

**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 DeAnna 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 our military, veterans and first responders.

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

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

**GUEST PRESENTATION**

**State Senator Gavarone**

Introduced herself and distributed her business card to all present. She has been in the Ohio Senate since February 6, 2019. Her district is all of Ottawa, Erie and Wood County, part of Lucas County and part of Fulton County. Currently working on Senate bill 52, which is a cyber-security bill that will create a cyber-security reserve team. It is a group of volunteers that will be background check and trained to support anyone in the event of a cyber-attack. Also working on Senate Bill 55, which just passed out of senate committee. It elevates the level of offense for anyone caught trafficking drugs in the vicinity of a rehab clinic. She also has bill that was just introduced this week that looks at school bus safety. They have recent issues of vehicles passing a school bus. This bill increases the fine for a first offense to \$1000 from \$500 and extend the length of a license suspension. Presented a letter from the Ohio Senate to Mayor Mike Snider for his recent appointment. Ms. Phillips asked about school funding at a state level. Senator Gavarone referenced a study called the Cup Patterson Model. She stated that it is currently being explored/examined in House. She stated to please do not hesitate to reach out and discuss any concerns.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Victoria Clemons – Port Clinton, OH**

**First energy is in bankruptcy court.** Ohio should not bail out a bankrupt company. Not by increasing electric rates. Not by manipulating regulatory or regional transmission rulings. Not by calling nuclear by another name, such as zero emissions facilities. **First energy is deferring maintenance, repairs and upgrades to its nuclear facilities.** Longer periods between inspections. Emergency plans not upgraded Flooding and other recommendations from Fukushima Lessons Learned not implemented. Not meeting its obligation to fully fund decommissioning at Davis-Besse and Perry. All too burdensome for the industry. Keeping a nuclear plant up and running because it does not have the money to decommission is not a business plan. The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the federal bankruptcy decommissioning costs in the bankruptcy court 2 weeks ago.

**What should the Ohio Legislature Do?**

**What should Port Clinton Resolve?**

**Create jobs by advancing renewables.** There are now more jobs in solar and wind than in nuclear or coal. Jobs in solar energy are growing all across Ohio. Wind has booming across Ohio until 2014 when Ohio legislators gave wind the harshest setback regulations in the nation. **Communities need aid, not utilities.** Unemployed workers, vacant homes, decreased tax revenues, business closures-can constitute a vicious circle. It is counterproductive to give billions to a utility that has failed to modernize, failed to compete, and “cannot afford” to make critical safety upgrades. So much more could be done if money went directly to communities. Electric rate increases double the unfairness because the hurt poor families most. Ohio can and should support or reactor community. **Nuclear jobs can be retained.** It is cost effective, more efficient and decrease safety risks if decommissioning begins as soon as a nuclear plant closes. The workers at Davis-Besse and Perry are experts on the workings of their plants. The smartest thing would be to rehire these experienced workers to begin decommissioning. First Energy wants their

reactors to be put into Safstor, which simply means postponing decommissioning for 60 years while conditions deteriorate. Waiting and hiring new workers unfamiliar with these, plants would pose significant cost increases and safety concerns.

**RESOLVE TO....**

Request that the State Legislature bailout our communities.

Request financial statements from FirstEnergy, they are currently requesting that they be made secret. And an accounting of their decom funds.

Demand implementation of a Citizen's Advisory Board to oversee decommissioning.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

It has been an exciting 14 days. He stated that he sat down with the Arts Council and one of the things he has asked the Arts Council to hold an art competition to get pictures to put on display in the Mayor's office and throughout City Hall. He asked the Tree Commission to explore the possibility of a foster a tree program. Arbor Day is this Friday at 5pm located at the Fire Station. The zoning inspector has resigned and the position has been advertised. He had an opportunity to attend The Chamber and Main Street Annual banquet. Citizens of the Year was awarded to Larry Holman and Jerry Tarolli. Business of the Year was awarded to Ohio Telecom. Business member of the year was Erie Shoreline Properties. New business of the year was Lakeland Design. He met with the Port Clinton School board last night and had a great conversation. He stated that it became very evident to him that the email service at City Hall is very horrible. He has spoken to a local contractor who provides this service and is looking into upgrading it. Rock the Light music festival is scheduled for September 6 & 7. Tickets are available at rockthelightpc.com This coming Wednesday is progress dinner downtown and tickets are still available. Fishing with the Mayor will actually be Fishing with the Mayor's father and will be held on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. He distributed the flyer for Pancakes for Pyrotechnics, which is being held on May 8<sup>th</sup> at Al la Carte café. Congratulated Mrs. Ostheimer for graduating tomorrow from Leadership of Ottawa County.

**AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Nothing to present

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Bed tax to date \$9,383.26

**LAW DIRECTOR REPORT**

Not present

**SAFETY SERVICE**

The traffic at the city beach will be turned on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7am. City has made their presentation and have applied for a safe route to school grant. They anticipate hearing back on the grant in the next two weeks. Thanked local businesses with their patience with the flooding due to the nor' easter. The zoning inspector position is currently posted and any inquiries should be made through city hall.

**FIRE CHIEF REPORT**

Not present

**POLICE CHIEF REPORT**

Not Present

**CORRESPONDENCE**

March 2019 month end reports  
Emergency Services committee minutes dated April 16, 2019  
Laws, Rules and Ordinances committee minutes dated March 26, 2019

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

**THIRD READINGS**

NONE

**SECOND READINGS**

NONE

**FIRST READINGS**

RESOLUTION 19-2

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT NUCLEAR ENERGY IN OHIO

With no action taken, Resolution 19-2 was moved to May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 for second reading.

RESOLUTION 19-3

A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DECORATION OF GRAVES, CONDUCTING MEMORIAL SERVICES AND OTHERWISE ENGAGING IN ACTIVITIES APPROPRIATE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MEMORIAL DAY 2019

With no action taken, Resolution 19-3 was moved to May 14, 2019 for second reading.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

**Mrs. Sarty** – The next infrastructure meeting is scheduled for May 7 at 6:30pm. The next Parks and Rec meeting is scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm and the will be discussing the nature works grant. Congratulated Mr. Holman and Mr. Tarolli. The beach/park cleanup is scheduled for this Saturday from 9am to 3pm. Citywide cleanup is scheduled for this Saturday and the dumpsters will be available from 9am to 3pm. Reminder to council that you need to file your ethics financial statements and complete your public records sunshine law training. Thanked everyone who helped and donated with the egg hunt.

**Mr. Freedman** – nothing to present

**Mrs. Hickman** – excused

**Ms. Phillips** – Arbor day is Friday at 5pm. Thanked Mayor Snider for updates on what he is working on.

**Mrs. Gillman** – Thanked Mayor Snider for all the updates. Stated that she had the opportunity to see the Stroke Truck after the last council meeting and it was wonderful to see this available to our community. The next Laws, Rules and Ordinance meeting is scheduled on May 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**Mr. Hild** – nothing to present

**Mr. Below** – excused

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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 8:07 p.m.

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April Pipoly  
Clerk of Council

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DeAnna Kuzma  
President of Council