

Village of Clinton
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
of
Tuesday, January 7, 2020

Mayor, Clarissa Allega, called the meeting to order on Tuesday, January 7, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Ikins and recited by all those present.

Roll Call: Mayor Allega, Mrs. Godwin, Mrs. Conroy, Mr. Goch, Mr. McDaniel, Mrs. Gensimore, and Mr. Rash.

Others Present: Diane Gunter, Charles Ikins, Carol Caldwell, Susan Smith, Deanna Jenkins, Aletha Rantanes – residents; State Representative Bill Roemer, and several others were in attendance.

Approval of Council Minutes: Mr. McDaniel motioned to approve the December 17, 2019 council meeting minutes as written, second by Mr. Goch.

Roll Call: Mrs. Gensimore, Mr. Goch, Mrs. Conroy, Mrs. Godwin, Mr. McDaniel and Mr. Rash voted aye. Motion passes.

Election of President of Council

Mrs. Gensimore nominated Mr. McDaniel as President of Council, second by Mr. Goch.

Roll Call: Mrs. Gensimore, Mr. Goch, Mrs. Conroy, Mrs. Godwin, Mr. McDaniel and Mr. Rash voted aye. Motion passes.

Election of Vice President of Council

Mr. McDaniel nominated Mr. Goch as Vice President of Council, second by Mrs. Gensimore.

Roll Call: Mrs. Gensimore, Mr. Goch, Mrs. Conroy, Mrs. Godwin, Mr. McDaniel and Mr. Rash voted aye. Motion passes.

Appointment of Street Commissioner

Mr. McDaniel recommended the appointment of Terry Siegenthaler as the Street Commissioner, second by Mrs. Godwin.

Roll Call: Mrs. Gensimore, Mr. Goch, Mrs. Conroy, Mrs. Godwin, Mr. McDaniel and Mr. Rash voted aye. Motion passes.

Appointment of Solicitor – Two-year contract not up till next year.

Records Commission

Mrs. Gensimore said that Sue Mayberry by default was given the job and it does not really fall under her job description. The person Mrs. Mayberry said had held the citizen's seat was Lorainne Moore and she doesn't really live in the Village anymore. There was discussion of the Records Commission Board which is according to the Ohio Revised Code. The Mayor would welcome someone to fill that position. The citizen to be appointed will be looked into as well as the process.

Solicitor Report: No report.

Police Report: No report.

Fire Chief's Report: Chief Conroy read his report to Council. There is some legislation that will be dealt with later in the meeting and Mayor Allega asked him to explain its purpose. He is asking for an Officer in Charge (OIC) fee of \$1.00 added to the hourly rate as they are acting as an OIC.

Street Commissioner Report: Hickory street had the cross over pipe put in. In the spring, asphalt will be applied in the area. He asked about trees and cutting/trimming/removing as trees have fallen over into the road. Dead trees are the issue. We can enforce removal/trimming if the tree is in road right of way. Mrs. Gensimore thought the former mayor and zoning inspector went around marking trees in tree line that needed addressed and letters sent to residents. Mr. McDaniel clarified that if it is in the right of way or devil's strip, it's not village property – it's right of way - each individual homeowner owns out to the center of the road.

Mr. Siegenthaler reported that he injured his finger and while at the hospital he asked for a drug test because it is in our policy, and hospital staff thought I was nuts. After making several calls for assistance, he got ahold of Mr. Goch to speak to the hospital. We don't have a policy and so far, Workers' Comp has not asked about this. Without our consent they won't do a drug test. Mrs. Allega will talk with Marshal about this.

The bridge over 2nd Avenue is falling apart. It belongs to the County. He explained how repairs have been made but it won't hold. If anyone complains, they need to call the County. The bridge is safe, just looks bad. They do two inspections a year and we will be given the condition.

Zoning Report: No report, however Mayor Allega did speak with Mr. Funk and he stated he emailed it to Mrs. Mayberry after she had left for the day. His report will be in the next council meeting packet.

Mr. Funk will be at the first council meeting in February. He had not been asked to attend and he can't come to all of them but will be here the first meetings of the month. He is putting together a ZBA meeting that will be held on January 22, 2020. They need to fill a spot on this board. There needs to be a ZBA chair in place that is independent of the zoning department in which Mr. Funk heads.

