

**PORT CLINTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Port Clinton City Council was held at the Port Clinton City Hall with Lisa Sarty, President of Council, presiding. The meeting opened at 7:30pm. Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance and The Lord's Prayer, and held a moment of silence for our military veterans and first responders.

Mrs. Sarty entertained a motion to appoint Sandye Ostheimer as Clerk of City Council due to Mrs. Pipoly's resignation last year. Mr. Below moved to appoint Sandye Ostheimer as Clerk of City Council; seconded by Ms. Phillips, agreed by all. Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Below, yes; Hovis, yes; Gillman, yes; Hickman, yes; Hild, yes; Phillips, yes; Tarolli, yes. With all those in favor, to appoint Sandye Ostheimer as Clerk of City Council.

The roll was called and the following council members were present: Gabe Below, Pat Hovis, Beth Gillman, Roseann Hickman, Brian Hild, Margaret Phillips and Jerry Tarolli.

Ms. Hickman moved to adopt minutes for November 12, 2019, November 26, 2019 and December 10, 2019; seconded by Ms. Phillips; all agreed.

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

GUEST PRESENTATION

Rich Norgard – Lighthouse Conservancy

Mr. Norgard presented the annual report for the Port Clinton Lighthouse Conservancy. The Conservancy is financially sound, having \$7,500.00 in checking, \$66,000.00 in savings, and \$28,000 in a contingency fund (which was mandated in the agreement with the City of Port Clinton). During 2019, they continued on landscaping; with completion of the walkway on north side of the Derby Pond and landscaping mounds. The wetlands project on the east is preventing them from completing landscaping on that side. They anticipate completing the paved walkway, grading, landscaping and additional raised beds in the spring of 2020. The cost is estimated at \$90,000.00. They are still receiving donations and soliciting grant money to complete the work. The Conservancy has been in discussion with the City to pave the Jefferson Street parking lot. The price tag is estimated around \$90,000 to \$100,000.00. With aggressive fund raising they can they can make it happen in the future. In August 2019, they had their third Lighthouse Festival that was very successful. They are renaming the festival to Port Clinton Lighthouse / Maritime Festival this will more accurately reflect the maritime theme of the event. Mr. Norgard presented a check for \$2.00 to Mayor Snider. This is for the lease of the property for the Lighthouse \$1.00 and Boathouse \$1.00.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michelle Gregorek, 217 Oak Street, Port Clinton, Ohio

Ms. Gregorek advised she has lived in Port Clinton for just over a one year. Ms. Gregorek has a concern about the communication between the government and the City. Specifically when there was a water boil alert throughout the City. Many were unaware of it. Recently there was notice sent out by the County regarding Harley Dilly and their website crashed. This concerned her that this form of communication was not effective. Ms. Gregorek researched and found that Walbridge, Ohio has can get emergency information to citizens (must register to receive the information). She also found a study that was conducted in California regarding this issue. Ms. Gregorek advised that she has reached out to the City via the website and direct emails without a response. Ms. Gregorek is willing to volunteer her time to look into the matter and a solution. She feels Facebook is not a good form to communication. Ms. Gregorek suggested using the water bill as a form of communication. Mayor Snider advised her that we do use the water bill to communicate. However, not everyone gets a water bill (example: water may be included in his or her rent).

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Snider spoke about how it has been a difficult day. He and his parents heart go out to the Dilly family. Speaking on behalf of the table, the Dilly Family has our deepest sympathies and respect. There is another group of people that suffer that are not always seen. Mayor Snider saw the impact this investigation had on the men and women in the field. They all have families, many have children and some have grandchildren. This has been a difficult time for them as well. Mayor Snider has personally spoken to Chief Hickman, Chief Johnson, Sheriff Levorchick, OSP, Custom and Border Patrol, Ohio Criminal and Investigation, FBI and professional dog handlers (from Kentucky). There were many community members who gave support, completed their own searches and provided food. This is not the resolution we all hoped. It is closure and allows the family and community to grieve.

Infrastructure Plan project will be split into project "A" and project "B" later this week. Mr. Colston, Mrs. Shenker, Mr. Hatfield and consultants will meet to create a plan of action that will be presented to council in the near future.

Wetland Restoration has ceased. The Federal Government is waiting on funding to come through for the final phase. The funding has been approved, just waiting for it to be deposited into the right accounts. Once that is completed, they will come in with equipment to make topographical changes. In Spring 2020 native species (plants) will be brought in to a portion of the wetlands to ensure they hold and take root. Once reviewed more plants will be more to a portion. This is a three to five year process before complete renovation. Once completed, the wetlands will be turned over to the City for continued maintenance.

Welcome to the many new faces at the table today. Thank you to Mr. Colston for serving as Interim Safety-Service Director. Resumes will be accepted until January 31, 2020 for the Safety-Service Director position. A six-person committee will be reviewing the resumes, having the appropriate interviews, and moving forward.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to present.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Hansen provided a comprehensive bed and dock tax report. Bed Tax: 2018: \$160,775.61, 2019: \$182,766.33 and 2020: \$434.65. Dock Tax: 2018: \$19,559.00 and 2019: \$7,525.00

LAW DIRECTOR REPORT

Nothing to present

SAFETY SERVICE

Mr. Colston thanked the Street Department employees for the work completed in the Council Chambers, new conference room and offices that have been painted at City Hall.

