

Town of Clinton: Minutes Wed Oct 13 2021 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Board Meeting

Town of Clinton

October 13, 2021

Meeting called to order with the pledge of allegiance. In attendance were Chairman Corey Leis, Supervisor 1 Wally Hemmersbach, Supervisor 2 Jordan Bendel, Clerk Sandy Schweiger, Treasurer Jan Clark, Fred Brandt, Ranelle Brandt, Mava Clark, Jake Dowling, Linda Dowling, Pandora Flores and Lonnie Muller.

Mr. Leis called for a moment of silence over Bob Fish's recent passing and thanked his family for his service.

The budget was amended to move \$20,000 from contingency and \$14,000 from general fund to road projects. Motion made by Mr. Bendel, 2nd by Mr. Leis; all ayes, motion carried. Motion made by Mr. Bendel, 2nd by Mr. Hemmersbach, to move \$34,000 from general fund to contractors & materials; all ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Bendel made a motion to move \$2,000 from general fund to fire protection, 2nd by Mr. Hemmersbach; all ayes, motion carried. Ms. Clark noted that only \$44,000 remained in the general fund.

Mr. Bendel made a motion, 2nd by Mr. Hemmersbach, to approve the financial report as read; all ayes, motion carried. Mr. Bendel made a motion, 2nd by Mr. Hemmersbach, to approve transferring \$36,744 from savings to checking, \$12,700 from money management to checking and \$74,942.69 from money management to ARPA (funds received under the American Rescue Plan) money management; all ayes, motion carried.

Requests for veteran's grave care were submitted by the Dell Cemetery and Clinton Ridge Cemetery and signed; the county pays \$6 per grave.

A discussion was held concerning a \$1 per hour incentive for the assistant patrolman for acquiring a CDL. Mr. Bendel made a motion to table this issue, 2nd by Mr. Hemmersbach; all ayes, motion carried.

Resolution 1-2021 regarding the redistricting proposal based on 2020 census figures was presented. New wards were created reducing the number of county board supervisors to 19 from 29. Mr. Bendel made a motion, 2nd by Mr. Hemmersbach, to approve resolution; all ayes, motion carried.

An application for the Local Road Improvement Program, which opened October 1st, will be submitted for Irish Ridge Road. Deadline is 1st of November. Mr. Bendel made a motion, 2nd by Mr. Leis, to assign road ratings to Mr. Hemmersbach; all ayes, motion carried.

The board is proposing laying a 6-8" gravel base on Irish Ridge Road, covered by a hard asphalt surface, to be completed in 2022, which would allow the releasing of funds the county received from the Amish community. Mr. Bendel made a motion to approve, 2nd by Mr. Hemmersbach; all ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Brandt noted that most of the ordinances are now available on the website, but there has been difficulty printing off documents. He will talk with Al Buss, who is still loading files, on the 19th of the month.

Final figures for 2022 budget planning were not all available. Mr. Bendel expressed concerns regarding the \$650,000 proposal for Irish Ridge and how it was to be funded; he noted that an old technique called blade spreading was returning and should be considered. Mr. Leis indicated these funds would be borrowed and the levy would be increased by \$86,594.

Mrs. Dowling thanked the board for earlier road repairs but remains concerned about the Evenstad Bridge as recently a contractor was unwilling to cross this structure and she felt it needed immediate attention. Mrs. Dowling also wondered why the board was considering the most expensive option for Irish Ridge. Mr. Leis will again talk to the county highway commissioner about the bridge.

Vince Schmitz is retiring as building inspector and has been searching for a replacement.

Motion to approve minutes submitted by Mr. Leis for August 25th meeting was made by Mr. Bendel, 2nd by Mr. Hemmersbach; all ayes, motion carried. Motion made by Mr. Hemmersbach, 2nd by Mr. Leis, to approve September 8th minutes with corrections. Motion made by Mr. Bendel to approve September 22nd minutes, 2nd by Mr. Leis; all

ayes, motion carried. Other notations were made regarding previous minutes by Mr. Leis.

Meeting was scheduled for October 20th at 7 pm to finalize budget.

Mr. Bendel made a motion to adjourn at 9:43 pm, 2nd by Mr. Hemmersbach; all ayes, motion carried.