

Village of Clinton
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Of
Tuesday, October 2nd, 2018

Mayor Knack called the meeting to order on Tuesday, October 2nd, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Diane Gunter and 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; Marshal Pitchford, Village Solicitor; Terry Seigenthaler, Street Superintendent; Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer; Mrs. Diane Gunter, Mr. Jim McCarmick, and Mr. Lewis Rash.

Approval of Council Minutes: Mr. McDaniel motioned to accept the minutes as printed; second by Mr. Goch.

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

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Pitchford reported that that evening, the Planning Commission had voted to approve the new zoning code. Council could expect its recommendation to appear as a First Reading on the agenda for its next meeting. In the interim, the Laws and Ordinances Committee would be addressing legislation that would accompany zoning code changes, and a public hearing was scheduled to occur before the new code proceeded to a Third Reading for its final adoption.

Police Report: In Packet.

Fire Chief's Report: No Report.

Street Commissioner's Report: No Report.

Fiscal Officer's Report: In Packet.

Unfinished Business: None.

Mayor's Communications:

Mayor Knack had learned that grant monies were being awarded by the Division of Wildlife for enhancements to animal habitats, and Solicitor Pitchford commented that some eagle perches in the Luna Lake vicinity had fallen into disrepair.

The Mayor and Village Engineer Dave Krock had attended a meeting held in Summit County; present also were Canal Fulton's Finance Director, City Manager, City Engineer, and Mayor Joe Schultz. Clinton's potential sewer business was the topic of discussion. Whereas previously a tentative \$133,000.00 agreement with Stark County had been negotiated through Summit County, that had not been upheld, and Canal Fulton's current asking price was \$1,000,000.00. Other options, among them the construction of a new wastewater treatment facility, were now being brainstormed.

Solicitor Pitchford noted that in all the sewer project dealings up until present, this arrangement, which had been allocated a \$140,000.00 placeholder, had been the singular variable.

Council Communications and Committee Reports:

Mrs. Conroy reported that the Finance Committee had discussed 2019's budget; its recommendation would be put forth during the next convene of Council.

Meetings of the Laws and Ordinances Committee, Mrs. Allega contributed, were also occurring although it would not have a recommendation until all of the Land Ordinances pertinent to Clinton's zoning overhaul had been reviewed.

Mrs. Gensimore confirmed that none in attendance had received an issue of Your Community News, which had had an anticipated distribution date of October 1st.

Citizens' Comments:

Mr. Lewis Rash pontificated the continued lack of residential turnout to Council meetings, and queried as to whether a decision had been made on replacing the Village's street identifier signs. He'd seen an Akron Beacon Journal article describing poverty levels in Ohio, and indicated a desire to help. Mailboxes, he was informed, still fell under Federal Jurisdiction, and Council was still unable to interfere with unruly receptacles.

Mrs. Gensimore moved to take the Street Commissioner's suggestion on waiting to replace the street signs until they can catch the vandals who are tearing them down, and Mrs. Godwin seconded the motion.

Mr. McDaniel mentioned an uncertainty that such a judgement call required motion and vote. Street Superintendent Seigenthaler noted that with salt prices increasing, replacements for the stolen indicators should take a lower priority. Mayor Knack, that that the motion would communicate Council's solidarity with its Street Commissioner.

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

Legislation:

First Readings

Resolution R-18-17

A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission, and authorizing the necessary tax levies, and certifying them to the County Fiscal Officer for 2018, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Allega motioned to suspend the Three Reading Rule, and Mr. McDaniel offered a second.

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

Mrs. Allega motioned to adopt Resolution R-18-17. Second by Mr. McDaniel.

Fiscal Officer Weirick had that day received an email from the County requesting this legislation prior to the 5th of November; Mayor Knack noted that the County's tardiness here was an

improvement over that in years past, and that in any circumstance its passage would behoove the Village.

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

Resolution R-18-18

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with O.H.M. Advisors to provide services related to the Village's zoning code review Phase One project, and declaring an emergency.

Solicitor Pitchford explained that R-18-17 covered Phase One of the project, the work already underway and ongoing: conceptualizing, mapping, and so forth. Phase Two, which had been included in the budget, would be the detailed, in-depth study to ultimately result in a comprehensive land use plan for the Village.

New Business:

Mr. McDaniel had received correspondence from the Children's Services Levy Campaign, and urged Council to peruse the information and determine its support or nonendorsement of the renewal levy.

General Discussion:

Despite the audience that Mrs. Godwin had held with Chief Davidson, Mrs. Gensimore noted the continued absence of police department representation, lamenting that Council was unable to address increasing speed violations in Clinton directly with an officer.

Presentation of Bills:

Mrs. Conroy moved to approve the purchase orders and pay the bills; Mr. McDaniel seconded the motion.

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

Mr. McDaniel motioned to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned.

Bud McDaniel, Council President



Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer

Mayor Allen Knack