

**Village of Clinton
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 21, 2025**

Council President Matt Steiner called the meeting to order on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 7:00 PM in Clinton Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jason Popiel and recited by those present.

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

Others Present: Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer; Jason Popiel, Village Engineer from OHM Advisors; Diane Gunter, and Ellen Conroy, residents.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Joseph made a motion to approve the minutes of October 7, 2025, second by Mrs. Gensimore.

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

Unfinished Business

Mr. Popiel, Village Engineer was present to report on the status of the Clinton Road project. First, he reported that the MS4 compliance was completed for the Village. The first part of the report was completed in 2024, and the next was done in 2025 and given to Kevin for his review and approval. There is a cost that was budgeted for. It is for the area by the Village salt storage sheds. Once Kevin reviews and approves, it will be sent to the EPA.

The legislation tonight for a third reading is for an application to AMATS, which is the local NPO. We know we had government funding, but then that fell through. The OPWC finding we had to return. AMATS will pay for 90% of the pavement and the drainage and the widenings are going to be covered locally. Jason said our intent is, once we are programmed through AMATS, and we've already met with them, it will be accepted. It will get it will get approved what year they program it. It could be anywhere from 2027 to 2033. The good news is, we have plans done already. And when they know you have plans done, they always move you up. We are hoping for 2027. Once we know, they will give us a year's notice. So they'll let us know springtime if it's going to be 2027. If it is, we're going to apply for OPWC to pay for the rest of it.

Matt Steiner asked if we should be concerned about the condition of Clinton Road until the project starts. Jason said we have to maintain it and they give you points if you do your best to do your best to maintain it. The plans are done, and AMATS require the plans to be in ODOT format. We will have to change the plans into this format. That cost, once we are programmed will be worked up and will get the Village a proposal and we may need to front a couple thousand dollars. OPWC does pay for that type of design. AMATS pays 90% for the inspection too. All the semi traffic was considered when OHM prepared the submittal for funding.

Mrs. Gensimore said the mayor was asked to talk to you about limiting the semi-truck traffic, even during the winter months. Is that a possibility? Jason said now that it's a county road, he will look into it. Mr. Blankenship said Clinton Road is falling apart. It's a danger. He said to let our local companies know if we are going to put up signage. Jason will talk to the County; however, we don't want to hurt our chances of getting funding by doing that.

Mayor's Communications

Mr. Steiner said he talked to the Mayor briefly.

He reported that Kevin was approached by Copley to borrow our hot box. He feels that is a good idea as we work together and they help us as well. Mrs. Joseph as long as our holes are fixed before we lend the hot box out. Also, Copley said they have a mechanic that will help us in emergency situations. Canal Fulton lends us their bobcat. Mr. Steiner said I don't want to not spend \$200 to rent something to get work done in the Village if we can't get a loaner.

Mr. Blankenship says put it in writing if you want to do good will. Same for a bobcat. Matt Steiner said Chippewa Township helped us with chip and seal – we didn't see any cost with that. That's the good will I'm talking about. I think this way of working with our neighbors has benefitted the Village.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to authorize Kevin to work with surrounding communities to take of the jobs he needs to take care of whether it be renting or borrowing, sharing and bartering with the communities, and rent a piece of equipment not over the amount of \$1,000, and allow him to do it, second by Jan Godwin.

Roll call: Gensimore, Steiner, and Godwin voted yes. Joseph, abstained; Blankenship, no. Motion passes.

Mr. Steiner said the fire truck that we sold on Gov Deals sold for \$21,200. This goes to the Fire Department. The new fire department signage the church donated funds for, came in and will be going up in the near future.

Council Communications and Council Committee Reports

Mr. Steiner reported on the Finance Committee meetings where the 2026 budget was discussed. The budgeted expenses are less than our income. This is good and has not always been like that. We also met about the emergency procedures. Wayne looked into the system about texting residence for emergencies. It starts at around \$2,500 a year. We do have room in the budget for that. We will meet when we get more information. Sue Mayberry found the original document and is updating it with accurate numbers still valid. The mayor will talk to the school superintendent as well.

Mrs. Gensimore said, regarding GoGov the emergency texting system mentioned by Chief Conroy, that she asked our IT company if they had any experience with that system. They have not had experience with GoGov. However, are familiar with similar systems. At first blush it looks to have good features. She asked if he had another recommendation but had not heard back. When she does, she will run it by the fire chief as well.

She also added regarding IT, webmail, Village website is being managed by a company that merged, and she asked for a quote, and she received. She also reached out to the person who is managing our website right now, has not been responsive. Our current IT people quoted us a number that was astronomical. She also talked to the host of our web page, has access, he offered to help Sue manage some things with it. He will provide a quote. We will review and make a recommendation to council. Trent, at our IT company, will be here to wipe the old computers and install the new ones.

Citizen's Comments – No comments.

helps him out and he doesn't do anything, with extensions, nothing has been done. A commercial trailer is on our sidewalk. Mr. Steiner said the optics are far from good. Mrs. Gensimore said if there is someone parked on a sidewalk, we can call the police. It's in our ordinances.

The new carry-out shop needs county inspections and that is all that is known right now at this time. The zoning inspector is proactively helping this business.

Mr. Blankenship asked about keeping this downtown looking nice. He was told it is in the code already. Mrs. Gensimore said you can make a motion to have the mayor do something. We order and direct the mayor to do something. Mr. Steiner said, the mayor is the chief executive and the boss of operations, and we can legislate to have him do what we legislate. Mr. Blankenship asked why we don't do this. Mr. Steiner said tonight is a good start.

Mrs. Gensimore asked about the trees and the canopy, yearly they used to go through and target areas where canopies are overgrown. We have to rent the equipment. Some utilities schedule to do this. However, it is something that is done and you have to budget for it. Mrs. Weirick said we usually budget to have this done and Kevin does when leaves fall off. We will ask Kevin at the next meeting.

Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval

Mr. Steiner pointed out that we sold the fire truck and got a nice boost in income.

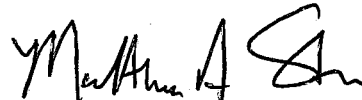
Mrs. Joseph made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$31,997.71. Second by Mr. Blankenship.

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

Mrs. Gensimore motioned to adjourn, second by Mr. Steiner. Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.



Mayor Bud McDaniel



Matt Steiner, President of Council



Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer