

**Village of Clinton**  
**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**  
**of**  
**Tuesday, February 18, 2020**

Mayor Allega, called the meeting to order on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Rantanes, and recited by all those present.

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

Others Present: Alethea Rantanes, DeAnna Jenkins, Susan Smith, Diane Gunter, residents; and Fire Chief Conroy.

Approval of Council Minutes: Mr. McDaniel motioned to approve the February 4, 2020 Special Council Meeting minutes, second made by Mr. Rash.

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

Approval of Council Minutes: Mr. McDaniel motioned to approve the February 4, 2020 Regular Council Meeting minutes, second made by Mrs. Godwin.

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

Solicitor Report: No report.

Police Report: Attached. New Franklin will be contacted regarding their having an officer present at our meetings.

Fire Chief's Report: No report.

Street Commissioner Report: Street Superintendent Siegenthaler advised that 2/3 of the roads were paved. He will be attending a CUE meeting about our salt supply. Next year when we bid salt prices may be high. We have 300 tons left from our 700 tons ordered. We will pay storage for about 150 tons. Our streets signs are being defaced again. If you see kids out there, these need to be reported as replacing them is costly.

The trees are still an issue as he had a mirror knocked off on his truck. Municipalities should take care of some of issues of overgrowth along the streets. Clinton Road should be the first to be addressed.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion that we authorize the street commission to seek bids for tree trimming on Clinton Road with a cap of \$1,200 to move forward, this was seconded by Mr. McDaniel.

Mr. Siegenthaler brought up the Summit County Engineer's bridge inspection report - our four bridges in the Village are owned by the county. We got a grant for the Cleveland Massillon Road culvert project and basically, we would be doing the County's bridge. We would have to get the County's permission to do this and oversee it. Our tax payers should not have to pay for this. Mrs. Weirick is in contact with OHM Advisors (Village Engineers) on this to see who really owns. This bridge inspection report was sent to Mr. Krock and this should have been caught. We have not had a pre-construction meeting yet on this project and the process needs stopped until we find out the details.

Roll Call: (on prior motion) Mrs. Gensimore, Mr. Goch, Mrs. Conroy, Mrs. Godwin, Mr. McDaniel and Mr. Rash voted aye. Motion passes.

There was continued discussion about the tree issue and which ones need immediate attention. They should be marked and letters need to go out. Trees in the right of way are the responsibility of the property owner. Mr. Rash asked if residents are aware of this? He was told they will get a letter about this. Mrs. Gensimore said this will be a good article for the Community Newsletter. Removing trees can be very costly for individuals in the Village. The Street Superintendent, Terry Siegenthaler, proposed that the Village budget for the removal of "x" amount of trees to take down each year. Mr. McDaniel said if it's a danger, it needs taken down. He also questioned how the Village would determine to pay to remove one resident's tree and not another?

Zoning Report: No report. Mayor Allega informed council that the solicitor has drafted form letters for the zoning inspector regarding the zoning violation issues as well as the tree maintenance letters.

Fiscal Officer's Report: No report.

Unfinished Business:

Mr. McDaniel had emailed council an article about how the Nation is having trouble keeping up with road maintenance. He can provide this to anyone who would like to read it.

He also reported on attending an Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) meeting and brought back information about the upcoming projects that will be done on Route 21 and how it will affect local intersections near Clinton. It listed all the crashes that have happened at the intersections mentioned. There was more discussion on the drawings showing the different planned projects and how traffic pattern would change. With the information provided, included was a comment sheet residents can fill out and return.

The guest computer is very slow and he is still working on this issue. He also reported that we need to appoint a council person to the Planning Commission.

Mr. McDaniel made the motion to appoint Ellen Conroy to the Planning Commission, and was seconded by Mr. Rash.

Roll Call: Mrs. Gensimore, Mr. Goch, Mrs. Conroy, Mrs. Godwin, Mr. McDaniel and Mr. Rash all raised their hands in agreement. Motion passes.

Mr. McDaniel reported that we need to put the Records Commission members together. Mrs. Mayberry and Mrs. Weirick are the most knowledgeable in this area. Mrs. Gensimore said this is not in their job description and they are doing a lot of stuff and is not the way it was to be set up according to the ordinances and it seems to take a lot of their time. The other duties that Mrs. Mayberry is doing that are not hers - she should not be doing them anymore. She feels the prior administration put this on her and we need to dial this back. Mayor Allega read the Ohio Revised Code regarding members of this commission. Council further discussed who needs to be on the commission and who the appointed resident should be as the one currently on the commission is no longer living in the Village and must be a resident. We need to ask anyone interested to email the Village so we have a record of it.

#### Mayor's Communications:

Mayor Allega said the bid opening on the Cleveland Massillon Culvert project was on February 6, 2020. The engineer said the low bid was significantly lower than the others and is an unknown company they never worked with before. So, they wanted to do a pre-award interview before awarding them the project. However, this is on hold right now.

The zoning inspector has the letters the solicitor drafted for him but does not know the status at this time.

There is a County meeting on the sewer project update on March 5, 2020 at 3 PM. Councilmen Rash and McDaniel will attend with the mayor.

The FEMA application that we had our special council meeting for went out on time. She spoke with Holly Miller regarding Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for sidewalks. She said they will likely not be funded unless we put them in low to moderate income areas and the Village in general is not low to moderate income. The CENSUS may change that, but may not. Maybe a street in Warwick may qualify. We missed out on this when we had the opportunity. Since Village Hall is designated as our community senior center, and a safe space, we can get CDBG funding for the generator. Mr. Goch said the approach before regarding sidewalks was for accessibility to Village Hall - getting them over to the OVMP. Mrs. Gensimore that should have been applied for over consecutive years, but that didn't happen. The generator meets the CDBG rules per the Mayor and we can do it this year. We have NOPEC grant money as well. There is a quote for \$10K and one for \$11K. There are a couple of issues on these quotes we need to look into further. Per Holly Miller, the Village should look at long-range planning for CDBG funding and sit down with her office to discuss.

#### Council Communications/Council Committee Reports:

Mr. McDaniel said that on Thursday there is a CRAG meeting. Mr. Rash will be attending with Mr. McDaniel.

Mr. Rash said he was told the EPA gave us a letter saying we must have sewage. No one knows where that letter is. Mr. Knack told him that. Mrs. Gensimore said there is no such letter. He said why is there no business in town? Mrs. Gensimore said the County won't approve businesses without sewers. Mr. McDaniel said we need to get a sewer system in place, but we don't have a letter. Mayor Allega says a letter comes with timeframes and costs and we need to continue to have a say on this.

Citizens' Comments: None.

Resolutions and Ordinances: No first, second or third readings.

New Business:

Mrs. Gensimore met with Chief Conroy and they worked on an employee review form he could use, as well as a standard review form. Once we make a decision on the form, Mrs. Gensimore will give to Marshal Pitchford to review and then we will incorporate into the Employee Handbook.

Mr. McDaniel also reported on stop signs that are getting painted and possibly a trail camera to mount where we could catch these people defaming the signage. They may be put on stop signs. Mrs. Gensimore said there may be legalities involved. We are trying to get criminal violations for what is going on. It's not for traffic purposes.

Mr. Rash thanked Mr. Siegenthaler for all his hard work keeping our roads clean and safe. All those present agreed.

General Discussion: No general discussion.


Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval:

Mr. McDaniel made a motion to approve purchase orders and pay bills, second made by Mr. Rash.

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

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

  
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Bud McDaniel, Council President

  
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Mayor Clarissa Allega

  
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Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer