

Village of Clinton  
February 6, 2017

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm.

Members present were President Kemner, Carl Habrick, Larry Sines, Joe Orban, Bonnie Peters, Greg Michalak and Merlin Mowery.

Motion was made by Mowery and seconded by Orban to approve the January 4, 2017 open and closed minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mowery and seconded by Sines to approve the checks written for the period ending January 30, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

The public hearing opened at 7:10 pm. The purpose of the hearing was to receive public comments on the proposed water and sewer rate increases. The Village water and sewer sales have declined the last several years but the Village still needs to bring in enough revenue to maintain the systems.

The proposed water rate increase is \$1.50 per month for the average residential customer using 5,000 gallons. Customers with larger meters will pay proportionately more. This fiscal year the Village spent \$79,000 on cleaning and coating the inside of the water tower and \$16,000 to clean the well one aquifer. In about three years the outside of the water tower will need to be painted for an estimated cost of \$95,000.

The proposed sewer rate increase is \$3.00 per month for the average residential customer using 5,000 gallons. Customers with larger meters will pay proportionately more. The Village's sewer plant uses treatment processes that require pumps, motors, computers and other equipment to clean the waste water according to Michigan Department of Environmental Quality standards. In the last year, the Village spent over \$180,000 to perform preventative maintenance or replace some of those components that were at the end of their useful life. The public hearing closed at 7:20 pm.

Motion was made by Orban and seconded by Peters to adopt Resolution Number 2017-02. A resolution to amend the water and sewer rates and charges. Motion carried unanimously.

Council was provided a copy of the updated Continuity of Operations Plan. The plan was amended to reflect the recent staff and council changes.

Motion was made by Mowery and seconded by Habrick to adopt Resolution Number 2017-03. A resolution required by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for purposes of issuing to a municipal utility an "individual permit for use of state trunkline right of way" or an

“annual application and permit for miscellaneous operations within state truckline right of way”. Motion carried unanimously

Motion was made by Habrick and seconded by Michalak to approve the purchase of a utility pickup truck for the electric department through the State of Michigan Extended Purchasing Program in the amount of \$38,458.96. Motion carried unanimously.

Council discussed road construction projects tentatively planned for 2017-18.

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

The Village Manager asked if Council would like to hold the budget hearing in March, updated Council on a cooling fan for transformer 1, replacing a reclosure and installing metering equipment for the circuits.

The following comments were from Council. Bonnie Peters updated Council on the daycare that will not be able to open. Greg Michalak asked how the well cleaning went and Merlin Mowery wanted direction with the garbage cans being left in the street for several days after garbage day and abandoned vehicles.

President Kemner asked that a letter be written to Randy Porterfield for his years of service.

Motion was made by Sines and seconded by Habrick to go into closed session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, to discuss the Smith-Kimball Community Center with legal counsel. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. Closed session started at 8:10 pm.

Motion was made by Mowery and seconded by Orban to go back into open session. Open session started at 9:04 pm.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

---

Toni Gibson, Village Clerk

---

Date