Mayor's Report of Village Affairs

The former mayor prepared a State of the Village, December 31, 2019, which Mayor Allega read aloud.

Fiscal Officer's Report: No report.

Unfinished Business: Mrs. Godwin asked what our deduction in rate for the fire insurance. She was told it went down to 5. It was a 9. This information has been offered to the public as well for potential costs savings for them on their insurance.

Mayor's Communications: Mrs. Allega reported that she met with Mike Huntington at Anthony Gonzalez's office about flooding and it was basically a meet and greet.

She also received information that Barberton's Mayor, Bill Judge, is our task force representative on the Summit County Stormwater Management Committee.

Mayor Allega added that the information in the packet relative to the State of Ohio Tobacco 21 Overview in the packet is strictly informational and if council desires, we can address this at a later date. It is an enforcement program to see if the law is being obeyed.

The Planning Commission has some vacant seats. Council needs to select a new representative from the Council to be on this Commission. Mr. Rash can no longer serve as a resident as he is now a council member. Mike Smith resigned effective December 31, 2019. If you know someone interested in serving, please send them my way.

She attended, with Mrs. Godwin, a joint fire dispatch committee meeting and Mrs. Godwin will report on that later in the meeting.

Mayor Allega met with Mayor Joe Schultz, City of Canal Fulton, about the Village participating in the Community Newsletter again. He needs an answer by tomorrow and would like a yes or no from Council. There was some conflict regarding the procedure with this newsletter, deadlines were set and changed without the Village being aware, but this should not be the case anymore. This is a great way to get news out to the public. Mrs. Gensimore would like to meet with those who will be involved in this venture and the parameters. She would gladly head this up for the Village.

Mr. McDaniel made a motion for Mrs. Gensimore and Allega to meet with Mayor Schultz about this newsletter and if all goes well, Mrs. Gensimore be in charge of this for the Village. Second by Mr. Rash. Mayor Allega said she will call and make an appointment with Mayor Schultz tomorrow.

Roll Call: Mr. Goch, Mrs. Conroy, Mrs. Godwin, Mr. McDaniel and Mr. Rash voted yes; Mrs. Gensimore abstained. Motion passed.

Council Communications/Council Committee Reports:

Mr. McDaniel said he will be calling members to get their thoughts as to which committees they want to be on.

Mrs. Godwin reported on the dispatch meeting she and Mayor attended. The State is aiming at having more consolidated service especially with smaller entities finding it harder to get funding as it goes to the larger ones. Mayor Adamson in New Franklin is spearheading this. Since the Village contracts

with New Franklin for joint Police and Fire we will have a voice at the table. Mr. McDaniel believes dispatch expenses will definitely warrant consolidation.

Chief Conroy says overall this will be good. What worries him is the cost and should be discussed in depth with New Franklin. There will be future meetings on this issue.

Mayor Allega said the ultimate goal would be a joint safety dispatch that is police and fire – someday, everyone under one roof. She will keep council in the loop on this.

Mrs. Gensimore reported that the Standard Committee Schedule will be prepared. She explained how elections will affect the schedule. We cannot be in Village hall the Monday before, or Tuesday of the election.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to move the council meeting from Tuesday, March 17, to Thursday, March 19th and Tuesday, November 3, to Thursday, November 5th. This will also affect the Committee meeting on March 17th. Second, by Mr. McDaniel.

Roll Call: Mrs. Gensimore, Mr. Goch, Mrs. Conroy, Mrs. Godwin, Mr. Rash, and Mr. McDaniel voted yes. Motion passes.

Mrs. Gensimore will print out the new schedule so it can be voted on and posted.

Citizens' Comments:

Althea Rantanes questioned the time allotted to speak. There was some discussion on this issue. She then stated that the 55-ton load limits are tearing up our streets on South. Do we have a load limits for these big trucks? She then said coming down to S. Division street is already deteriorating. Mr. Siegenthaler said this is in the Industrial Park and semis go into Industrial Park.

Are there any horse ordinances in the Village? She was asked whether horses are allowed to be or if they are being taken care of. She said, both. Mrs. Gensimore said if there is a concern of treatment to call the Humane Society. Mr. McDaniel read a portion of the Village code aloud. (During this part of the meeting, discussion at the table close to the microphone made me unable to hear entire discussion) More discussion took place regarding permits, discharging of fire arms, etc. Mr. McDaniel did read about the rules /permit for getting rid of Canadian Geese.

Mr. Siegenthaler stated that he talked to the game warden. He said the Mayor cannot give someone a permit to shoot a Canadian Goose which is a Federal issue and Mr. McDaniel said our laws can be superseded by the Federal Government.

Mrs. Rantanes said someone should attend meetings in Summit County. She was told members of this council has attended their meetings involving sewer and taxes.

Mrs. Rantanes said when she was on the ZBA and Planning, she said she would like to serve on the ZBA. She asked if that was possible. She was told to write the Village a letter of interest or send an email.

Mr. Bill Roemer introduced himself and wanted to come and observe different communities and what their needs might be.

Resolutions and Ordinances

Third Readings.

Resolution No. R-19-30

Resolution Authorizing the Mayor of the Village of Clinton to Enter into an Agreement with the County of Summit for Pavement Maintenance, located in the Village of Clinton and Declaring an Emergency.

This is the Cleveland Massillon Road project. Mr. McDaniel made a motion to adopt, second by Mrs. Godwin.

Roll Call: Mrs. Gensimore, Mr. Goch, Mrs. Conroy, Mrs. Godwin, Mr. Rash, and Mr. McDaniel voted yes. Motion passes.

Second Readings

Ordinance No. O-19-33

An Ordinance Establishing "Park" Hours, Amending Codified Ordinance Section 917.06 Entitled "Rental Deposit and Fee for the Village Park System," and Approving the Application for Rental.

First Readings

Ordinance No. O-19-34

An Ordinance Adopting the Comprehensive Land Use Plan for the Village of Clinton, Ohio.

Ordinance No. O-20-01

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. O-19-26, Establishing the Pay Rates for Certain Employees, Retroactively, Effective January 1, 2020 and Declaring an Emergency.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to set aside the 3-reading rule, second by Mr. McDaniel.

Roll Call: Mrs. Gensimore, Mr. Goch, Mrs. Conroy, Mrs. Godwin, Mr. Rash, and Mr. McDaniel voted yes. Motion passes.

A motion was made by Mr. McDaniel to adopt Ordinance No. O-20-01, second by Mrs. Godwin.

Roll Call: Mrs. Gensimore, Mr. Goch, Mrs. Conroy, Mrs. Godwin, Mr. Rash, and Mr. McDaniel voted yes. Motion passes.

New Business: Mr. McDaniel reported on the updating of the memory of computers and the server in the Village. This will be done this coming Thursday.

General Discussion

Mrs. Gensimore reported that it is necessary we continue a good relationship with the OVMP. She encouraged those in attendance to consider possibly filling an opening we have on the Planning Commission or ZBA.

Carol Caldwell asked about the protocol of speaking at a meeting and she was advised the procedure. She also asked about tree trimming as she saw trees being trimmed at one time, she wondered who to contact about trees on her street. She was given direction on that. She also asked about getting street signs replaced that were stolen. She was told this is on-going as they are trying to find out who is vandalizing the signs right after they are being replaced. She also asked about the sewer and what is going on. She has contemplated leaving the Village. Mr. Rash said it will happen. When, is the question. Mayor Allega said she will be personally meeting with the County on this issue. Options are again being looked at where our flow would go. Mr. McDaniel said we are moving forward but slowly.

Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval:

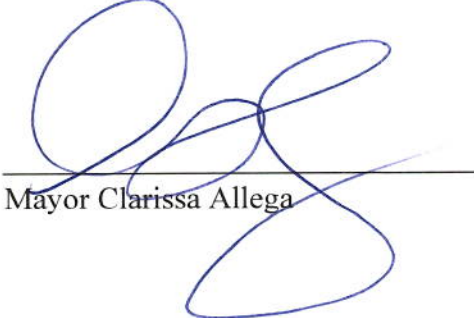
Mrs. Conroy made a motion to approve purchase orders and pay bills, seconded by Mr. McDaniel.

Roll Call: Mr. Rash, Mr. McDaniel, Mrs. Gensimore, Mr. Goch, Mrs. Conroy, Mrs. Godwin voted aye. Motion passes.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.



Bud McDaniel, Council President



Mayor Clarissa Allega



Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer