

**Village of Clinton**  
**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Of**  
**Thursday, November 9th, 2017**

Mayor Knack called the meeting to order on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Louise McGee and 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: Allen Knack, Mayor; Dave Krock, Village Engineer; Marshal Pitchford, Village Solicitor; Brent Frey, Fire Chief; Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer; Lewis and Vickie Rash, Louise McGee, Holly Powell, DeAnna Passmore, Clarissa Allegra, Wayne and Ellen Conroy, and John Henry.

Approval of Council Minutes: The phrase "Public Utilities Commission" on Page Two of the minutes had been corrected to read "Public Utilities Committee," and Mrs. Greer motioned to approve them as amended. Mr. McDaniel seconded the motion.

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

Solicitor's Report: No Report.

Police Report: In Packet.

Fire Chief's Report:

Chief Frey reported that with eight fire-related and 29 ambulance-related calls, October and been a quiet month.

Grant monies awarded in 2017 had purchased new turnout gear, whose arrival he anticipated on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November, and self-contained breathing apparti which had been received and were already on the trucks. In 2018, grant money in the amount of \$56,000.00 would be pursued for application toward the purchase of a new air compressor, and in the neighborhood of \$285,000.00 for replacement of the Village's tanker truck, which had experienced a number of problems over the past year.

Chief Frey introduced a new fireman\_who'd previously held position with the Fire Department, as a candidate for rehire, and Mayor Knack expressed his endorsement to Council.

Mr. McDaniel moved to accept the new fireman as a firefighter/medic, and Mrs. Greer seconded.

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

Mayor Knack added that spec modifications to the new grass fire truck were scheduled to begin the week of December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Street Commissioner’s Report:

On behalf of Street Superintendent Siegenthaler, Mayor Knack noted that there had been action on the Village’s demolition project which would allow it to move further procedurally with the Land Bank.

Fiscal Officer’s Report: In Packet.

Unfinished Business: None.

Mayor’s Communications:

Mayor Knack introduced Village Engineer Dave Krock, of O.H.M. Advisors, who’d come to update Council on the status of the sewer project, and a pamphlet outlining the project in its various stages and components was distributed.

Stepwise, the proposed project plan would first require feedback from and approval by Council, then be presented to residents during the course of one or more public meetings. At that time further assessment information would be available via an online geographic information system map.

Village Engineer Krock named February 2018 as the target date for a vote from Council on whether or not to proceed with the plan as described. County Council, then, could do the same. Meanwhile, he would be working with Summit County in negotiations with Canal Fulton and Stark County regarding taking the flow, as well as discussing with the Summit County Health Department what their future inspections and mandatory connection rules might entail.

Summit County would be responsible for beginning discussions in the January time frame in order to have a design contract, approved by County Council, in place by March 2018.

Engineering and final design, then, could take place from March 2018 to October 2018. Bidding would run from November 2018 through January 2019. Construction would commence in late winter or early spring of 2019, and conclude in 2020, allowing for service connections to be established. With all of this completed in a timely manner, assessment costs would be certified in September 2020 for 2021 tax purposes.

Contingency costs had been built into the cost estimates provided, the Engineer confirmed. Negotiated to be based primarily on project construction, the final assessment costs would factor in only ten percent of current land value at the time of project completion. Recent changes in County valuations, then, should cause minimal flux.

An estimated \$7.3 million-dollar total project cost included \$6.37 million in construction, and allocations for engineering, design, estimate, administration, and legal fees.

In addition to monies already invested, the Summit County Department of Sanitary Sewers anticipated a contribution of \$922,000.00, bringing their total participation to just over \$1.9 million, or 26.5% of project cost.

With the Village of Clinton responsible for the remaining 73.5% of project costs, and basing the equation on 475 anticipated connections, the projected assessment cost per connection was estimated at \$11,600.00. Over the course of the 20-year loan being taken on by the County, this amounts to an approximate total of \$581.00 annually, plus 10% of land value. As an incentive for residents to tie in early, private connection costs incurred within the first two years of operation could also be assessed to the loan.

To this end, Mayor Knack announced that a Community Development Block Grant Program representative would be in attendance at the next meeting of Council to expound upon what assistance that organization might be able to offer.

Mandatory connections, Engineer Krock explained, would not come into play until 2026. Prior to then, lenience would be granted to homeowners with newer septic systems, with on-site systems inspections commencing in 2023.

As part of the project, a tank and corresponding pump would be delivered to each residence, owned and maintained by the homeowner, whose private-side costs would include the installation, but not initial purchase of, the aforementioned, as well as a standard monthly service fee.

