Susan Yovichin; Elaine Kilker.

Approval of Council Minutes: Mr. McDaniel motioned to approve the minutes as written. Ms. Dilworth seconded the motion.

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

Solicitor's Report: No Report.

Police Report: In Packet.

Fire Chief's Report: In Packet.

Street Commissioner's Report:

Mr. Siegenthaler had looked into options for addressing the flooding and erosion issues with Clinton Road. He was seeking Council permission to move forward with Wellington Construction and Hensel Paving whose bid proposal priced reconstruction at \$32,500.00, and paving at \$13,270.00.

The Village Engineer's estimate was \$600,000.00, including a \$60,000.00 consultation fee. While Council had previously approved O.H.M.'s \$500.00 monthly consultation retainer, Mayor Knack suggested they not authorize an additional \$1500.00, representing O.H.M.'s street evaluation fee, during that meeting's presentation of bills. Being experienced, he and Mr. Siegenthaler had performed the measurement tasks themselves the day prior, and already possessed the facts and figures that would be necessary to do the job. He also noted that, because Clinton Road is a county thoroughfare, \$40,000.00 from the permissive tax fund could be applied toward the project.

For the Cleveland-Massillon Road project, the Village Engineer provided an estimate of \$844,740.00. (Mr. Siegenthaler and Mayor Knack cited a previous estimate that had been given for the same project coming in at \$149,000.00.) Mayor Knack stated that Mr. Krock had provided him with two different funding ideas to help offset costs. The first of these was pursuing an O.P.W.C. grant, in the hopes that nearly \$500,000.00 might be awarded, leaving the Village to come up with the remaining \$340-

\$350,000.00. Option B, which Mayor Knack was to be sure to explain to Council, was that Mr. Krock could procure a thirty percent loan, for \$250-\$300,000.00, payments on which could be spread out over a period of years. Mayor Knack had responded that, regardless, this would remove \$400,000.00 from the budget, and was not something the Village was interested in.

Mayor Knack informed Council that he was looking for authorization to move forward with Wellington Construction and Hensel Paving, in order that Clinton Road be first on their Spring docket.

Mrs. Greer moved to approve the project, upon the contingency that legislation get going for the next meeting. Second by Mr. McDaniel.

Discussion confirmed that the amendment for the appropriation was to direct \$40,000.00 from the permissive fund toward the project's cost.

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

Mr. McDaniel confirmed with Mrs. Weirick that, when approving bills, Council would not need to make a special exception for O.H.M.'s \$1500.00 purchase order.

Mayor Knack had received an email from Jim Sickles enumerating several items for Council discussion. Among them were capital improvement plans, the Main Street culvert proposal, and the street evaluation proposal. It referenced the O.P.W.C. grant and loan option as applicable to the Cleveland-Massillon Road improvements, and made recommendations for maximizing points when submitting those applications.

Just prior to the meeting, Mayor Knack had spoken with Mr. Krock and informed him that Council was looking to approve the Main Street project that evening, and that his contract should indicate a September first completion date, so as not to interfere with Applefest. This should more than accommodate the estimated 40-50 days' worth of construction required, with work beginning on schedule the first of July.

Fiscal Officer's Report: February reconciliation and monthly reports in packet.

Unfinished Business: Mrs. Greer reminded Council that a meeting of the Records Commission should occur forthwith.

Mayor's Communications:

There had been an email exchange with Kimble Recycling and Disposal in regards to trash pickup on Nettle Road, which is private property and not maintained by the Village. Kimble intended to obtain safe access via Shoemaker Avenue.

Once again, Mayor Knack had been in telephone contact with ISO, and made no progress toward reducing the Village's fire insurance rates.

Mr. Siegenthaler noted that Clinton could be expecting a May visit from the E.P.A., whose theory held that record of when the landfill had closed could not be located. Himself and Mayor Knack discovered that, in 1987, a levy on the ballot for its closure had passed. Legally, then, it should be closed this year, although some issues linger

over its official burial, and the E.P.A.'s capacity for generating the appropriate paperwork.

Council Communications: None.

Committee Reports:

Mr. McDaniel informed Council that in the Utilities Committee meeting that had occurred just prior, topics of discussion included the trash contract which had been renewed in 2016, and the ReTrack conference he had attended.

He encouraged residents who might not be doing so to consider recycling, as an increase in weights will potentially earn credits valuable to the community. Also, May 24<sup>th</sup>, the American Public Works Association would be hosting a recycling-related event at the Summit County Fairgrounds.

Mrs. Gensimore, noting an allusion in Mr. Sickles' email, said that Mr. Cavalier had updated her and Ms. Dilworth as to what the land bank had been working on for the Village.

She had been in contact with the owner of the North Fourth Street property scheduled for foreclosure hearings that very day, and had confirmed that if payment arrangements for delinquent taxes were made, the land bank office would be required to retract all it had set in motion as far as foreclosure and demolition. Mrs. Gensimore had sent an email to Mr. Cavalier on the matter.

Having attended the Opiate Symposium, Mrs. Gensimore called attention to the staggering numbers in Summit and Stark Counties, and the crime rate attributable to such activity. She suggested revisiting the idea of placing a drug drop off box in Village Hall as a safety measure.

Citizens' Comments:

Mrs. Yovichin brought to Council's attention an Akron Beacon Journal article announcing Summit County's latest efforts at launching a countywide storm water district to address flooding and erosion problems. She would argue that Clinton should decline participation, thereby avoiding duplicate representation and fees, since the Village lies within and is already represented by the Muskingham Watershed Conservancy District. During her time as a Council Member, she had researched and written a document on behalf of the Village explaining that representation should be watershed-specific, as that is what makes ecological sense.

Mr. McDaniel informed Council he'd received a notice that the Ohio E.P.A. would hold a public information session and hearing relative to water quality issues at 6p.m. April 27<sup>th</sup>, at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Civic Center.

Legislation:

Second Reading

Ordinance O-17-5

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

First Readings

Resolution R-17-7

A Resolution to hire a part-time street laborer for the Village of Clinton, retroactive to February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Gensimore motioned to set aside the Three Reading Rule. Mr. McDaniel seconded the motion.

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

Mrs. Greer moved to adopt Resolution R-17-7, and Ms. Dilworth seconded the motion.

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

Resolution R-17-10

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

Mrs. Gensimore motioned to set aside the Three Reading Rule. Second by Ms. Dilworth.

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

Mrs. Greer moved to adopt Resolution R-17-10. Second by Mrs. Godwin.

In Discussion, Mr. McDaniel requested an overview from Mrs. Weirick. She elucidated that the Clinton Road project has been approved to have permissive tax funds, which the original budget did not factor in, applied toward. This action would be appropriating \$40,000.00 from that fund, which contains just over said amount.

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

New Business:

Mrs. Gensimore, on the topic of records retention, proposed that Council should retain its audio recordings beyond the current standard of just a few years, and suggested the Cloud as a means to this end. Potential drawbacks might include the longevity of

its accessible existence, as well as prohibitive costs, which are assessed by the megabyte.

General Discussion:

Mrs. Godwin directed attention toward an Akron Beacon Journal article dated March 17<sup>th</sup>, on arguing property tax valuations. Taxpayers who disagree with new valuations of their properties may file complaints with the Board of Revisions, a department of the Summit County Fiscal Office, prior to March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. McDaniel related that the first Akron Portage and Paddle Race would be held on May 20<sup>th</sup> of this year.

Presentation of Bills:

Ms. Dilworth motioned to accept all new Purchase Orders issued and invoices paid through March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Mrs. Godwin seconded the motion.

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

Meeting was adjourned.

