

Village of Clinton
June 2, 2014

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm

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

Motion was made by Kemner and seconded by Peters to approve the May 5, 2014 council minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Habrick and seconded by Peters to approve the checks written for the period ending May 31, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

The public hearing opened at 7:03 pm. The purpose of the hearing was to receive public comments and to provide information regarding a major building construction project at 115 and 121 W. Michigan Avenue. The building construction will disrupt activities in the downtown so the Village wants to hear concerns about the project so it can ask the developer to prepare a plan to help address those issues. There were a number of good questions. Some of which were: the public expressed concern about the morning start time: wanted to know if a feasibility study was done; will the construction fence prohibit adjacent businesses from being open; when will the construction begin; how will they replace the basement walls next to the existing buildings; what will they do to protect adjacent buildings and pedestrians; concerned about the safety of the children on W. Church Street with the construction traffic; will the alley be open to traffic; concerned about the utilities adjacent to the construction; will utility services be disrupted; what about parking for customers, employees, tenants and construction workers; the builder should meet with both businesses adjacent to the construction site; is there asbestos in the building; dumpster placement; how will deliveries be made; and what about the water and sewer service to one of the buildings. The public hearing closed at 7:56 pm.

Council discussed the Smith-Kimball Community Center capital improvements and millage levy. Council contacted Carol Rone, Community Center Chairman, via speaker phone to discuss the Community Centers bad roof and HVAC units. Council will make a tour of the Community Center on June 12, 2014 at 6:00 pm and then reconvene at 7:00 pm at the Village Office to discuss the proposed repairs to the facility, the proposed millage levy, and a loan from the Robison Trust to the Community Center to fund the improvements.

Council was in favor of participating in the township's road millage hearing on June 16, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

Council was updated on the street repairs needed after the harsh winter. Council was supportive of using \$32,000 from reserves to make additional improvements to the streets with the contractor Highway Maintenance. They were also supportive of having

Slusarski Excavating pave the water main break cut out areas in the amount of \$7,420.00.

Council was updated on the sanitary sewer south lift station repairs.

Council was updated on the electric cost of service study. The Village needs to perform some work and make some decisions before finalizing the report.

Council was updated on Comcast acquiring Time Warner Cable.

Council was advised on the Planning Commission updating the zoning codes permitted and conditional uses in each district.

Motion was made by Sines and seconded by Habrick to receive and file the council information packet. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Orban and seconded by Sines to go in to close session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act to discuss union negotiations. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. Close session started at 9:22 pm.

Motion by Habrick seconded by Orban to go back into regular session. Motion carried unanimously. Returned to regular session at 9:34 PM.

The Village Manager requested to go into close session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act for the manager's performance evaluation.

Motion was made by Sines and seconded by Kemner to go in to close session to discuss the manager's performance evaluation. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. Close session started at 9:35 pm.

Motion was made by Peters and seconded by Habrick to go back into regular session. Motion carried unanimously. Returned to regular session at 9:54 pm.

The Village Manager commented on new regulations that may restrict the Village from using Comerica's J-fund and updating the Manager's cell phone.

The following comments were from Council. Carl Habrick asked if a fire hose could be used to clean up the downtown sidewalks. Larry Sines asked to have the Community Center listed on the Villages website as a meeting place. Joe Orban commented on a loose board on the Harvest Ridge walking bridge, that a sprinkler on the new soccer field is not working, and asked for an update on the gazebo at Tate Park. Bonnie Peters commented on how well the Farmers Market is doing. Doris Kemner asked about the entrance signs to the community being updated and that the Fall Festival has purchased a bench for Veterans Park and is donating \$500.00 for lighting.

President Mowery reminded Council about June 12th and June 16th meetings.

Motion was made by Habrick and seconded by Peters to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 pm.

Toni Gibson, Village Clerk

Date