

**Village of Clinton**  
**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Of**  
**Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Mayor Knack called the meeting to order on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Bollas and recited by all those present.

Roll Call: Council Members Present: Marissa Gensimore, Kent Goch, Clarissa Allega, Bud McDaniel, Janice Godwin, and Ellen Conroy.

Others Present: Allen Knack, Mayor; Terry Seigenthaler, Street Superintendent; Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer; Mr. Ben Fisk, and Mr. Bollas.

Approval of Council Minutes: Mr. McDaniel motioned to approve the minutes, and Mrs. Gensimore seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Goch: Abstained. Allega, McDaniel, Godwin, Conroy, Gensimore: Aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Knack turned the meeting over to Council President McDaniel for appointments to Committees and Chairpersons. Mrs. Godwin moved to accept the Committee appointments for 2018; second by Mrs. Gensimore.

Mayor Knack confirmed with Council that no Member was uncomfortable with their Committee assignments.

A unanimous voice vote of Aye carried the motion.

Solicitor's Report: No Report.

Police Report:

Police had responded to a number of summons during the month of December, and performed several checks. 11 traffic stops had been conducted and four citations issued. Mr. Bollas would investigate whether an outstanding bill belonged to Clinton or instead to New Franklin, as the incidence had occurred on a shared roadway.

Fire Chief's Report: No Report.

Street Commissioner's Report:

150 tons of salt had been ordered and, despite a general shortage, delivery was expected within the following two weeks. 50 tons remained on hand, and Street Superintendent Seigenthaler admonished that in the event those became depleted, only hills, intersections, and four-way stops within the Village would be salted.

Zoning Inspector's Report: In Packet.

Fiscal Officer's Report: In Packet.

Unfinished Business:

Mr. McDaniel noted that email accounts had been established for Council's two new members, and verified that an issue with logging into the system via Google Chrome had been rectified that morning.

Mayor's Communications:

Mayor Knack had appointed to the Planning Commission citizen Rob Miller, as per direct in the Codified Ordinances. With a Special Meeting of that Commission scheduled the following day, Mr. McDaniel opened the meeting to volunteers or nominations of a Councilperson, which that entity also lacked. Citing her legal background, the Mayor nominated Councilwoman Allega, and a unanimous voice vote of Aye confirmed her appointment to that position.

So far to date, enough money had been spent on the liability waiver regarding plowing at Luna Lake to pay for that service to be performed for the next 30 to 40 years, and negotiations had reached a standstill.

Mrs. Godwin moved to rescind Resolution R-17-32; Mr. McDaniel seconded.

Mrs. Gensimore took issue with the private nature of the Luna Lake community and with Mayor Knack using his own machinery and salt to help with snow removal at Village Hall. He asserted his belief that part of the job description of a government official was to take care of residents, all of whom paid taxes.

Mrs. Allega pointed out that plowing was necessary not only for bus access, but for emergency vehicles as well, a situation which Mrs. Gensimore maintained cast shame on that community's governing body.

Street Superintendent Seigenthaler contributed that liability factors came into play anytime the Village's snow removal equipment departed its garage, and it was established that the Village was more than adequately insured, public or private property notwithstanding.

Each revision of the agreement, Mayor Knack reminded Council, and all related correspondence, were contributing to its ever-rising cost. Mrs. Gensimore suggested the language be altered to a "take it or leave it" quality in order the item be put to rest, and further that a conflict of interest attributable to her address should prohibit Mrs. Allega Council vote on the matter.

When the Council President requested her legally enlightened perspective, Mrs. Allega responded that the liability of a given municipality is limited to begin with, and even further so when providing a typical government service.

The Mayor reiterated that safety and fiscal responsibility should be prioritized, and with that, discussion concluded.

Roll Call: McDaniel, Godwin, and Conroy- Aye; Gensimore and Goch- Nay; Allega- Aye. The motion passed.

Council Communications and Committee Reports:

Mrs. Godwin directed focus toward the upcoming fire contract renewal, which Mayor Knack would be discussing first with New Franklin Mayor Paul Adamson. Chief Frey was currently gathering data that would help facilitate negotiations, which the Mayor intended to approach in a manner similar to the one that New Franklin had the police contract.

Mr. McDaniel had received from R.I.T.A. a form requesting one delegate and one alternate representative for a scheduled event. While she indicated interest in this nomination, Mrs. Conroy would need to look further into the subject, and assignments were tabled until the following meeting. Also addressed therein would be the revision of Council Rules regarding appointments to positions within the Village.

Mrs. Gensimore would be posting several items to the Village's website, among them the Mayor's State of the Village Address and back issues of Your Community News. At no additional cost she had managed to wrangle three pages for Clinton in the issue of that publication currently being compiled, as opposed to the two standardly allotted. Also for post to the site she encouraged Council to provide photographs accompanied by biographical sketches.

Citizens' Comments: None.

Legislation: None.

New Business:

Mayor Knack apprised Council that the Village's banking institution would be requiring signature renewals.

General Discussion: None.

Presentation of Bills:

Mr. McDaniel motioned to approve the payments from January 3<sup>rd</sup> through January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018, and Mrs. Allega offered a second.

Roll Call: Godwin, Conroy, Gensimore, Goch, Allega, McDaniel- all Aye.

Mr. McDaniel motioned to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned.



Bud McDaniel, Council President



Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer



Mayor Allen Knack