

**Village of Clinton
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 7, 2025**

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

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

Others Present: Seth Marcum, Solicitor; Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer; Kevin White, Street Commissioner/Street Supt.; Officer Zampelli, New Franklin PD; Diane Gunter, Tom Knepper, and Tabi Barbu, residents.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Joseph made a motion to approve the minutes of September 2, 2025 (that were corrected), second by Mrs. Godwin.

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

Mrs. Godwin made a motion to approve the minutes of September 16, 2025, second by Mrs. Joseph.

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

Solicitor's Monthly Report

Mr. Marcum reported that he had been working with the fire chief on a MOU and legislation that will get a first reading later in the meeting.

Police Monthly Report

Officer Zampelli read his September written report (attached in packet).

Mayor McDaniel thanked the officer for all the efforts on curtailing the speeding in the Village.

Trick or Treat was discussed and that the presence of the police will be here.

Mr. Steiner asked if there was any news regarding the break in at the fire department. The officer indicated that they were canvassing the area looking to see if there was any video footage at residences or businesses.

Fire Chief Monthly Report

Chief Conroy read his report (attached in the packet). They sold their ambulance on Gov Deals. The tanker was placed on Gov deals. He requested the Mayor and Solicitor to enter into an agreement (MOU) with the South Summit County Investigation Team. If there is a residential fire and they need to know what the cause was, they call out this team. The MOU explains the agreement and the responsibilities of the individual in our fire department and how paid. The number of hours is hit and miss – not all fires have the need for this team. It's like the hazardous emergency team. This is not a new hire to the department. The only cost to the Village is when the individual would get called out. There will be different investigations from each jurisdiction called out on a call. It's like a mutual aid as the Village has had investigators that have come to the Village paid by their department, not the Village. The hazmat team is different.

Street Commissioner Monthly Report

Mr. White reported that he is finishing up mowing and roadside mowing. He had new gates put on at the building. The mayor said the gates look great. The striping of Comet and Fulton will get done when the company gets caught up because of the rain.

Zoning Inspector's Quarterly Report

Mr. Steiner read his report which is also in the packet.

Fiscal Officer's Report - No report.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Steiner reported that new wooden sign, purchased with the church donation, is on order for the fire department.

Mayor's Communications

Mayor McDaniel remarked how nice the new sign is at Village Hall.

The mayor reported that he attended the Summit Soil and Water seminar and heard when they take down the Metro Parks dam there will be class four rapids for those interested in white water rafting. Also with that they will be introducing lake sturgeon.

He went to a MAPS meeting and Bill Reistien from California spoke and reported that Summit County is the place to go, move, live and work. This speaker also created a new website "Life on the Summit" and said that he will sponsor the Village on this website for \$1. The kicker is, he wants a dollar per person in the community. We may look into this at some time in the future.

Mayor McDaniel attended the Environmental Design Group open house at their new office.

He went to a meeting at Kent City Hall. A topic discussed was an influx of two animals in the area they are having trouble getting rid of - deer and skunks. The solution is to quit feeding these animals. Feeding stray animals may attract them as well and gardens attract deer.

He stated the State of the County Address where Eileen Shapiro spoke. He also talked with Amelia Sykes about Clinton Road and they are still working on the funding.

Council Communications and Council Committee Reports

Mr. Steiner scheduled a final 2026 budget review Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday, October 15 at 4:30 PM. There were no objections.

Mrs. Gensimore said Leah was able to set up an account with Micro Center and got the tax-exempt status as well. The computers were ordered and they will deliver as well. Leah indicated she was having trouble with them getting back to her. They indicated they will get back to us though.

Mrs. Gensimore added that the Planning Commission members were requesting Village email addresses so they didn't have to use their personal accounts. There are five members in the commission. Our web mail provider stated it would cost \$6.75 a month to add them. Mrs. Gensimore feels this is not too much to ask for their service on this commission.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to add three Planning Commission members to our Village email service at a total monthly cost of \$6.75 total, second by Mrs. Godwin.

