

Village of Clinton
Council Meeting
July 2, 2018

The was called to order at 7:00 pm.

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

Motion by Sines seconded by Peters to approve the May 31, 2018, June 4, 2018 regular and the June 4, 2018 closed session minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Catherine Sala, is running for Probate Judge and made a brief presentation. Mr. Todd Morgan is running for Probate Judge and made a brief presentation. Mr. Bill LaVoy is running for State Senate and made a brief presentation.

A public hearing on amending the Veteran's Memorial Park Master Plan was opened at 7:12 pm.

The American Legion Post 176 submitted a request to the Village to install an M-60 Patton Tank, on a concrete pad, with a wrought iron fence and shrubbery. Commander Larry Alaniz presented the American Legion's request. There were a number of comments from the public in support and opposition to the request.

The public hearing closed at 7:50 pm. President Kemner believed Council should take some time to consider the comments before it makes a decision. She called for a special meeting on July 30, 2018, at 7:15 pm at the Clinton Township Library. She also appointed a committee to discuss the request prior to the special meeting. The Committee will consist of Commander Alaniz and two other representatives of the American Legion Post 176, Mrs. Norleen Hicks and two other residents from near the park, and President Kemner, another Council member and Village Manager Cornish.

Motion by Peters seconded by Mowery to approve the checks written for the period ending June 30, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Orban seconded by Habrick to vote for the three candidates running for the MML Workers Compensation Fund Board. Motion carried unanimously.

The MDEQ just approved the Village's petition to reduce the operator license requirement at the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) from a "B" to a "C" license. There is a serious shortage of licensed WWTP operators in the state, so the less restrictive license will make it easier for the Village to find qualified operators for the plant.

Motion by Orban seconded by Sines to commit \$15,000 from the Village's Water Fund for the Well Head Protection Grant from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Motion carried unanimously.

The State of Michigan enacted legislation to strictly regulate public water distribution systems. The new rules will help protect the public from lead and copper in the drinking water, however come with significant costs to residents. The Village's 2017 lead testing results were 1 part per billion (ppb) which is well below the federal threshold of 15 ppb.

The Village is required by state law to provide an energy optimization program to reduce energy consumption. The Village has distributed light bulbs for several years because it is cost-effective. The Village will continue to meet the state requirements with the light bulb program and will look into an appliance rebate program for the future.

The Village has been working with the Clinton Little League for several months to renew the field use agreement. The Agreement has not been executed so Council provided some direction to the Village Manager.

Council discussed the sidewalk ordinance and how to handle construction of new sidewalk on large lots in the community.

Motion by Orban seconded by Michalak to direct the Village Manager to draft an ordinance that when deemed necessary by Council the Village will pay for the cost of new sidewalk construction in existing portions of the community, and that with the construction of a new home the property owner is responsible for the cost of sidewalk. Motion carried with Mowery voting no.

Motion by Mowery seconded by Habrick to receive and file the Council Information Package. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sines seconded by Mowery to authorize CBIZ Retirement Plan Services to perform an actuarial study of the Village's MERS retirement plan for a cost not too exceed \$5,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Habrick asked to be placed on the Veteran's Memorial Park Committee. President Kemner appointed him to the committee.

The following comments were from Council. Council Member Sines asked about the status of the basketball court project. Council Member Peters asked about the status of Carriage Hills Subdivision; about the cost of power during the last few hot days; and thought they did a good job restoring the yards on Jackson Road after the construction project.

President Kemner said the Clinton Arts Center is doing good with great attendance; and the DDA will be discussing the installation of public parking signage for the downtown.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm.

Kevin Cornish, Village Manager

Date