Mayor Knack would be investigating insurance providers with the goal of establishing a policy, optional for residents, which would cover maintenance and repairs.

As his discourse concluded, Council thanked Village Engineer Krock favorably.

#### Council Communications and Committee Reports:

Mr. McDaniel issued a reminder about the upcoming Public Utilities Committee meeting, for which a ReWorks representative would be present to discuss Clinton's options among its programs.

The need for a recently updated comprehensive plan for the Village, he admonished, had been a topic of dialogue in meetings with Summit County Executives.

Mrs. Gensimore had learned that the printing company was largely to blame for the Community Newsletter's latest impasse. While it had received the order in a timely fashion, it had neither printed it that way nor in full. Up for consideration within the Newspaper Committee was a magazine-style publication, put forth by a more community-minded printing agency. Opting for a tri-annual, as opposed to quarterly, version, could help offset an expected price increase.

Citizen's Comments:

First to employ Mayor Knack's new egg timer, Mr. Lewis Rash postulated that homeowners' investments in the sewer project, considered alongside outstanding mortgage loans, had the potential to eclipse their home values. He was again encouraged to provide documentation relevant to his conversations with the higher-ups at the Health Department, EPA, and Governor's office surrounding the impending sewer emprise.

Mrs. DeAnna Passmore brought to Mrs. Gensimore's attention the fact that, during her two years of residence in the Village, she'd yet to receive an issue of the Community Newsletter. Mrs. Gensimore assured her that the problem would be rectified and mentioned that additional copies were generally available at Village Hall. In regards to whether or not chickens were permitted under zoning laws, she was referred to the Zoning Inspector who would be knowledgeable on the topic.

When voting, Mr. Wayne Conroy had noticed four vacancies upcoming in Council but only three candidates listed, and was interest in a seat therewith. Procedurally, he was advised to compose a letter requesting appointment to the position, and to attend the first meeting of Council to be held in January 2018.

Legislation:

Third Readings

Ordinance O-17-26

An Ordinance establishing the pay rates for certain employees, effective January 1, 2018, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Greer motioned to adopt Ordinance O-17-26, and Ms. Dilworth seconded.

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

Resolution R-17-28

A Resolution adopting the 2018 permanent appropriations, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Greer moved to adopt Resolution R-17-28. Second by Ms. Dilworth.

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

First Reading

Resolution R-17-32

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Luna Lake Company, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Gensimore moved to waive the Three Reading Rule, and Mrs. Godwin seconded the motion.

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

Mrs. Gensimore motioned to adopt Resolution R-17-32.

In Discussion. Mrs. Gensimore elucidated that the intent behind the Resolution was protection for the Village, should something go awry with its equipment while providing free partial snow removal service to the Luna Lake community. Solicitor Pitchford further explained that the legislation was written to solidly communicate that the Village was under no obligation to provide such services. In order for a contract to be valid, he stated, there must occur an exchange of something of value. In this instance what the Village would receive for its service would be an indemnity waiver.

Mrs. Greer questioned whether Luna Lake officials had been apprised of the impending legislation, and what bearing that should have on its passage. Mrs. Gensimore, anticipating winter weather arriving sooner rather than later, urged that Council take a proactive stance in the matter.

Solicitor Pitchford noted that the document at hand was not necessarily the one that needed to be signed into legislation. Changes to the language, such as substitution of the word “negotiate” for “direct”, and the insertion of the phrase, “in a form substantially similar to...” would make a first reading passage more appropriate.

Mrs. Greer moved to amend Section One as the Solicitor had described; second by Mr. McDaniel.

An unanimous voice vote of Aye carried the motion.

On the motion to adopt Resolution R-17-32, now as amended,

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

New Business: None.

General Discussion:

Mayor Knack related that three monuments would be unveiled that at the OVMP, purchased through the generosity of Sgt. Johnnie Downs, an interview of whom by Fox 8 News can be accessed via YouTube. The monuments would honor the Tuskegee Airmen, The All Black Rangers of the Korean War, and P.F.C. Dan Bullock, the youngest casualty of the Vietnam War.

Presentation of Bills:

Ms. Dilworth moved to accept any P.O.s and invoices issued through 11/9/17, and Mr. McDaniel seconded the motion.

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

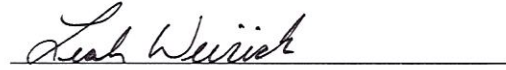
Mr. McDaniel motioned to adjourn, and Ms. Dilworth seconded. Meeting was adjourned.



Bud McDaniel, Council President



Mayor Allen Knack



Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer