

**PORT CLINTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING**

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The regular meeting of the Port Clinton City Council was held at the Port Clinton City Hall with De Anna Kuzma, President of Council, presiding. The meeting opened at 7:30pm. Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance, The Lord's Prayer, and a moment of silence for those serving our Country.

The roll was called and the following council members were present: Gabe Below, Joel Freedman, Beth Gillman, Brian Hild, Roseann Hickman, Margaret Phillips and Lisa Sarty.

The chair noted that certification has been received regarding the compliance with the rules and notification of this meeting.

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**GUEST PRESENTATION**

**State Representative Steve Arndt**

House Bill 415 – Fund that has been set aside. It will take 50% of what is left at the end of the year and distribute that to local governments, counties, cities, villages and townships for improvements. The money once awarded can be used right away or put aside to save for other major projects. This bill is currently with the Senate Transportation Committee.

House Bill 10, which is crowd funding which helps entrepreneurs that are cash short and it comes in as equity. Crowd funding actually allows community members actually invest in business opportunities in your community but a loan does not help them because it is a liability.

Mr. Arndt spoke in regards to another house bill that will help those businesses that are a million dollars or less. They would go on a cash basis versus an accrual basis for remitting sales taxes.

Mr. Hild asked for an example of House Bill 415. Mr. Arndt stated to call and state that you support House Bill 415 to help with your city streets.

Ms. Phillips asked Mr. Arndt to speak about the bill he is working on to benefit Davis Besse. Mr. Arndt spoke in regards to FERC and what they are stating are requirements. Mr. Arndt stated that he is currently working on a piece legislation that he did not favor one-generation source over another.

Ms. Gillman asked if natural gas regulated – deregulated from state to state. Mr. Arndt stated natural gas was the first to be deregulated. He stated not all states are deregulated.

Mrs. Sarty asked if he could update us on the bridge. He stated that there is a good sign with the crane cable on the south side not being present. He stated they did a site visit last week and there is not piece remaining of the original bridge mechanical wise. He stated with the crane cable not being attached means it is operating on its own very slowly.

Mr. Holman stated that he is very upset with ODOT. He stated that they came to the city at a meeting and stated they would keep them updated. He stated that it has cost the business owners a lot of money due to the delays. Mr. Holman suggested that there be a possible tax credit or an interest free loan to help them with their losses. Mr. Arndt stated there is discussion in regards to the liquidated damages. He stated that it would not go back to the businesses individually but possibly back to city. A member of the public asked if there was a penalty for not completing the project on time. Mr. Arndt stated there a \$5000 a day penalty for the bridge.

**PUBLIC COMMENT****Sherry Murphy – Lee Ave**

Stated that she is back because of Lee St. She stated that it flooded again the following day after the last council meeting. She asked what the service crew was doing on the street that day. Mayor Wheeler stated that he asked the crew to make sure the catch basins were clean and use the grinder to make sure the water could get to the catch basin. He stated that her house is at the lowest point of the street and there is only four catch basins on the street. She asked what does that mean for her house. Mayor Wheeler stated that all they did was try to get the street not to flood. He stated to remember that the lake level is currently high and the key is to keep the pond level down. She asked what the pump stations purpose and the Mayor stated that it pumps water from the street to the pond. She stated that she read her dead and it states that the city is responsible for keeping up on the streets and drains. She stated that is not being done. Mr. Martin stated that it is being done. There is a plan that has been in place prior to him coming to the city and they are working on a plan going forward. He stated that the catch basins are discussed and worked daily, try to encourage people not to stack their brush or leaves on top of them. She stated that the neighbors clean them out daily. Mayor Wheeler stated whose ever grass clippings are in the basin is responsible for cleaning them up. She stated it is not her job to clean them out. Mrs. Murphy asked if it is because the sewage and storm drains are all connected. Mayor Wheeler stated they are not all connected. A member of the public stated that they are connected she stated that they spent over \$2500 so they know it is not. Mayor Wheeler that the storm sewers that are in the street go to the pond. Mrs. Murphy asked what the stuff that came up the drains and toilet in her home. Mr. Martin stated that plumber told the wastewater superintendent that her catch valve was stuck open. She stated that the receipt states otherwise. She stated that it is time that it gets fixed and she has had enough. Mr. Martin stated that he does not have an answer for her. She would like to know when they are going to get an answer. Mr. Martin stated that they do not have a timeline at this time. He stated that all the flooding areas are at the top of his list. A member of public stated as it was raining the street department went up and down to clean the catch basins. Mayor Wheeler stated that he has an estimate for the street that is \$1.2 million dollars. He stated that they are unable to get grants currently for Lee Street due it not being a not accessible street to the city. A member of the public asked when they could not get a grant from the street repair. Mayor Wheeler stated that it is a street that does not service the City of Port Clinton.

A member of public asked when Taft Street was re-done how were they able to get it done. Mrs. Murphy stated that it was done because the previous Mayor lived on that street. They asked if they could have another engineer look at the street. He stated that they did not do a flow study it was only an estimate to repair the street and infrastructure.

Ms. Gillman stated that the Mayor and Mr. Martin are just as frustrated as the residents are. She stated that they are currently working on a plan for the entire city. She stated that she sends Mr. Martin problem reports constantly so they have constant record of what is happening. She stated that the amount of money the city has compared to the amount of money needed to fixed 40+ years of problems is no comparison. Mrs. Murphy stated that she could not do anything else. Mrs. Gillman stated that a report would be beneficial every time it floods to track the trends.

A member of public stated in an emergency there is no way for emergency personal to get down the street.

Mr. Freedman stated since the last time Mrs. Murphy was here the administration has been actively looking into the street flooding clogging.

**Delores Walters – Lee Ave**

She asked for a phone number to contact Mrs. Gillman. Mrs. Gillman stated that her cell# is 419-341-9465. She stated that her concern tonight was the intersection of Monroe and Alice. She stated that she believes there needs to be a 4-way stop due to the amount of traffic during the school year.

A member of public stated that all we are asking is for a plan of action. Mr. Martin stated that they are currently working on that long-range plan that no matter who is sitting on administration they can continue to move forward.

**Rosemary Lannen – Lee Ave**

Stated that the potholes are getting bad on Lee Ave. She is asking if something can be done. Mrs. Sarty stated that the best thing to do is to file a report right away because obviously they cannot hit every spot within the city. Mr. Martin stated that they are currently working on pot holes this week and Lee Ave is on the street. A member of public from 912 Lee Ave stated that she has dirt that is disappearing next to the telephone pool by her driveway.

**Martha Stefano – Lee Ave**

States that she has lived on Lee since 1968 and the road is deaerating daily. Her husband was told that it would get fixed if they pay for it. She states that she pays taxpayer dollars and should not have to pay for it. Mrs. Kuzma reminded the public to go online or call and report any issues so that a issue report can be filed that way all there problems are heard.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Stated that he received a call from Pat at ODOT and there will be a delay of opening the bridge for foot traffic. The new date is now July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 for foot traffic. He also stated that they will be working 7 days a week now.

**AUDITOR’S REPORT**

Nothing to present

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Bed taxes to date \$39,966.47

**LAW DIRECTOR REPORT**

Nothing to present

**SAFETY SERVICE**

The have a new employee that will be starting next week in the street department. Brush pick up started on Monday. Tomorrow they will be working on the intersection of Jefferson and Perry for a water break. The week of the 30<sup>th</sup>, they will be doing a water line repair behind Mary’s Blossom shop. This week they will be opening the bids for the Fremont Road project.

**POLICE CHIEF REPORT**

Pleased to announce that Devin Woods and Amy Pughe were recently offered and accepted jobs with the Port Clinton Police Department.

**FIRE CHIEF REPORT**

Not present

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Liquor License Stock Transfer**

Mr. Below motioned to waive the right to a hearing; seconded by Ms. Phillips. Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Below, yes; Freedman, yes; Gillman, yes; Hickman, yes; Hild, yes; Phillips, yes and Sarty, yes. With all those in favor, the motion to waive the right to a hearing was approved.

**June 2018 month end reports**

Mrs. Sarty motioned to approve the correspondence as stated; seconded by Mrs. Hickman. With all those in favor, the correspondence was approved as stated.

**THIRD READINGS** None

**SECOND READINGS** None

**FIRST READINGS**  
ORDINANCE 23-18

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN ASSET MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT WITH UTILITY SERVICE COMPANY, INC., FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF THE CITY'S JEFFERSON STREET ELEVATED WATER STORAGE TANK

With no action taken, Ordinance 23-18 was moved to the July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting for second reading.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

**Mrs. Sarty** – Senior Picnic is scheduled for August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11am to 2pm at Lakeview Park. If the weather is bad, they will have it at the City Garage on Park Dr.

**Mr. Freedman** – Thanked Mr. Arndt for coming tonight. Stated that if you had damage from the flood that was not covered to please contact Mr. Fred Peterson at 419-734-6700.

**Mrs. Hickman** – Nothing to present

**Ms. Phillips** – Thanked Mr. Arndt for coming tonight. She stated that she sends everything to Mr. Martin and he is very good at responding. She stated that if you take a picture of a pothole, it is a good idea to put a ruler next to the pothole. Also a reminder that if you are not actively working you do not put into the city coffers.

**Mrs. Gillman** – For all the Lee Street residents or anyone else in her ward, if you are not logging the problem report please contact her and she will log it for you.

**Mr. Hild** – He stated that he did contact the EMA and they said anything under the first floor they do not cover. He also thanked Mr. Arndt for coming tonight. Also thanked the Lee Street residents for coming tonight. Asked Mr. Arndt or Mayor Wheeler about the penalty that comes from the bridge not being completed on time. Mr. Arndt stated that it goes back to the central office and he is working with them to understand that it needs to go back somehow. Mayor Wheeler stated that he is getting an estimate for Mr. Arndt due to the traffic on St. Route 53 due to the bridge being closed.

**Mr. Below** – Nothing to present

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With no further business to discuss Ms. Phillips moved to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Sarty. With all those in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

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April Pipoly  
Clerk of Council

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De Anna Kuzma  
President of Council