

**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, Roseann Hickman, Brian Hild, Margaret Phillips and Lisa Sarty; Gabe Below – excused

Ms. Phillips moved to approve the regular meeting minutes dated January 22, February 12, and February 26, 2019; seconded by Mr. Freedman. With all those in favor, the minutes were approved.

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**

**Judith McKinney – Port Clinton Elks Lodge 1718**

Presented the Port Clinton Police Department with a check for \$2000 to help with Drug Awareness.

Mrs. Sarty moved to amend the agenda to include “Council Election of Mayor”; seconded by Mrs. Gillman. Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Freedman, yes; Gillman, yes; Hickman, yes; Hild, yes; Phillips, yes and Sarty, yes. With all those in favor the agenda was amended

**COUNCIL ELECTION OF MAYOR**

Ms. Phillips moved to elect Michael Snider as Mayor of Port Clinton to fill the vacancy created by the resignation Mayor Hugh Wheeler; seconded by Mr. Hild.

Mr. Hild stated that council had over a week and half to speak with both candidates. Both are great candidates and it is a win win situation for the city. Mr. Below is certainly more than qualified. It was his feeling that he could do a lot of the work that he talked about over the next two years and eight months on city council. Mr. Snider is also qualified and is the only candidate that is on the record to run in the fall so far. There was an overwhelming support from the community.

Mrs. Gillman stated this is not an easy vote. We are in a unique situation, the pros and cons are hard to discern. Both men are qualified to assume the role of mayor. A role which, in my opinion, should have an effective working relationship not only with council, but with key audiences which include, but are not limited to governmental agencies, community groups, the media, nonprofits, schools, business owners and residents. Both men have been on council and have impressive resumes of leadership and accomplishments. Both have short and long-term goals for the City. To come to a decision is very difficult as these men bring unique skillsets to the table. We have to weigh the professional technical perspective and the community perspective. We have to find a solution the public will be receptive to while not further damaging trust in city government. Nurturing trust is an investment in economic recovery, it can lead to effective and efficient policies designed to better the city and community as a whole. This decision needs to be a solution that combines short-term goals with long-term strategies. No matter who serves in capacity as mayor, council will continue to work for you, and the city of Port Clinton. The resignation of Mr. Wheeler created an opportunity for Mr. Below to step-up; it also opened the door for Mr. Snider to step-in. Either way, you have individuals dedicated to serving you, as a citizen you should take pride that both of these men care enough to take on this task.

Ms. Phillips stated that she agrees with everything that has been said. Looking at all the information on both candidates, it is obvious that both have skill sets that the City of Port Clinton can use as both Mayor of Port Clinton and City Council member.

Mrs. Hickman thanked both candidates for stepping up to fill in the Mayor seat. Also, want to thank the citizens for their patience during this process. Although it seems an easy task to all this is a situation that we have never encountered. We needed to do our research before a decision could be made. She stated that she

takes her position on city council very seriously and works for the citizens that elected her to hold this office. This was not an easy decision as both candidates are very qualified to fill the vacancy. She stated she respects the process and knows that whoever is voted in tonight will work tirelessly for our community. We have been divided for a very long time and it is time for our community to heal together.

Mr. Freedman stated that he agrees with Mr. Hild's statement that Mr. Below is very qualified to hold the position but in eight months, the city would lose him. Mrs. Sarty stated that she has heard from many people either via email or in person to give their opinions and concerns regarding the situation. She thanks everyone for his or her feedback. She stated that we are very lucky to have two very qualified candidates step up to fill the vacancy. She stated that she has many people say it is an easy decision and unfortunately, it is not. We as council have to consider a lot for this decision. She stated that she has worked with both of the candidates. She stated that it has been a long 3 years and we do need to all come together and do what is best for the city as a whole. She stated whichever candidate is appointed as Mayor this evening, she can and will work with this person to make the city better for all.

Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Freedman, yes; Gillman, yes; Hickman, yes; Hild, yes; Phillips, yes and Sarty, yes. With all those in favor, Michael Snider was appointed as Mayor for the City of Port Clinton.

Mrs. Kuzma administered the oath of office to Mayor Snider. He was sworn in on bible written in Mandarin. He also asked Chief Kent Johnson to hold the bible while he was sworn in.

<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	None
<b>MAYOR'S REPORT</b>	Nothing to present
<b>AUDITOR'S REPORT</b>	Congratulated Mayor Snider
<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>	Congratulated Mayor Snider. Bed taxes to date are \$7,838.27
<b>LAW DIRECTOR REPORT</b>	Congratulated Mayor Snider
<b>SAFETY SERVICE</b>	Spoke in regards to Ordinance 14-19 and that it has a deadline of April 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2019. He asks council to pass that after second reading tonight due to that deadline. Leaf pick up will start tomorrow with brush pick continuing through the rest of the week. This will be the last leaf pick up. April 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2019 is the city wide clean up and beach clean up. Easter egg hunt is this Saturday at Lakeview Park.
<b>POLICE CHIEF REPORT</b>	Congratulated Mayor Snider
<b>FIRE CHIEF REPORT</b>	Thanked everyone that came out to the open house on April 1 <sup>st</sup> . We are currently in our eighth day of the EMS and it is going great. Welcomed Mayor Snider
<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	NONE
<b>THIRD READINGS ORDINANCE 13-19</b>	<p>AN ORDINANCE ENDORSING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PORTAGE RIVER WATER TRAIL AS A DESIGNATED WATER TRAIL BY THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES</p> <p>Mrs. Sarty moved to adopt Ordinance 13-19; seconded by Mrs. Hickman. Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Freedman, yes; Gillman, yes; Hickman, yes; Hild, yes; Phillips, yes and Sarty, yes. With all those in favor, Ordinance 13-19 was adopted.</p>

**SECOND READINGS**  
ORDINANCE 14-19

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE WINTER ROAD SALT CONTRACT, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PURCHASING PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Sarty moved to waive the three required readings of Ordinance 14-19; seconded by Ms. Phillips. Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Freedman, yes; Gillman, yes; Hickman, yes; Hild, yes; Phillips, yes and Sarty, yes. With all those in favor, the three required readings of Ordinance 13-19 were waived.

Mrs. Sarty moved to retain the emergency clause on Ordinance 14-19; seconded by Ms. Phillips. Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Freedman, yes; Gillman, yes; Hickman, yes; Hild, yes; Phillips, yes and Sarty, yes. With all those in favor, the emergency clause on Ordinance 14-19 was retained.

Mrs. Sarty moved to adopt Ordinance 14-19; seconded by Ms. Phillips. Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Freedman, yes; Gillman, yes; Hickman, yes; Hild, yes; Phillips, yes and Sarty, yes. With all those in favor, Ordinance 14-19 was adopted.

**FIRST READINGS**

NONE

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

**Mrs. Sarty** – The next Parks and Rec meeting and the Infrastructure meeting are cancelled and a new date will be announced at a later time. Congratulated and welcomed Mayor Snider

**Mr. Freedman** – Congratulated Mayor Snider

**Mrs. Hickman** – Congratulated Mayor Snider

**Ms. Phillips** – The next emergency services meeting is scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Congratulated Mayor Snider

**Mrs. Gillman** – Congratulated and welcomed Mayor Snider. The next Laws, Rules and Ordinances meeting is scheduled for April 23 at 6:30pm. Thanked the Elks for their generous donation

**Mr. Hild** – Congratulated Mayor Snider. Thanked Mr. Martin for taking care of the incident on Second Street in a timely manner.

**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 7:58 p.m.

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April Pipoly  
Clerk of Council

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DeAnna Kuzma  
President of Council