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

Citizen's Comments – No comments.

Resolutions and Ordinances

First Readings

Resolution No. R-25-09

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Summit County Regarding Animal Control Services and Declaring an Emergency.

Resolution No. R-25-10

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Summit County Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Job Creation, Retention and Tax Sharing Effective October 1, 2025, and Declaring an Emergency.

Resolution No. R-25-11

A Resolution Authorizing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Regarding the South Summit Fire Investigation Unit and Declaring an Emergency.

Second Readings

Resolution No. R-25-08

A Resolution Allowing the Mayor to Apply for Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Funds Programmed by the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS) to Construct Clinton Road Improvement Project and Declaring an Emergency.

No Third Readings

New Business – No new business.

Council General Discussion

Mr. Steiner said we have discussed checks and balances in contacting our solicitor. The September bill was \$2,500 and October bill, about \$3,500. In the past two months we have spent around \$5,000 and we need to get a handle on this expenditure. We don't know the details of what these costs involve as it is attorney/client privilege. We have talked about having a point person and running issues through them and I think that is a good idea if we can find a way to implement that.

Mr. Blankenship feels if a council person needs to talk to the attorney about council business, there should be no client privilege unless the money comes out of their own pocket.

Mr. Steiner said there is a lot of human resource issues on the bill and Mr. Marcum could not confirm or deny.

Mr. Steiner has the attorney's bill if anyone wants to look at it. These expenses blow our budget and what if something happens when we really need legal advice.

Mrs. Gensimore said we need to have a workshop for a safety plan with more specifics. We need to pick a date to attend a council workshop. October 15 at 5:30 PM was brought up as some of us will already be here at the 4:30 PM Finance Committee meeting. Mrs. Gensimore said there are other issues that are needed to be a part of the safety plan that is not in it right now. Mr. Blankenship stated

there was nothing in the current safety plan about a train derailment. Mr. Steiner felt the fire or police department would have this type of breakdown for a train derailment. Mrs. Gensimore's concern was if there is a power outage in this community as this building is a center for people to come to. We need a policy regarding who is contacted, who will come in and man the building, issues if residents are not able to use the stairs, etc.

Mr. Steiner motioned to have an Emergency Operations Plan meeting on October 15 at 5:30 PM, second by Mr. Blankenship. All were asked to say yes or no, all said yes.

Mr. Blankenship asked if anyone has heard of Metal Supermarkets. It is a new place in the old Clinton Aluminum. He has followed a dozen semis to that place on Clinton Road and the Mayor who has way more pull, should talk to someone about making Clinton Road off limits for semis. That road is failing very bad and all these trucks should not be driving on Clinton Road and it's all the time. He added that Clinton Road is not going to last until we get it fixed in 2027/2028. There was discussion about limiting the weight of trucks driving on it during certain times of the year and diverting trucks down other roads. Mr. McDaniel stated he will talk to the engineer about this.

Presentation of Purchase Orders and Bills for Approval

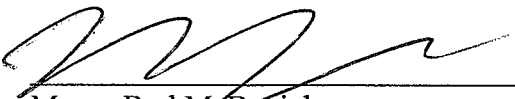
Mr. Steiner pointed out the amount for the salt shed and roof, for \$21,400. Both turned out very good. He asked for a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$70,766.00.

Mrs. Gensimore made a motion to pay the bills, second by Mr. Steiner.

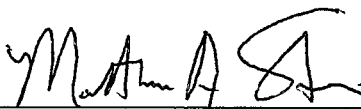
Mr. Blankenship asked why we have so many payments that have not been cashed yet. Mrs. Weirick said some checks she has reissued. She must keep them for 5 years before voided and adding back to the general fund. We did clean up four or five of them.

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

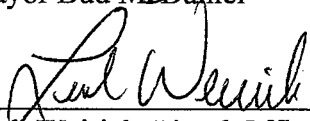
A motion was made to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.



Mayor Bud McDaniel



Matt Steiner, President of Council



Leah Weirick, Fiscal Officer