

**PORT CLINTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING**

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Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the May 25, 2021, regular meeting of the Port Clinton City Council was held via Zoom, rather than in the Linda Hartlaub City Hall Chambers. Lisa Sarty, President of Council, presided and the meeting opened at 6:00 p.m.

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

Ms. Phillips moved to adopt minutes for May 11, 2021; seconded by Mr. Tarolli: all agreed.

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

**GUEST PRESENTATION**           None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**           None

**PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**   Two new Resolutions on the agenda: Resolution 21-2, Fire Levy; can go all three readings. Resolution 21-3, the Administration asked that it be passed on the first reading due to time sensitivity – for American Flags on Veteran’s grave for Memorial Day.

June 8, 2021, Council will meet in person at Linda Hartlaub City Hall Chambers going forward. It has been suggested that the time change permanently start at 6:00 p.m. To do so, a motion must be presented and approved by Council. In addition to amending the 2021 Rules of Council. . The CDC and Governor DeWine’s order effective June 2, 2021; no one is required to wear a mask. However, if someone feels more comfortable wearing a mask, please do so. .

The Committee meeting times will need to be adjusted to accommodate the time change if a motion is submitted. Please announce the revised times for Committee meetings by June 8, 2021.

Happy Birthday Ms. Shenker.

Everyone have a safe and fun Memorial Day weekend.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Happy Birthday Ms. Shenker

Tomorrow is Kent Johnson’s birthday.

May 2019, the Ottawa County Commissions and City of Port Clinton declared a State of Emergency for high water and flooding. All funding options have been exhausted. May 20, 2021, the Ottawa County Commissions and City of Port Clinton removed the State of Emergency.

The electrical work at the City beach (across from Lakeview Park) has been completed. Barricades have been removed. In addition, the City cleaned the beach this week. The City beach is officially open for the season.

M.O.M.

- The stage is set and lights installed and ready for entertainment. The following website will provide you the entertainment and other festivities taking place: <https://www.portclintonchamber.com/meals-on-madison.html>
- A QR Code has been developed to take you to the above website also.

Memorial Day there will be two ceremonies in the City of Port Clinton:

- Port Clinton Yacht Club wreath laying ceremony at 9:00 a.m.
- American Legion and VFW at Veterans Park at 11:00 a.m.
  - There will not be a parade this year.

Walleye Festival will start this Thursday. The parade on Saturday, May 29, will begin at 1:00 p.m. on the traditional parade route.

The group that provides the rides for the Walleye Festival will extend their stay through the following weekend. They will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday; reopen on Thursday and continue through Sunday, June 6, 2021. Vendors associated with the rides will stay also.

Mayfly season is approaching. The City has contacted First Energy to turn the streets lights out. First Energy needs a two-week lead-time. Lights should be off by June 14, 2021.

The Art Garage will be having kid's activities this year (examples: dancing, painting, theater, etc.). To see all the activates please go to [www.gpcaac.org](http://www.gpcaac.org)

"Weed Warriors", "Grass Holes", and "Lawn Living Rooms" are still an issue. Administration is driving around town, placing door hangers in addition to sending letters when necessary.

F.O.P. is having a gun raffle; \$5.00 ticket or \$20.00 for 6 tickets. You may get tickets from any of the F.O.P. members.

Safe Routes to School along Fremont Road is progressing.

The Lakeview Park Concession Stand is scheduled to open Saturday, May 29.

Due to a generous donation by the Lake Erie Shores and Islands, a web-cam has been installed on the peak of the concession stand looking north to the lake. The image will be visible on the Lake Erie Shores and Islands web page, in addition to the City of Port Clintons in the near future.

The City of Port Clinton is still looking for a few more seasonal employees. If you know of anyone interested, please have them contact Sandye at City Hall.

The City's external email is not good. Mayor Snider has created a task force, to provide a plan to the Administration by early October. With the intent of implanting it by the end of 2021.

When you or a community member is having trouble reaching a loved one or friend via phone. The Port Clinton Police Department (PCPD) has a non-emergency number to ask for a "welfare" check. It is at no charge. Recently the PCPD found the person had fallen and need assistance by the request of a welfare check.

Thank you to everyone associated with the City of Port Clinton for all the upkeep and cleaning for Memorial Day weekend and this coming season. Very proud of our staff.

<b>AUDITOR'S REPORT</b>	Not present
<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>	Bed Tax: \$26,271.65 / Dock Tax \$10,375.00 – presented by Lisa Sarty.
<b>LAW DIRECTOR REPORT</b>	Nothing to present
<b>POLICE CHIEF REPORT</b>	Not present

**FIRE CHIEF REPORT**

Not present

**SAFETY SERVICE**

Bid opening took place last Friday for the Waterfront Walkway. E.S. Wagner is the lowest bid. The Administration is working with Mannikin Smith to provide the required paperwork to O.D.O.T. Also, the City hired DGL to do the construction management on this project.

Thank you to the City workers for all they have completed for this coming holiday weekend.

***Finance Committee:***

Nothing to present

***Economic & Community Development Committee:***

Nothing to present.

**Ms. Phillips:**

***Safety Services Committee:***

The Port Clinton Police Department needs a new police car or two.

**Mrs. Gillman:**

***Arts and Culture:***

Nothing to present

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Port Clinton Architectural Review Board, April 22, 2021, minutes  
Port Clinton Planning Commission, April 22, 2021, minutes

Mr. Tarolli moved to approve correspondence as submitted, second by Ms. Phillips. All agreed.

**WHEN THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WERE READ ALL COUNCIL, MEMBERS WERE ABLE TO SEE AND HEAR VIA ZOOM.**

**THIRD READINGS**

None

**SECOND READINGS**

None

## FIRST READINGS

### Resolution 21-2

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY THE QUESTION OF THE RENEWAL OF AN EXISTING 1.9-MILL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING FIRE APPARATUS, APPLIANCES, BUILDINGS, OR SITES THEREFORE, OR SOURCES OF WATER SUPPLY AND MATERIALS THEREFORE, OR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF LINES OR FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH, OR THE PAYMENT OF PERMANENT, PART-TIME, OR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS OR FIREFIGHTING COMPANIES TO OPERATE THE SAME, INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF THE FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYERS' CONTRIBUTION REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 742.34 OF THE REVISED CODE, OR THE PURCHASE OF AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT, OR THE PROVISION OF AMBULANCE, PARAMEDIC, OR OTHER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OPERATED BY A FIRE DEPARTMENT OR FIREFIGHTING COMPANY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

No action taken – Resolution 21-2 will be moved to a second reading on June 8, 2021, at the regular scheduled Council meeting.

### Resolution 21-3

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 2021.

Mr. Below moves to waive the three required readings for Resolution 21-3; seconded by Ms. Phillips.

Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Below, yes; Gillman, yes; Phillips, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Ms. Slobodzian, yes; and Mr. Tarolli, yes. Motion carried 6-0: per Mrs. Sarty.

Mr. Below move to adopt Resolution 21-3; seconded by Mr. Tarolli.

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## BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

**Mr. Tarolli** – Mr. Colston your crew has done a bang up job preparing for this coming Memorial Day weekend.

Happy Memorial Day to everyone.

Mr. Tarolli moved have the Port Clinton City Council meeting from 7:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with the option of Zoom included during the meeting to accommodate Council members to attend when unable to be in person; second by Ms. Phillips.

Mr. Below would be interested having a blended model utilizing Zoom to accommodate Council members and community members to participate when unavailable in person.

Mrs. Ostheimer advised to continue using Zoom during the Council meetings; Council members and Administration who sit at the Council table will need to bring their computers to the meeting to conduct a Zoom meeting simultaneously. One additional benefit is the recording that is available from the Zoom meetings is very simplistic and allows the meeting to be recorded.

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**Mrs. Gillman** – Nothing to present

**Ms. Phillips** – The Port Clinton Police Department is in need of new police cars due to more people anticipated to be in the area this summer season. Need to get these vehicles sooner than later.

More people need to attend the Veterans Memorial ceremony to remember those have served our county.

In 2014 / 2015, Council looked into solutions to the seagull problem downtown without killing them. One suggestion was renting a hawk in the spring to deter the seagulls from nesting. It was rather expensive.

Mr. Colston advised that he spoke to the Federal Government today regarding the seagulls and was provided reading material on recommendations to remediate the seagulls.

Mayor Snider advised that City Council would be provided information from Main Street of Port Clinton about creating a Special Improvement District (SID) in the downtown area. Establishing a condominium of business owners in the downtown. The board that is established from that will determine what activities will be undertaken and billed to those property owners. They have established several items they want to address; seagull remediation is one of the top three.

**Ms. Slobodzian** – Nothing to present

**Mr. Below** – Believes improved email situation with server, system and interface will be welcomed by all. Recommends that when implemented to simplify the emails to be the first letter and last name of each City employee.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

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With no further business to discuss Ms. Phillips moved to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Tarolli. With all those in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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Sandra Ostheimer  
Clerk of Council

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Lisa Sarty  
President of Council