

Village of Clinton
March 3, 2014

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm.

Members present were President Mowery, Carl Habrick, Dianne Davis, Larry Sines, Joe Orban, Bonnie Peters, and Doris Kemner.

Motion by Peters seconded by Davis to approve the February 3, and February 17, 2014 council minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

The public hearing opened at 7:03 pm. The purpose of the hearing was to receive public comments on a proposed \$3.00 increase in the monthly residential service charge for sewer. Dr. Dixon was supportive of the sewer rate increase but felt it should be from a usage rate increase and not the service charge.

The last sewer rate increase was in 2006 to fund the replacement of the old sewer plant. The poor economy the last few years reduced sewer sales but instead of simply increasing rates the Village worked to reduce operating costs. The Village can no longer delay a rate increase because there needs to be adequate funding to pay for the operation and maintenance of the sewer plant. The Village is therefore looking to increase the service charge by a flat three dollars for residential customers and proportionately more for larger meter sizes. The public hearing closed at 7:12pm.

Motion by Orban seconded by Davis to increase the sewer service charges by \$3.00 for the three quarter inch residential meters and proportionately more for larger meter sizes. Motion carried unanimously.

The public hearing opened at 7:38 pm. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comments on the proposed amendments to the Village sign regulations. The public hearing closed at 7:47pm.

Motion by Peters seconded by Kemner to adopt Ordinance Number 2014-01. An ordinance to repeal section 66-302, signs, of the Village of Clinton codified ordinances and adopt new regulations. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Habrick seconded by Kemner to approve the checks written for the period ending February 28, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Council was updated on the 2014-15 budget. There will be a public hearing at the April 7, 2014 council meeting.

Council was updated on the Veteran's park construction project.

Council discussed the Energy Optimization Program. The 2014 program will offer a rebate for industrial and commercial customers changing out lights.

Motion by Habrick seconded by Sines to adopt Ordinance Number 2014-02. An ordinance on the issuance, transfer, renewal, revocation, and enforcement of liquor licenses. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Orban seconded by Peters to receive and file the council information packet. Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Orban seconded by Sines to go into closed session pursuant to Section 8 (h) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the three collective bargaining agreements. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. Closed session started at 8:32 pm.

Motion by Kemner seconded by Orban to go back into regular session. Motion carried unanimously. Returned to regular session at 8:54 PM.

Motion by Sines seconded by Peters to ratify the proposed new terms in the three collective bargaining agreements. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Peters seconded by Kemner to approve the 2014 wages for nonunion employees. Motion carried unanimously.

The Village Manager updated Council on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Settlement Agreement with International Transmission Company (ITC) over electric transmission tariff charges. The manager also discussed the need to update the electric cost of service study.

The following comments were from Council: Council member Habrick asked about the salt supply. The Village is down to only about 50 tons. Council member Peters thanked the DPW for keeping the streets clean. Council member Kemner expressed concern about delays in Washington with extending unemployment benefits. President Mowery appreciated the good job staff was doing keeping the roads cleared.

Motion by Habrick seconded by Sines to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Kevin Cornish, Village Manager

Date