

PORT CLINTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Port Clinton City Council held 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: Beth Gillman, Margaret Phillips, Jerry Tarolli, Kelly Gangle, and Roseann Hickman. Richard Morgan excused.

Ms. Phillips moved to approve regular meeting minutes for April 12, 2022; 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

Joshua Niese, – Ottawa County Health Department, Director of Health Education and Accreditation

Spoke on the pandemic within Ottawa County.

Since March of 2020, Ottawa County has had 145 COVID related deaths, 404 hospitalizations, and 8,074 reported positive cases as of today.

Ottawa County Health Department (OCHD) has administered 16,600 doses of the vaccine. OCHD has lead in north Ohio in vaccines provided. In addition to handing out over 9,000 home test kits.

Food and Drug Administration authorized Pfizer and Moderna fourth booster dose for everyone age 50 and older, as well as those with compromised immune system and those that are four months since their last booster shot.

Currently the OCHD is seeing one to two cases per day.

There is no clear definition of when this will no longer be called a pandemic and move to an endemic stage. There are allot of factors that need to be considered at the national level.

Mr. Niese stressed that vaccines, masking up, social distancing do work slowing the transmission of COVID – 19. Staying home when you are ill, is huge in reducing transmission.

OCHD has COVID test kits available at their office during regular business hours.

OCHD is monitoring our areas waste water; they can see the rise and fall of COVID in tests conducted. Waste water is a very early precursor in the rise of cases in a community. Not all communities are able to monitor through waste water. Ottawa County is very fortunate to have this tool in their tool belt.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

First Readings:

- Ordinance 11-22, can go all three readings, will not be assigned to a committee.
- Resolution 22-4, can go all three readings, will not be assigned to a committee.

Reminder to Council to file Ethics forms prior to the May deadline.

Happy Mother's Day

MAYOR'S REPORT

Tracy Colston provided the following notes in Mayor Snider's absence:

Last Thursday, Port Clinton Main Street held their annual awards banquet. The following were the awards presented:

Outstanding Citizen: Abbie Fox

Beautification Award: Jolly Roger Seafood House

Lighthouse Award: Fisherman's Wharf

Outstanding New Business: Brick House

Ambassador of the Year: Chrystal Petersen

Business Member of the Year: The Arts Garage

Business of the Year: Northern Exposure

Volunteer of the Year: Jan Gluth

Volunteer Business of the Year: Frederick Agency

Revitalization Award: Rich Kokinda / Brick House

Monday, Mr. Colston and Mayor Snider attended the TMACOG annual meeting held in Perrysburg. Thanks to COVID, this was the first in – person event in a couple of years.

Yesterday Mayor Snider was given the opportunity to judge the PC Rotary Club Annual Pizza Challenge. Mayor Snider congratulated PC Rotary Club for another successful Pizza Challenge.

The traffic light at the beach crossing is traditionally activated on May 1st. However, given the use pattern changes observed at the beach and the forecast for above normal temperatures, the decision was made to activate the light a week early.

The Waterfront Walkway project is progressing. Concrete is being poured and they are still on target for a May 20th completion date.

Yet another reminder to the Citizens of Port Clinton to not be a “Grass Hole.” Please refrain from blowing, mowing, tossing or otherwise placing grass clippings in the street.

City Wide Clean-up was this past Saturday and it was very well attended. On several occasions the wait was over 1 hour to unload items.

Congratulations to Eagle Scott Candidate Nate Nellett. Nate’s project was the design, construction and instillation of bat houses throughout Port Clinton. In addition to installs on several private properties in the area, bat houses were placed at Water Works Park, Lakeview Park, and Portage Park.

MOM Update: The concert schedule is coming together nicely and should be ready for public release in a few weeks. Last week, Main Street sent invoices to downtown businesses with their individual share of the overall cost associated with the entertainment. The north half of the 100 block of Madison Street will be blocked beginning on May 15th. It’s hoped that the tables will be ready for the following weekend (May 20th); with entertainment slated to begin on Friday, May 27th.

As of this morning a total of \$2,520.00 of the \$10,560 needed to be raised for the Mile of Dollars Campaign to support the PC Area 4th of July Celebration. That’s 1260 feet of just shy of ¼ of a mile. Just a reminder that May 1st is decision day for the fireworks. Donations may be mailed or dropped off at the Port Clinton Chamber located at 110 Madison Street. Make checks payable to PC Chamber Foundation with the memo FIREWORKS.

The Biggest Week of American Birding is set to return to the area May 6 – 15th. Organizers are expecting tens of thousands of people to attend this event. Although centered on Maumee Bay State Park, expect to see birdwatchers in and around Port Clinton.

AUDITOR’S

Mr. Below provided Council background information on Resolution 22-4. Mr. Below learned that Resolutions are not subject to all three readings as ordinances are. Council can consider adopting Resolution 22-4 at their discretion.

Mr. Below provided Council with the Financial Report ending March 2022.

Mr. Tarolli inquired if there are any funds available to provide to the Ottawa County Family Advocacy Center, based on the presentation the Connie Roe presented to Council on April 12, 2022?

Mr. Below advised that Council has a donation line item of \$3,000.00 that can be used at their discretion. At this time no funds have been allocated. Mr. Below urged caution in using American Action Funds for Ms. Roe's request. There are strategic City needs that Mr. Colston and Administration have discussed.

Mr. Below recommended to Council to consider your options and advise at a later date.

Mrs. Hickman inquired if City Council had donated to a specific organization in the past?

Mr. Below advised that the donation line item available to Council is new this year.

President Sarty suggested that since Council has all the information to think about it. If you have any additional questions contact Mr. Below.

Mrs. Gillman motion to add the March 2022, financial report to correspondence; seconded by Mrs. Hickman. All agreed.

Mr. Below spoke on Ordinance 9-22 that was adopted at the April 12, 2022, Council meeting. Last week Chief Scott was advised by Bauman Auto Group that they are not able obtain the six police cars that the City placed on order with them. A date is not available when Dodge Chargers will be available to purchase, including 2023 models. The City has located an alternative vendor for six Ford Explorers; to have a quote this week. As such, a Special Council Meeting will need to be scheduled next week to amend Ordinance 9-22 to name the new vendor. Current finance will remain the same as named in the ordinance. However, to keep the current finance agreement the City has to have contacts signed and returned the lender by Friday, May 6, 2022. If not completed by May 6th, the interest rate may increase.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bed Tax: \$22,864.02 / Dock Tax: \$6.475.00

LAW DIRECTOR REPORT

Ordinance 8-22

Safety & Service Committee had several meeting with Administration. Chief Scott indicated that Ordinance 8-22 may not be necessary at this time, after lengthy review of the City's legislation that is already in place; that include air guns (SplatRBall guns). A surrounding community recently charged a child with assault for allegedly shooting strangers with pellets from a toy gun.

SAFETY SERVICE

Nothing to present

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Environment and Public Works Committee

Mrs. Hickman

Nothing to present

Safety Services Committee

Ms. Phillips

A committee meeting was held prior to tonight's Council meeting. Regarding Ordinance 8-22, the committee unanimously voted to not recommend to Council to adopt this ordinance. Due to research and meetings with key individuals, it has been determined that the ordinances in place will address this issue.

Finance Committee

Ms. Hovis

Nothing to present

Economic and Community Development Committee

Mrs. Gillman

The committee will meeting this evening.

CORRESPONDENCE

Text Amendment to the Port Clinton Fence Ordinance Letter,
City of Port Clinton Planning Commission / Board of Zoning
Appeals

Safety & Service Committee meeting minutes, April 12, 2022

March 2022, Financial Report, Gabe Below, Auditor

Ms. Phillips moved to approve the correspondence as provided; seconded by Mrs. Gangle. All agreed.

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 8-22

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 549 OF THE PORT CLINTON CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGULATING WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Gillman moved to adopt Ordinance 8-22; seconded by Ms. Phillips.

Discussion: Mrs. Gillman advised that the Safety & Service Committee voted 0-3 not supporting this ordinance for reason stated earlier.

Results of voice roll call are as follows: Mrs. Gillman, no; Ms. Phillips, no; Mrs. Hickman, no; Mrs. Gangle, no; Ms. Hovis, no; and Mr. Tarolli, no. Motion denied 0-6: per Mrs. Sarty

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 11-22

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE APRIL 2022 REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE PORT CLINTON CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

No action taken – Ordinance 11-22 will be moved to second reading on May 12, 2022, at the regular scheduled Council meeting

Resolution 22-4

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 2022.

Ms. Phillips moved to waive the three required readings; seconded Mrs. Hickman

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

Ms. Phillips moved to adopt Resolution 22-4; seconded by Mrs. Hickman

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

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Tarolli – Nothing to present

Ms. Hovis – Nothing to present

Mrs. Hickman – Happy Mother’s Day

Mrs. Gillman – Two Shades of Purple is a local group that raises awareness about domestic violence. They will be at The Gristmill this evening taking photos to promote World Denim Day that is tomorrow.

Mr. Morgan – Not present

Mrs. Gangle – My birthday is Monday, no one is required to buy me gifts. However, if anyone wants to I like relaxation and nature. 😊

Ms. Phillips – Attended a meeting out of town and received comments on how nice our town looks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Larry Holman advised the Arbor Day Celebration will be on Friday, April 29, 2022 at 5:30 pm. Location: West End Park.

ADJOURNMENT

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 7:05 p.m.

Sandra Ostheimer
Clerk of Council

Lisa Sarty
President of Council