

Village of Clinton
March 13, 2017

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm.

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

Motion was made by Peters and seconded by Mowery to approve the February 6, 2017, open and closed minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Habrick and seconded by Sines to approve the checks written for the period ending February 28, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Richard Faust of the Clinton American Legion Post 176 addressed Council about placing a small field gun at Veteran's Memorial Park.

Motion was made by Habrick and seconded by Sines welcoming the request from the Clinton American Legion Post 176 to place a small field gun at the Veteran's Memorial Park subject to the approval of a site plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mowery and seconded by Sines to approve the new fire service contracts with Bridgewater, Manchester and Macon Townships. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Orban and seconded by Peters to authorize the Village Manager to execute the Michigan Uniform Video Services Local Franchise Agreement renewal with Comcast. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Sines and seconded by Michalak to adopt Resolution Number 2017-04. A resolution to authorize execution of the second amendment of the deferred compensation plan with CUNA Mutual Group. Motion carried unanimously.

Council discussed the allegations of discrimination and harassment against the Michigan Municipal League CEO. After a thorough investigation with an outside investigator and legal counsel, the MML Board found the claims were unsubstantiated.

Council discussed Michigan's broken municipal funding system which denies communities the funding they need to properly maintain services, utilities and roads.

Council discussed distribution of Agency reserves.

Council was updated on the water usage reports which show 2016 sales were down 6.8 percent from 2015. The continuing decline in sales over the last few years makes it difficult to properly fund for the operation, maintenance and debt service for the water and sewer systems.

Council discussed the Smith-Kimball Community Center proposed appointments to fill two vacancies. Council would like to meet with the two individuals before making a decision.

Council reviewed the preliminary 2017-18 budget. A public hearing will be held at the April 3, 2017 Council meeting.

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

The Village Manager thanked Mr. Dick Faust for his help with restoring power to residents with the recent high winds. Updated Council on new auditors for the Village, elected officials training, and on trying to find someone to construct condominiums in Clinton.

The following comments were from Council. Carl Habrick asked if there was any movement on the Carriage Hills subdivision on Michigan Avenue just east of the high school. Larry Sines asked about a wire down. Bonnie Peters commended the Village for keeping the power on during the recent storm. Merlin Mower complimented the Village employees that worked during the wind storm to restore power to residents that were affected by a tree knocking down a utility pole.

President Kemner thanked the Village employees for keeping the power on during the wind storm, thanked Kevin Cornish for staying in touch with staff and Council during the wind storm even though he was on vacation and expressed concern for the Couture family.

Motion was made by Habrick and seconded by Mowery to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Toni Gibson, Village Clerk

Date