

**Village of Clinton
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 4, 2025**

Mayor Bud McDaniel called the meeting to order on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 7:00 PM in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Diane Gunter and recited by those present.

Council Members Present: Jan Godwin, Rita Joseph, Marissa Gensimore, Matt Steiner and Keith Clackler. Ross Blankenship was absent.

Others Present: Deanna Jenkins, Ellen Conroy, and Diane Gunter, residents; Seth Marcum, Solicitor's office; Jason Popiel, OHM Advisors; Fire Chief Wayne Conroy; Street Commissioner/Supt., Kevin White; and New Franklin Police Officer Zampelli.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Godwin made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Mr. Steiner.

Mr. Steiner stated the wording under Council General Discussion and levy and fire station is clunky when reading that. My point was, our voters voted to approve going from volunteer to full time, to purchase house on the other side of the tracks, and for New Franklin to join with us and funding one and a half employees. Voters didn't do that for just 10 years. In reading the minutes it is unclear and was asked if he wanted to make changes to make it clearer. Mrs. Gensimore stated it has to go with what was said at the last meeting. Mr. Steiner said he was not changing what he said, he said he was making it clearer of what he said as the minutes are not very clear. There was discussion on what to do. Should the minutes be tabled or fixed and approved later. Council could wait to approve at the next meeting or Mr. Steiner can abstain on the approval tonight. Mr. Steiner said it does say later here that "he does not feel voters allowed us to do that for just a period of 10 years." Mr. Steiner said he will approve. It is acceptable.

Roll Call: Steiner, Godwin, Clackler, Gensimore, and Joseph voted yes. Motion passes.

Solicitor Monthly Report

Mr. Marcum reported that he provided an amendment to an ordinance on the agenda.

Mr. Steiner made a motion to amend the agenda and put Jason Popiel after the Street Commissioner's Monthly Report, second by Mrs. Joseph.

Roll Call: Joseph, Gensimore, Steiner, Godwin, and Clackler voted yes. Motion Passes.

Mrs. Gensimore addressed Mr. Marcum about what was discussed at the last meeting regarding Ordinance No. O-25-03. She felt changing was unnecessary but understands he did what he was asked to do. She read the heading of the Standard Committee Schedule currently in use. She then read the heading of the Ordinance No. O-25-03 stating the schedule is inflexible, but it isn't. Mr. Steiner said this is just a change – the old one is not wrong. This is just different. Mr. Marcum has drafted what he was asked to do. Mrs. Gensimore said there is really no reason to change what we had and is totally flexible. Having the first and third Tuesday already established for the council meeting, every council member has this already set aside, on their calendar and don't have to find another day to have a meeting. This new ordinance is not accurate as written. Mr. Steiner said council members can still schedule a committee meeting before council. Mrs. Gensimore disagreed as in the

new ordinance under Exhibit A, it implies a committee cannot hold a committee meeting before a council meeting and Mr. Steiner agreed, and indicated what she said was correct.

Mr. Marcum said what was presented to him by a council member, was to draft the ordinance that removes V1, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, which preschedules all the committee meetings finding that the preschedule of committee meetings is not necessary for each committee. Committees should be more flexible and meet as needed and to not schedule before council meetings because there may not be sufficient time for committees to always conduct its business. Mr. Marcum said he can do another amendment on this to present at the third reading. Mrs. Joseph provided some recommendations for tweaks for the next meeting.

Mayor McDaniel stated this is a second meeting now stays as a second reading. If we make changes to a third reading it goes back to a second reading. The committee could be polled right now and take the line out right now. Sometimes there isn't enough time to get things done. Mrs. Gensimore said in using the schedule as it stands, sometimes the committee would schedule on a council night at 5:00 PM or another date. Mr. Steiner said this would continue in the new legislation – it's just different.

Mrs. Gensimore stated the Vice President (VP) position in the new legislation is now felt to be unnecessary. It came about as a separate ordinance – can it be changed all in one ordinance? Can the VP position and Standard Committee Schedule be changed in this new legislation since they were in separate ordinances originally?

Mr. Marcum indicated that Section 121.02 is a specific section of the codified ordinances as currently written. We are not undoing a past resolution. We are amending Ordinance No. O-25-02, that specific section of the codified ordinances, rather than amending some past ordinance or resolution or something specific to that.

Mr. Marcum's opinion is even if the vice president's position is eliminated, if the Mayor and President of Council is absent, the way it operates is that the duties fall to the most experienced member of council. That would be Jan Godwin. Mr. Steiner said he has always been vocal of the VP position – he's never felt was needed. Mrs. Gensimore said there was a valid and good reason why this position was created. Even if not used, it's nice to have a fall back.

Police Monthly Report – Attached in packet.

Mayor McDaniel praised the New Franklin PD of the heroic effort when a car went into the lake that was frozen and non-frozen and rescued the driver. He is proud to say they are our police force.

Officer Zampelli read the report for February to all present. Mrs. Godwin wants a copy of incident reports. The officer indicated they are all online and what she wants will be there.

Fire Chief Monthly Report – Attached in packet.

Chief Conroy read his report to those present. They are getting ready to side the fire house. It will match the shed. The cost will be \$11,527. He will ask the fiscal officer for a \$6,000 check for the downpayment on the supplies.

Street Commissioner Monthly Report

Mr. White reported that there were several salting and snow removal events. Also did some pot hole filling and downed tree cleanup.

He reported that because we cannot get the roads paved as quick as we want to, he would like to acquire one purchasing a hotbox. This is a trailer that is heated and asphalt kept at a certain temperature so the asphalt does not get cold while doing the potholes. He can park in the garage and plug in to heat up for the next day. He is looking for used ones. They vary in style, tonnage, and capabilities – \$6,500 to over \$12,000. New is about \$40K.

He said a hotbox can hold a variety of sizes and keeps it at a temperature of about 180 degrees. Mr. Steiner wants Mr. White to continue looking.

Mr. Steiner made a motion to empower the street superintendent to look for a used hotbox and purchase; second by Mrs. Godwin.

Roll call: Gensimore, Steiner, Clackler, Joseph, and Godwin, voted yes. Motion passes.

Mr. White then reported on pricing on putting a structure over the blocks for the temporary salt shed. He is going to get more pricing. The size he will be looking at is 56 x 32, steel sided, open front, 16-foot ceilings at a cost of \$21,400. A pole barn construction. It will go over the blocks. The mayor thinks this is a good price.

Jason Popiel, Engineer, OHM Advisors

Mr. Popiel reported to council on MS4 and the State requires this permit and puts us in charge of any storm water that leaves the limits of the Village and we are responsible it is as clean as possible. For many years the county had a permit to do that for everyone in Summit County. We were a co-permittee. Then the County decided to form a stormwater committee in order to take care of this and the cost was put on the residents. It would have been \$100 per resident per year to join this with the County. They could then use the money to fix countywide MS4 – use our money in Hudson let's say. So, we broke away from the County and do ourselves. We have a stormwater management manual which lets the EPA know how the Village will maintain compliance. Every year a report is submitted to the EPA. Clinton is its own MS4 community – no residents are charged.

Mr. Popiel stated he will be working with Kevin White on a plan set up for Village facilities. Sue Mayberry does things now, like the article in the Newsletter as that is what we told the EPA we were going to do. No further monies need allocated for this. The Mayor McDaniel indicated that every year there is a theme and this year it is Watershed. Mr. Popiel indicated the yearly community cleanup/beautification events will be done to be in compliance. At some time in the future, we will be audited and they do it every 5 years.

Mr. Clackler asked about the industrial facilities in the Village – do they get paperwork from the EPA about this? Mr. Popiel responded that we have to inventory any stormwater they have on their sites even though private, and make sure it is maintained properly and not illegally discharging. If we get a report, we have to talk to them and find ways to remedy. We did one recently and it is resolved.

Fiscal Officer's Report

Mr. Steiner indicated we are prepared for the Fire Department tanker and squad that's coming. The money is sitting in a Star Ohio account that allows us to earn 10% interest.

Unfinished Business

Church Donation for Signage – Mr. Steiner indicated that he spoke with Mrs. Wasman and they will be meeting with our fiscal officer, Leah, to go over options. NOPEC funds we have are from last year, and this year, to get an additional speed limit sign and with remaining dollars we would like to throw to signage. The signage is more expensive than what we and the church thought. The money from NOPEC can be used for energy efficient signage, LED. We should be able to do it.

Mayor's Communications

Mayor McDaniel reported that he was at a Mayor's meeting. Cyber Security and Artificial Intelligence was discussed. AI can duplicate your voice – a highlight of what was presented. Be careful. The Akron Summit Convention and Visitor's Bureau passed out pamphlets about exploring Summit County as there is a lot to see in this County.

He had a meeting at Summit County Public Health. The schools were polled and found the illicit drug use, alcoholism and suicides have gone down over the past 10 years. In the LGBTQ crowd, and Hispanic women illicit drug use was down but still higher than the rest.

Mr. Steiner and I met with New Franklin. We will meet again in a month. Nothing significant came out of the meeting.

Council Communications and Council Committee Reports

Chief Wayne Conroy will be contacted about his availability for a Safety Committee meeting. After that we can decide when we can all meet.

Citizens Comments

Mayor McDaniel thanked those who are here in attendance for being here.

Resolutions and Ordinances

No first readings.

Second Readings

Ordinance No. O-25-03

An Ordinance Amending Codified Ordinance Section 121.02, Entitled "Rules," and Declaring it to be an Emergency.

There are no Third Readings.

New Business – No discussion.

Council General Discussion

Mrs. Gensimore mentioned that the representative from Kimble came to the last meeting and asked if there were any other proposals from any other trash and recycle. Mr. Steiner said that Mr. Blankenship reached out to Republic and they were not willing to give us a contract. Mr. Blankenship was inclined to go with Kimble. Should have been on the agenda with the deadline but will be prepared for the next meeting. Mrs. Gensimore said we can set aside the three-reading rule when it is necessary.

Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval

Mr. Steiner pointed out there are no new bills to be approved at this time.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 PM, second by Mr. Steiner.



Mayor Bud McDaniel



Matt Steiner, President of Council



Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer