

Town of Clinton Board Meeting January 12, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7 pm at the town hall with the pledge of allegiance. In attendance were Chairman Corey Leis, Supervisor 1 Wally Hemmersbach, Supervisor 2 Fred Brandt, Clerk Sandy Schweiger, Treasurer Jan Clark, Patrolman Scot Sanders, Ranelle Brandt, Wilmer Carlson, Bob Erickson, Alex Flores, Pandora Flores, Lester Hershberger, Eli Hochstetler, Joe Kauffman, John Kauffman, Tammy Litsey, Lonnie Muller, Lori Schmitz and Steve Schmitz.

Mr. Hemmersbach made a motion, 2nd by Mr. Brandt, to accept the financial report as read; all ayes, motion carried. Mr. Hemmersbach made a motion, 2nd by Mr. Brandt, to approve transferring \$38,965 from savings to checking, \$120,907.23 from tax savings to checking and \$6,000 from money management to checking; all ayes, motion carried. Mr. Brandt, 2nd by Mr. Hemmersbach, made a motion to pay the bills; all ayes, motion carried. The refund from Milestone Materials will be applied to gravel expenses.

Mr. Hemmersbach made a motion, 2nd by Mr. Brandt, to explore an upgrade of the HVAC system at town hall; all ayes, motion carried. Funds received through the American Rescue Plan are eligible for this expense. Suggested contacts included Service Plus, Strang's, Flock's and Lind's.

Changes in insurance policy were requested.

Mr. Hemmersbach has been getting quotes for backhoe tires, including Degenhardt and Pomp's. Mr. Brandt made a motion, 2nd by Mr. Hemmersbach, to table this issue; all ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Leis contacted Premier Coop, which owns the tanks, regarding fuel contract; quote was for \$2.90 per gallon for purchases from April to October. Last year Consolidated was higher. Approximately 5,000 gallons are used each year. Mr. Hemmersbach made a motion, 2nd by Mr. Brandt, to stay with Premier unless Consolidated is less than \$2.75 with tanks; all ayes, motion carried.

In last month's closed session, the board opted to increase patrolman salaries as well as pay overtime for weekend hours. New rates are \$23.00 per hour for Mr. Sanders and \$20.00 per hour for Mr. McCann, with overtime paid for weekend hours, including attendant duties at Recycle Center. Mr. Leis noted that no motion was needed as they were made in the closed session.

Mr. Brandt made a motion, 2nd by Mr. Hemmersbach, to approve the summary of the town's ten-year plan; all ayes, motion carried. The plan will be posted at the town hall and on the website.

The road project summary distributed at the budget hearing was not a Town Board approved analysis. Mr. Hemmersbach made a motion, 2nd by Mr. Brandt, to strike this report from the official record; all ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Brandt made a motion, 2nd by Mr. Leis, to approve the minutes from November 30th; all ayes, motion carried.

The minutes from September 8th were previously approved with corrections at the October 13th board meeting. To date these corrections have not been fully completed and should read as follows: Due to the ongoing issue of Irish Ridge Road, Mr Leis proposed a 26' wide base, with 22' wide 3" mat. Mr. Brandt made a motion to approve this, 2nd by Mr. Hemmersbach; all ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Brandt wanted the reference to the \$650,000 loan for Irish Ridge removed as it was not part of his original motion on December 8th while the board amended a paragraph pertaining to Mr. Yoder's comments.

Mr. Brandt made a motion, 2nd by Mr. Hemmersbach, to table approval of the December minutes; all ayes, motion carried.

As for the minutes from January 4th, motion made by Mr. Hemmersbach to approve, 2nd by Mr. Leis; all ayes, motion carried.

During public comment, Mr. Schmitz expressed his appreciation for the clerk and treasurer as did Mr. Flores. Mrs. Schmitz inquired about the expenses associated with the ten-year plan. Mrs. Litsey noted the sign at Mossholder and Fish Streets needed repair and informed them she was in the process of cleaning up the former property of Bob Fish. Both Mr. Kauffman's and Mr. Hochstetler expressed appreciation for the road plowing. Mr. Muller requested to be notified of extra meetings.

At 8:50 pm, Mr. Hemmersbach made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Mr. Brandt; all ayes, motion carried.