

Village of Clinton  
Council Minutes  
December 14, 2020

The meeting opened at 7:12 pm.

Members Present were President Doris Kemner (via zoom), Carl Habrick, Larry Sines, Joe Orban (via zoom), Bonnie Peters (via zoom), Greg Michalak (via zoom), and Kevin Kelly (via zoom).

The Village Clerk administered the Oath of Office for the reelected Council Members Carl Habrick, Larry Sines, and Joe Orban, and President Doris Kemner.

Jon Nowinski of the Lally Group presented the 2020 Financial Audit.

Motion was made by Sines and seconded by Peters to approve the regular and three sets of closed session council minutes dated November 2, 2020. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Motion was made by Peters and seconded by Habrick to approve the checks written for period ending November 30, 2020. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Mike Walters, Clinton Local, acknowledged Representative Bronna Kahle's support of transparency in local government and her recent vote against HB 6440.

The Village Manager shared the Michigan State Police's LEIN Audit letter acknowledging the outstanding evaluation of the Clinton Police Department.

The Council was in support of issuing an Energy Efficiency Rebate to Busch's for their commercial lighting project that exceeded requirements.

Motion was made by Peters and seconded by Sines to appoint Ms. Stacy Orłowski to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the open term of 2021-24. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Motion was made by Peters and seconded by Sines to appoint Stacy Orłowski to the Smith-Kimball Community Center Board for the open term of 2018-22. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Motion was made by Peters and seconded by Sines to regretfully accept the resignation of Steven Daniels from both the DDA Board and the ZBA Board. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Council tabled action on seeking a legal opinion on evaluating the Trust Fund documents regarding possible future investment options.

The Village Manager provided information on Union City exploring the sale of assets to leave MSCPA.

Council was updated on AMP's Solar Power Recommendations.

The American Legion purchased six statues, representing the different military branches, to place in Memorial Park in the Spring of 2021. Councilmember Habrick said this was a wonderful thing for Memorial Park.

The Village is still looking into cost effective backup power supply for one of the two drinking water wells.

Motion was made by Habrick and seconded by Peters to receive and file the Council information packet. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Councilmember Habrick asked a couple of questions on the energy efficiency program and noted how nice the downtown decorations looked. Councilmember Sines and Peters echoed the same statement on the downtown lights, with Peters also noting how many homes were beautifully decorated this year. Councilmember Orban made a comment about a utility box on Oak Tree Drive that seemed to be sinking. President Kemner noted a couple of the deer decorations were leaning and needed to be reset and wanted to thank DTE for the grant to purchase the additional holiday decorations.

Village Manager Cornish made a few comments on training, election costs, and Edward Jones investments.

Motion was made by Sines and seconded by Michalak to go into closed session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, to discuss an Attorney-Client Communication. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. Closed session started at 8:20 pm.

Motion was made by Sines and seconded by Peters to go into open session. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. Open session started at 8:35 pm.

Motion was made by Habrick and seconded by Peters to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

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Jennifer Adams, Village Clerk

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Date