

Village of Clinton
Council Minutes
November 20, 2023

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm.

Members present were President Doris Kemner, President Pro-Tem Larry Sines, Bonnie Peters and Greg Michalak. Joe Orban and Bill Sherman were absent.

David Clark, a Planning Commission Member, expressed interest in being appointed to fill the open Council seat.

Motion by Michalak seconded by Sines to appoint David Clark to fill the open Council seat for the remainder of the term ending November 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

David Clark was sworn as a Council Member by the Village Clerk.

Council was supportive of the 2024 meeting date schedules for Council, Planning Commission and DDA.

Village Manager provided an update on the electric cost of service rates.

Village Manager provided an update on the \$8 million DOE grant awarded for the hydroelectric plants.

Village Manager provided an update on the Village grants awarded for Tate Park, Fire Department, Sunset Drive Construction Project, and WWTP.

Village Manager provided an update on the \$3 million Downtown investment from John DeAngelis, owner of Johnnie's Bar & Grill.

Village Clerk provided an update on the transition planning for the Electric Department, Village Treasurer and Village Manager.

Council was supportive of the DDA's preliminary 2024-25 Budget which includes additional funds for events, marketing services and a part-time person to help coordinate DDA activities.

Village Manager provided an update on the Carriage Hills site plan review.

Council was supportive of the Planning Commission working on a Vacant Building Ordinance.

Village Manager provided information about a broken window claim.

Village Manager provided preliminary information about a class action lawsuit regarding PFAS contamination in drinking water. Fortunately, the Village is not in the lawsuit because it continues to test negative for PFAS.

The W. Michigan Water Main Project is tentatively scheduled to start in early December 2023. The project will replace twelve lead service lines on both sides of W. Michigan Avenue from River Street to just west of Division Street.

Council Member Peters encouraged everyone to attend the Christmas in the Village festivities on December 2, 2023.

President Kemner is working on an application for a Historic Restoration Grant for downtown, a downtown lighting grant, trying to find ways to repurpose the Currier Street car wash, seeking grants for a paved path from Clinton to Tecumseh, and the asking the River Raisin Watershed to help clear the River Raisin to facilitate water activity. President Kemner also extended a warm invite to all to attend Christmas in the Village on Saturday, December 2, 2023.

Motion by Sines seconded by Peters to go into closed session, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, to discuss union contract negotiations. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. Closed session started at 9:14 pm.

Motion by Peters and seconded by Sines to go into open session. Motion carried unanimously. Open session started at 9:50 pm.

Council hopes to ratify the Union Contracts at the December meeting.

Motion by Peters seconded by Sines to renew the Village Manager employment agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michalak seconded by Peters to adopt Resolution 2023-12 to set Council and Planning Commission compensation. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Peters seconded by Sines to accept David Clark's resignation from the Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sines and seconded by Peters to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm.

Leslie Owens, Village Clerk

Date