

**Village of Clinton
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 2, 2025**

Mayor Bud McDaniel called the meeting to order on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 7:00 PM in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Knepper and recited by those present.

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

Others Present: Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer; Kevin White, Street Commissioner/Street Supt.; Officer Zampelli, New Franklin PD; Diane Gunter, Tom Knepper, Tabi Barbu, Susan Haddox, Doug and Marcy Wilson, residents.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Godwin made a motion to approve the minutes of August 19, 2025, second by Mrs. Joseph.

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

Solicitor's Monthly Report – No report as he could not be at the meeting.

Police Monthly Report

Officer Zampelli read his written report (attached in packet). He added that of the tickets they wrote, one was on Clinton Road for speed and 16 people were issued speeding tickets on S. Cleve-Mass Road between Serfass and Clinton. Van Buren is freshly paved and extra patrols will be set up there.

Mrs. Godwin mentioned speeding is very bad by her house. Mayor McDaniel is glad they will be checking for speeding on Van Buren.

Mrs. Gensimore likes their presence when the school buses are running. Officer Zampelli said speeding around a school bus has hefty violations and fines. Bus drivers can be witnesses.

Mayor McDaniel asked about the crosswalks where the towpath crosses the road. He asked if there is a reason vehicles have to stop, legally? He was told only if there is a stop sign. Summit County Metro put those lines in there per Mrs. Gensimore and people walking on the towpath have to stop.

Fire Chief Monthly Report – No report.

Street Commissioner Monthly Report

Mr. White reported that the past month he did roadside mowing and mowed other properties in the Village. The new salt shed was installed. Van Buren was paved. There was storm damage and he cleaned that up. He received two quotes on the guard rail on 2nd Avenue by the tracks – 60 feet. One was \$4,950, and the other \$4,411. The estimate for the entire length of guardrail and posts on both sides, 1,650 feet, was \$77,500. Will need to be budgeted. Mr. Blankenship asked if he knew what the thickness was – breaking point. Mr. White was not aware. The two gates at the shop were \$2,250 and to redo the front part as they could not stretch the fence cost \$2,300 for that gate and the rest, \$3,400. He will get the gates to close it in, and maybe next year get the rest done.

Mrs. Godwin asked about school buses parking on property behind the ball field, county line. Mayor McDaniel was not sure about this and will find out.

Mayor McDaniel added that 500 tons of road grindings went to the youth sports complex. He thanked Mr. White for helping arrange that.

Fiscal Officer's Report

Mrs. Weirick wanted to clarify what she said about property taxes. The County does the value on the property and then you are taxed on 35% of their value. So, for a \$100,000 home, you are taxed on \$35,000. Thirty-five percent of the value of your home is what your taxes are based on.

Unfinished Business

Mrs. Weirick indicated the electrician could not come today to install the new digital sign.

Mrs. Gensimore said back in May she brought up getting together as a council of the whole, a work shop, to get a plan going for power outages and the like. It hasn't happened and we just experienced another power outage, not a long one, but we really need to pool everyone's availability on this and get something going. Maybe when Mr. Steiner gets back he can look into doing this.

Mayor's Communications

Mayor McDaniel reported the sound issue is fixed on the live streaming.

Eileen Shapiro's County Address is coming up on September 19. He indicated we may be late getting photos to them of our Village.

Council Communications and Council Committee Reports

Mrs. Gensimore said she reached out to our web designer to see if we could get things posted more efficiently and have him come to Village Hall to work with Sue Mayberry. Minutes cannot be posted until they are approved and signed.

Citizen's Comments

Diane Gunter reported on SWORD and that she had eight senior high school girls weeding at the Rhoads-Harter House. She was very thankful and said they were a wonderful group of girls. Applefest is coming up on Sunday, September 21. Set up is at 8:00 AM on that morning. She would love to get help.

Susan Haddox brought up the house at 7854 Main Street, the Lamb house. She asked that every council member drive through the alley and get an opinion on how they would like to live next to it. She indicated that they cut / drive through her yard. The Ford SUV is where their nephew sleeps. He opens up vehicle and lets garbage fall out - open jelly jar, trash bags, and she is tired of it. Jeff Ferjutz has attempted to address this. She wanted to know the laws of sleeping in your vehicle on public property. There is a hole in the building and animals are getting inside. Mayor McDaniel will check into this. Mr. Blankenship said if there are minors there, she can call Children's Services. The health department can also be contacted. The Mayor will call Mr. Ferjutz about this.

Resolutions and Ordinances

No first readings.

Second Readings

Resolution No. R-25-06

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 2026, and Declaring an Emergency.

No third readings.

New Business – No new business.

Council General Discussion

Mrs. Godwinn indicated there is a road that isn't a proper road on the county line where the football field is, and how houses are built with no road. They have to go up to that road between the high school and Schumaker. She blocked her driveway as they tried to make a road there. If you go back there, there is no cul-de-sac. It's Stark County. There is a problem – there will be a parking lot for buses from what she has been told by someone who lives there. Mayor McDaniel will drive back there and check it out.

Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval

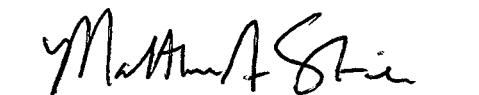
Mrs. Joseph made a motion to pay the bills, second by Mr. Blankenship.

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

A motion was made to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM.



Mayor Bud McDaniel

Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer

Matt Steiner, President of Council