

State of the Village of Clinton

Mayor Allen Knack

Tuesday, January 2, 2018

2017 was a busy year for the Village of Clinton. Many hours were spent working with our engineering firm (OHM) and County of Summit to find the most reliable, cost effective solution for the residents and business people to our sewer issues.

On a sad note, we said goodbye to Tom Gunter who served over 30 years as a Village Councilman, and chaired the Streets and Sidewalk Committee. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Fire Department

In 2017 the Clinton Fire Department responded to 578 calls of which 463 were ambulance calls and 115 were fire related. No OSHA or Worker's Compensation claims were filed while responding to these calls.

In January we had an auction for the 1985 ambulance which we replaced late last year with a new 2016 ambulance. We received \$2,500 for the 1985 ambulance.

Last year we applied for an Assistance to Firefighter's Grant for new turnout gear, breathing air compressor, Thermal Imaging Camera, and SCBA's. The total cost of this equipment totals \$154,000. We received \$105,040 for the SCBA's and the turnout gear. The SCBA's were ordered in August and delivered in September. The turnout gear was ordered in October. Our share of this grant is approximately \$5,250.

We partnered in a regional Assistance to Firefighter's Grant for 2016. The Grant included Clinton, Copley, Green, Norton and New Franklin and was for the replacement

of our existing 800MHz radios. After being rejected last year, we were approved this year. Our share of this grant is about \$30,000.

We applied for a \$380,000 Assistance to Firefighter's Grant for a new tanker to replace our existing 1994 tanker for which maintenance costs have soared. We also re-applied for a grant to replace our existing breathing air compressor for which parts are no longer available.

We ordered a new 2018 Ford F250 to replace the grass fire truck. This truck was delivered in December.

We were able to end the year in the black and even had a carryover for the 10th straight year.

Street Department

Terry Siegenthaler our Street Superintendent once again went above and beyond his job requirements. Our roads in the winter months are the first to be cleared and cleaned. I get phone calls from people telling me we give them a false sense of security because once they leave the Village the roads are not as clear.

I enjoyed working once again with Terry on the County CDBG Program. This year we were able to not only replace the Village Hall roof, install handicap door openers. We also added over 500 feet of new handicap sidewalk on Main and Fulton Street.

We replaced catch basins, cross-over pipes and addressed drainage as well as erosion problems. Then paving on Clinton Road began. We chip and sealed Comet, Serfass, Warwick and Taylor Roads. We paved First, Second, Third, Fourth Streets and Deibel

Drive, and repaired paving on Van Buren to prep the surface for Chip and seal next year.

We received a grant for \$152,000 to replace the culvert on Main Street. That project will begin in the summer of 2018. We shopped for the lowest salt prices and this year the contract was with CUE.

General Village Government

There were 10 Ordinances and 24 Resolutions passed by Council in 2017.

This will be our second year of participating in Your Community News an informative publication of the Village of Clinton, City of Canal Fulton and Lawrence Twp.

We would like to encourage more input from department heads and council committee chair persons for this publication.

We have had many meetings with Dave Krock (OHM) and Summit County in regards to our sewer project. We have come up with a plan that better addresses our sewer issues and needs. There were two public meetings held in the month of December explaining the system, the cost, the timelines, and participation.

For further information you can go to "Helpful Links" on the Village Website or visit Interactive GIS Map at <http://arcgis.comy8ay>.

Village Budget

Our current fiscal officer is Leah Weirick. She has proven to be an extremely valuable asset to our staff. Her experience and knowledge being an auditor, council member in another community and member of a successful accounting firm has

ensured our fiscal responsibility to the Village and our residents. Once again, we can boast of all the things we have accomplished over the course of the year, we have stayed within our budget and the Village is fiscally sound.

Community Activities

Many ceremonies, events and dedications took place at the Ohio Veterans' Memorial Park, as well as, improvements and upgrades to the park. The Park continues to bring in tens of thousands of visitors to our Village. This one-of-a-kind venue continues to instill a reverence to all who visit.

I was privileged to be master of ceremonies at the Clinton Cemetery for Memorial Day and parade. Our guest speaker was Judge Jill Lansinger and Parade Marshall was long time resident and Northwest graduate Roy Mosley. It was an exceptional event and a great turnout. Thank you to the men and women of the Cemetery Board for putting the parade together.

Thank you to everyone who put together another successful pancake breakfast before the parade.

The Clinton Apple Fest and barbeque was once again a huge success. Thank you to the Historical Society and Chief Frey and company for all the work they do to bring people to Clinton for this wonderful event. What truly makes me proud as the Mayor of this Village, is seeing people coming together on behalf of this community – it's a privilege to serve with those who year after year come together selflessly for these memorable events.

A special thank you to Diane Gunter for the countless hours she gives to this community

for beautifying with flowers, decorations and love.

Mayor's Comments

I would like to say thank you to all employees, volunteers and council for their hard work in 2017. As we start a new year I hope that everyone involved in the community will continue to come together and work as a cohesive unit. As always, my doors are open to anyone who would like to talk about their questions, comments or concerns. It's an honor to serve as Mayor of the Village of Clinton.