

Village of Clinton  
Council Minutes  
January 6, 2020

The meeting opened at 7:05 pm.

Members Present were President Doris Kemner, Carl Habrick, Larry Sines, Joe Orban, Bonnie Peters, and Greg Michalak. Kevin Kelly was absent.

Motion was made by Michalak and seconded by Sines to approve the December 16, 2019 regular minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

A citizen requested an update on the Sunset storm water retention projects and FOIA request clarification.

Motion was made by Peters and seconded by Orban to approve the checks written for period ending December 31, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Sines and seconded by Habrick to authorize the purchase of a new backhoe for the DPW and sale or trade of the Village's current backhoe. Motion carried unanimously.

Council was updated on the sale of the Fire Department John Deere Gator.

Council was supportive of bidding the curb and sidewalk work for 2020.

Council discussed the preliminary street improvement projects for 2020-21 fiscal year.

Council was updated on the Sunset Drive storm water retention projects. The first storm retention berm was constructed and Council was supportive of budgeting for the second berm so that funds would be there if we decide to move forward with the project. The Village will monitor the Sunset Drive storm water drainage to see if the second berm is needed.

Motion was made by Orban and seconded by Sines to authorize the Lead & Copper Rule Letter to Villages. Motion carried unanimously.

The Village Manager presented the preliminary water and sewer rate studies. Water rates need to be increased to fund the requirements of the state's new lead & copper rules. These agenda items will be discussed again at the February meeting.

The Village Manager presented an update on the MSCPA Organizational and Power Supply Studies. The Village would like a third-party recommendation on what organizational structure for the power Agency is best for the Village. The Village will discuss the Power Supply Study again at the February meeting.

Motion was made by Michalak and seconded by Sines to authorize Courtney & Associates for a cost not to exceed \$3,000 to provide a recommendation on which organizational structure of the Michigan South Central Power Agency is best for the Village. Motion carried unanimously.

Council is supportive of issuing the RFP for engineering services for the substation project. Motion carried unanimously.

The Village Manager provided some information on the potential Carriage Hills Subdivision.

The Village Manager presented the funding sources for moving the Mechanic Position from the Electric Department to the DPW.

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

The Village Manager reported on the Fire Department millage renewal.

A motion was made by Habrick and seconded by Peters supporting Clinton Township's ballot issue for the Fire Millage. The Township will ask voters to renew the millage, which funds the operation and maintenance of the Clinton Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Council was supportive of paying the annual River Raisin Watershed membership dues.

Council was supportive of the WWTP adding a garage door to the digester building so they can use that space as a garage/storage area at a cost of around \$9,000. It was much cheaper to use the existing digester space than to construct another building.

The Electric Superintendent is checking with MDOT about installing street lights on the Michigan Avenue traffic light poles to increasing evening visibility at the intersection.

MDOT is reviewing a possible pedestrian crossing and school zone signing on Michigan Avenue for the High School.

The Police Department purchased body cameras and currently have two officers certified in their use, with training scheduled for the other officers. The Department continues to have no candidates for a part-time Police Officer position.

Village Clerk shared information on a framed 1940 calendar which displayed Clinton's two 1938 light plant generators.

The following comments were from Council.

Carl Habrick asked if there was any additional information on Oak Openings. Bonnie Peters asked about live Christmas tree pickup dates.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

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Jennifer Adams, Village Clerk

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Date