The restrooms at the Jefferson Street pier are being removed by the City. This is due to the Jefferson Street project going through that area.

Potholes are being addressed throughout the City.

The ice skate rink is completed and can be utilized when the weather gets colder.

Next week interviews will be conducted for the Semi-Skilled Laborer position. The Civil Service test was administered last week. Those scores were certified by the Civil Service Commission today. The scores have been posted in the lobby of City Hall.

The Arts Council purchased a recycling Fish that will be placed on the north block of Madison Street.

God Bless the Dilly Family.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT	Asked that all have thoughts and prayers for the Dilly Family for the loss of Harley.
CORRESPONDENCE	None
THIRD READINGS	None
SECOND READINGS	None
FIRST READINGS	None

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mrs. Sarty – Council was provided a proposed 2020 Rules of Council. Mrs. Sarty thanked Mr. Below for taking the time to prepare the Rules and his suggestions. Mrs. Sarty asked Mr. Below to discuss the Rules of Council.

Mr. Below – Explained the proposed changes. Rule 5, Schedule of Business: modified Regular Meeting Agenda format. Rule 8, Committees of Council: Committees have dropped from six to five to refocus our attention on Council. The former committees on Infrastructure and Parks & Recreation are hereby consolidated into the Environment & Public Works Committee with jurisdiction over street, sewer, water, parks, cemetery and related city services and projects. The former committee on Emergency Services is hereby reorganized into the Safety Services Committee with jurisdiction over police and fire services, related state and federal partnerships and projects. The former committees on Planning & Development and Laws, Rules and Ordinances are hereby consolidated into the Economic & Community Development Committee with jurisdiction over zoning, planning, incentive programs, county and state partnerships and projects Chamber of Commerce/Main Street membership. The Arts & Culture Committee is hereby established, with jurisdiction over city efforts to support and supplement non-governmental organizations' activities in said sector. The Finance Committee is retained. Committees shall meet as may be found necessary, at the discretion of the Committee Chair. This will allow calling meetings when items are presented to the Committee. Each Committee shall hold 12 committee meetings per calendar year. The posting of the meeting will go through the Clerk of Council. Rule 2: Election and Duties of the President Pro-Tem: When the President Pro-Tem is unavailable the Acting Pro-Tem will be the first Chair of the committees that is present will serve as acting President Pro-Tem. Hoping this will be more successful for Council. Asking that the 2020 Rules of Council be approved this evening.

Mrs. Phillips stated that proposed Rules of Council are workable and can be amended in future if necessary.

Mr. Tarolli moved that the proposed 2020 Rules of Council be adopted; seconded by Ms. Phillips. Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Below, yes; Hovis, yes; Gillman, yes; Hickman, yes; Hild, yes; Phillips, yes; Tarolli, yes. The motion passed 7-0.

Mrs. Sarty - With 2020 Rules of Council adopted she appoints Gabe Below as Pro Tem.

Mrs. Gillman moved that Gabe Below be acting President Pro-Tem; seconded by Mrs. Hickman. Mrs. Gillman stated that Mr. Below has held the position in the past and has done a fine job. Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Below, yes; Hovis, yes; Gillman, yes; Hickman, yes; Hild, yes; Phillips, yes; Tarolli, yes. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Below – nothing to present

Ms. Phillips: Welcome to our new members. Congratulations to the new council president Lisa Sarty. Thank you for returning the furniture back to the way the room was designed. This evening I could hear and see everything, which is what I as a councilman am supposed to do. That has been a problem for a few years. Thank you.

Mr. Hild – Welcome all new comers. Ms. Phillips and I spent the morning with the Mayor and Mrs. Sarty this evening. It is really exciting, lots of new things are coming to the City and a vision. A special thank you to Chief Hickman and all his men and women. Thank you

Mrs. Gillman – Echo what the Mayor said in regards to Chief Hickman, Fire and associated agencies. In addition, what Ms. Phillips stated regarding the room today. Much appreciated.

Mrs. Hickman – Welcome everyone. Glad the room is back because Margaret is happy now. I like it when Margaret is happy. Thank you.

Mr. Tarolli – Good to be back. God Bless the Law Enforcement and all involved. Thank you.

Ms. Hovis – Like the room arrangement. Thoughts and Prayers to the Dilly Family. She addressed Chief Hickman: “You guys did a really good job”. Thank you.

Mayor Snider – Welcome back Mrs. Irick. Mrs. Irick has been coming to council meetings since 1987.

Mrs. Sarty – Mr. Colston please thank the City employees for the great job they have done to Council Chambers. Thoughts and Prayers to the Dilly Family.

With no further business to discuss Ms. Phillips moved to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Gillman. With all those in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Sandra Ostheimer
Clerk of Council

Lisa Sarty
President of Council