

Village of Clinton
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Of
Tuesday, September 18th, 2018

Mayor Knack called the meeting to order on Tuesday, September 18th, 2018 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: Ellen Conroy, Janice Godwin, Bud McDaniel, Clarissa Allega, Kent Goch, and Marissa Gensimore.

Others Present: Allen Knack, Mayor; Terry Seigenthaler, Street Superintendent; Brent Frey, Fire Chief; Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer; Mrs. Susan Smith, Mrs. Diane Gunter, Mrs. Alethia Rantaris, Mr. Wayne Conroy, and Mr. Lewis Rash.

Approval of Council Minutes:

Mr. McDaniel moved to accept the minutes as printed, and Mr. Goch seconded the motion.

Mrs. Godwin identified a passage occurring on page three, wherein the formal adoption of a previously developed comprehensive land use plan had been in question. The uncertainty had in the intermittency been resolved and Mr. McDaniel suggested that the updated information could be brought forth under the "Old Business" portion of the meeting.

Roll Call: Godwin: Abstain. McDaniel, Allega, Goch, Gensimore, and Conroy: Aye.

Solicitor's Report: No Report.

Police Report: No Report.

Fire Chief's Report:

Chief Frey reported that 49 calls had been received in the month of August, 41 of them ambulance- and eight fire-related. A total of 189 hours had been logged, including 20 in extrication training.

Street Commissioner's Report:

Street Superintendent Seigenthaler would be researching and pricing shredded rubber playground substrates, as the Village's insurance company offered a stipend of \$500.00 toward the acquisition of such safety enhancement features.

A number of calls had been fielded concerning the trustworthiness of South 2nd Avenue's bridge, and Summit County, to whom it belonged, had been notified. Only its cosmetic, rather than structural, integrity was the momentary ground for concern.

Clinton's street signs, upgraded by mandate to high-definition visibility in Spring 2018 at a cost of \$7,500.00, had been vanishing at an alarming rate, and Street Superintendent Seigenthaler advocated postponing any further replacements of street name placards until such time as the culprits had been apprehended.

Tree removal responsibilities as outlined by Ordinance should soon be brought to citizens' collective attention. With winter weather approaching, fallen trees and debris presented an increased potential for danger.

Disregard for speed limits within in the community had generated a number of complaints. Two residential dwellings, over the past two weeks, had found themselves front-porchless; one arguably fortunate gentleman had narrowly missed finding himself underneath the schoolbus.

Fiscal Officer's Report: No Report.

Unfinished Business:

Mr. McDaniel and Mrs. Godwin affirmed that while it had been misstated at the previous meeting, Council had, in fact, formally adopted a comprehensive land use plan in 2001.

Mayor's Communications:

Mayor Knack extolled the efforts being undertaken by the Planning Commission, whose October second convene he expected would give rise to a recommendation for Council approval. In the interim the Laws and Ordinances Committee would review relevant ancillary legislation, and a citizens' conference would be scheduled. Drafts and maps were currently available for public perusal at Village Hall and were anticipated to be available online once the Planning Commission had officially put forth its recommendation. The Village website's capacity for electronic form submission thusly came into question, and Mr. McDaniel would continue examining the prospect.

Council Communications and Committee Reports:

Mayor Knack confirmed for Mrs. Godwin that Stark County Wastewater Treatment Plant had declined to do business with the Village, and that the Village Engineer and Solicitor were involved in endeavors to rectify the setback.

Mrs. Godwin reported that the Safety Committee had concluded to recommend that Council accept the fire contract with New Franklin and would do so in the legislative phase of the meeting.

Citizens' Comments:

Mrs. Alethia Rantanis disparaged the condition of the road surface markings within the Village, as well as that of a cluttered residential property. The latter of these, she was assured, was being handled by the Zoning Board.

Mr. Lewis Rash had held audience with the Postmaster but his campaign to revitalize a group of mailboxes on Division Street had yet to succeed. Mayor Knack purported that all things mail fell under Federal adjudication; therefore was unable to touch a mail receptacle. Mr. Lewis implored him to touch the people instead.

Mrs. Diane Gunter expressed appreciation on behalf of the Historical Society for all the help in making that year's Applefest a success.

Legislation:

Second Reading

Resolution R-18-15

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor of the Village of Clinton to enter into an agreement with the City of New Franklin regarding the operations of a joint E.M.S./Fire Station, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Godwin motioned to suspend the Three Reading Rule, citing the Safety Committee's unanimous recommendation that Council accept the contract. Second by Mr. McDaniel.

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

Mrs. Allega moved to adopt R-18-5, and Mr. McDaniel seconded the motion.

Mr. McDaniel ascertained that no unusual circumstances surrounded the second-reading adoption; Mrs. Gensimore inquired as to whether New Franklin had received and/or approved the contract. Mayor Knack conjectured that an early passage on its end would communicate Clinton's satisfaction with the arrangement.

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

New Business:

Mrs. Gensimore revisited the discourse on lack of representation from the New Franklin Police Department at Council meetings, and reemphasized the increase in speed violations which she'd observed to coincide with a decrease in police presence within the Village. Council echoed the requisite for increased implementation of strict and visible enforcement measures.

General Discussion: None.

Presentation of Bills:

Mrs. Conroy motioned to approve the purchase orders and pay the bills, and Mr. McDaniel offered a second.

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

Mr. McDaniel motioned to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned.



Bud McDaniel, Council President



Mayor Allen Knack



Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer