

**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: Richard Morgan, Margaret Phillips, Beth Gillman, Pat Hovis, Kelly Gangle, Jerry Tarolli and Roseann Hickman.

Ms. Phillips moved to approve regular meeting minutes for July 26, 2022; seconded by Mr. Tarolli. All agreed.

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

GUEST PRESENTATION None

PUBLIC COMMENT None

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Under correspondence – Ohio Division of Liquor Control: Lakeshore Fun Co., LLC, DBA: Vision VR – New Permit.

The voice recorder that was supplied to the committees is missing. Please return to Mrs. Ostheimer if located.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Thank you Chief Johnson for all the work you put in for the EMS / Fire contracts with Bay Township, Portage Township and Catawba Township.

Waterfront Walkway – Have been pleasantly surprised by the amount of people enjoying the walkway (fishing, sightseeing, painting a scene, etc.) The walkway has been very popular with the Geese. The City will be putting together a plan to clean the walkway twice a week.

Last Tuesday, a ribbon cutting commenced in Oak Harbor for the Portage River Water Trail. ODNR and many other groups have met for the last three years to establish launch areas from Port Clinton to William Henry Harrison Park in Wood County (total of 36 miles). In the near future signage will be placed along the river within City. There are Portage River Water Trail brochures available at City Hall in the lobby (identifying the launch areas).

The traffic light at Fulton and Third Street was hit again today. The traffic light was taken down due to the wiring has stretched further and is too low. The Administration is working with the insurance company of the original accident to get the new traffic light installed in the near future.

From last Thursday to Monday there was a traffic study at Monroe and Perry Street. There has been an increase in traffic due to the increased development in that area. In the last couple of years there has been three traffic accidents – two of them this year. The results of the traffic study will be provided to the City within three months.

Port Clinton Fire Association will be holding their Annual Chicken BBQ on August 14, 2022, from 11:00 – 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$15.00 each. Dine in or Take out will be available. Tickets available at the Port Clinton Fire Department or by any Fire Fighter.

The Kiwanis are holding a fundraiser – the winner will receive two seats for all Ohio State Buckeyes football home games. Tickets are \$5.00 each. The tickets will be available through August 5th.

The Port Clinton area is a service laden community. The area is struggling finding a number of people to fill open positions. Everyone has been at a restaurant where there is a long wait, but several tables open – due to not enough staff to accommodate. Mayor Snider was asked and volunteered to be a guest host at Slater’s Food & Spirits a week ago Monday. Not only did he seat people he bussed tables. He encourages everyone to lend hand when you see the staff struggle (grab the coffee pot go around the restaurant, roll silverware, etc.). It was a blast and it adds to the experience for those around you.

Port Clinton Day at Fifth Third Field is August 28, 2022, first pitch 2:05 pm. Jet Express will leave Port Clinton at 10:00 a.m. to Toledo. A ticket for the Jet Express and game is \$60.00 each. Tickets for the game only are available by calling the Mud Hens Ticket Office. It will be all Port Clinton all day: VFW will be providing the Color Guard, The Port Clinton Touch of Class will be singing the National Anthem, Layla Rivera will deliver the game ball to the pitcher’s mound, Nicole Kochensparger will throw out the first pitch, Rainbow Acres will have an encore performance with “Take Me Out to the Ball Game”, and our Home Town Hero this year is the US Coast Guard Port Security Unit 309 (stationed out at Erie Industrial Park).

Mr. Colston and the Mayor met with the Port Clinton Ministers Association last week to discuss Missions Day on Saturday, September 10, 2022. Goal to have a wide range of activities though out the area. More information will be available in the near future.

Mr. Morgan inquired if there has been any thought of keeping the Fulton and Third Street intersection a four way stop?

Mayor Snider advised that the Administration have considered it, however, for emergency service response the traffic light will be reestablished.

Chief Johnson advised that it breaks the traffic flow up. It will create issues if it was a permeant four-way stop. There has been a couple of accidents since it has been a four way stop.

AUDITOR’S REPORT

Under second reading on this evening agenda is Ordinance 23-22 with a request for it to be adopted this evening. Mr. Below met with the Finance Committee last week and determined there is a small amendment he is requesting to the Jet Express Projects of \$104,000.00 reducing it to just over \$95,000. Ms. Hovis will address this at the time of the reading of the ordinance.

TREASURER'S REPORT Bed Tax: \$119,007.86 / Dock Tax: \$19,950.00

LAW DIRECTOR REPORT

Mrs. Gangle brought to the Administrations attention an issue at The Fountains (private property) that the residence brought to Mrs. Gangle's attention. There were several violations in regards to road, lighting, weeds, etc. The City contacted the State (for Manufactured Home Parks) and made a report to the State with these concerns. The State visited The Fountains in May 2022, and did site The Fountains. As of one week ago, The Fountains submitted their compliance documentation to the State.

Also, there was an issue with a meter that is being resolved with the Water Department. In addition they have filed and received a fence permit to replace the fence currently on site.

SAFETY SERVICE

Happy Birthday tomorrow Mayor Snider.

FIRE CHIEF – Thank you Ms. Shenker for your assistance with the EMS / Fire contracts.

POLICE CHIEF – Nothing to present

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Environment and Public Works Committee

Mrs. Hickman

Nothing to present

Safety Services Committee

Ms. Phillips

Committee met prior to the Council meeting this evening. Discussed Ordinance 24-22.

Finance Committee

Ms. Hovis

Committee met early last week. Discussed Ordinance 23-22.

Economic and Community Development Committee

Mrs. Gillman

Committee will meet this evening after the Council meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ohio Division of Liquor Control: Lakeshore Fun Co., LLC, DBA: Vision VR, 1632 E. Perry Street, Port Clinton, Ohio

Mrs. Gillman moved to waive formalities for a hearing; seconded by Mrs. Hickman.

Results of voice roll call are as follows: Ms. Phillips, yes; Mr. Morgan, yes; Mrs. Hickman, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Mrs. Gangle, yes; Mr. Tarolli, yes; and Mrs. Gillman, yes. Motion carried 7-0: per Mrs. Sarty

Planning Commission, June 9, 2022, minutes.

Ms. Phillips moved to approve the correspondence as provided; seconded by Mr. Tarolli. All agreed.

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 17-22

AN ORDINANCE RETAINING THE HOME RULE AUTHORITY TO RETAIN ALL MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES THAT REGULATE AND / OR PROHIBIT THE POSSESSION, DISCHARGE, IGNITION, AND / OR EXPLODING OF FIREWORKS AND TO RETAIN ALL ORDINANCES THAT REGULATE NOISE, DISTURBANCE OF THE PEACE, AND DISORDERLY CONDUCT BY OPTING OUT OF AMENDED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 172 AND REAFFIRMING THE EXISTING BAN ON THE POSSESSION, SALE OR DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS AS SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 1519 OF THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Gangle inquired how heavily this was enforced in the past.

Police Chief Scott advised individuals were sited very rarely; more warnings were provided.

Mrs. Gangle inquired why we are looking to opt out of House Bill 172.

Fire Chief Johnson advised due to house fires and injuries to extremities. Every year somewhere there is a fire. Saturday, July 2, 2022 there was an apartment building burned down in Toledo, Ohio.

Ms. Shenker advised prior to this bill being passed commercial fireworks were not allowed to be purchased by the general public and now they are. These fireworks are of higher caliber and can cause structure fires, higher noise level, etc. Per the Ohio Municipal Law page, more than 90% of the municipalities have opted out of House Bill 172.

Mr. Tarolli moved to retain the emergency clause on Ordinance 17-22; seconded by Ms. Hickman.

Results of voice roll call are as follows: Ms. Phillips, yes; Mr. Morgan, yes; Mrs. Hickman, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Mr. Tarolli, yes; Mrs. Gangle, yes; and Mrs. Gillman, yes. Motion carried 7-0: per Mrs. Sarty

Mr. Tarolli moved to adopt Ordinance 17-22; seconded by Mrs. Hickman.

Results of voice roll call are as follows: Ms. Phillips, yes; Mr. Morgan, yes; Mrs. Hickman, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Mr. Tarolli, yes; Mrs. Gangle, yes; and Mrs. Gillman, yes. Motion carried 7-0: per Mrs. Sarty

Ordinance 18-22

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BAY TOWNSHIP FOR THE CITY TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES WITHIN BAY TOWNSHIP, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Tarolli moved to retain the emergency clause on Ordinance 18-22; seconded by Mrs. Gillman.

Results of voice roll call are as follows: Ms. Phillips, yes; Mr. Morgan, yes; Mrs. Hickman, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Mr. Tarolli, yes; Mrs. Gangle, yes; and Mrs. Gillman, yes. Motion carried 7-0: per Mrs. Sarty

Mr. Tarolli moved to adopt Ordinance 18-22; seconded by Mrs. Gillman.

Results of voice roll call are as follows: Ms. Phillips, yes; Mr. Morgan, yes; Mrs. Hickman, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Mr. Tarolli, yes; Mrs. Gangle, yes; and Mrs. Gillman, yes. Motion carried 7-0: per Mrs. Sarty

Ordinance 19-22

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CATAWBA ISLAND TOWNSHIP FOR THE CITY TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES WITHIN CATAWBA ISLAND TOWNSHIP, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Tarolli moved to retain the emergency clause on Ordinance 19-22; seconded by Ms. Hovis.

Results of voice roll call are as follows: Ms. Phillips, yes; Mr. Morgan, yes; Mrs. Hickman, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Mr. Tarolli, yes; Mrs. Gangle, yes; and Mrs. Gillman, yes. Motion carried 7-0: per Mrs. Sarty

Mr. Tarolli moved to adopt Ordinance 19-22; seconded by Ms. Hovis.

Results of voice roll call are as follows: Ms. Phillips, yes; Mr. Morgan, yes; Mrs. Hickman, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Mr. Tarolli, yes; Mrs. Gangle, yes; and Mrs. Gillman, yes. Motion carried 7-0: per Mrs. Sarty

Ordinance 20-22

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF PORTAGE TOWNSHIP FOR THE CITY TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES WITHIN PORTAGE TOWNSHIP, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Tarolli moved to retain the emergency clause on Ordinance 20-22; seconded by Ms. Hovis.

Results of voice roll call are as follows: Ms. Phillips, yes; Mr. Morgan, yes; Mrs. Hickman, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Mr. Tarolli, yes; Mrs. Gangle, yes; and Mrs. Gillman, yes. Motion carried 7-0: per Mrs. Sarty

Mr. Tarolli moved to adopt Ordinance 20-22; seconded by Ms. Hovis.

Results of voice roll call are as follows: Ms. Phillips, yes; Mr. Morgan, yes; Mrs. Hickman, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Mr. Tarolli, yes; Mrs. Gangle, yes; and Mrs. Gillman, yes. Motion carried 7-0: per Mrs. Sarty

Ordinance 21-22

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO FURNISH FIRE PROTECTION TO THE TOWNSHIP OF PORTAGE, OTTAWA COUNTY, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Tarolli moved to retain the emergency clause on Ordinance 21-22; seconded by Mrs. Hickman.

Results of voice roll call are as follows: Ms. Phillips, yes; Mr. Morgan, yes; Mrs. Hickman, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Mr. Tarolli, yes; Mrs. Gangle, yes; and Mrs. Gillman, yes. Motion carried 7-0: per Mrs. Sarty

Mr. Tarolli moved to adopt Ordinance 21-22; seconded by Mrs. Hickman.

Results of voice roll call are as follows: Ms. Phillips, yes; Mr. Morgan, yes; Mrs. Hickman, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Mr. Tarolli, yes; Mrs. Gangle, yes; and Mrs. Gillman, yes. Motion carried 7-0: per Mrs. Sarty

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 23-22 (AMENDED)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 23-22 AS AMENDED OF THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON AND ADJUSTING ACCOUNTS WITHIN THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON

Ms. Hovis moved to strike in the line Jet Express Projects fund #804, \$104,000.00 and replace with \$95,912.00, and to make conforming changes to Ordinance 23-22; seconded by Mr. Tarolli.

Results of voice roll call are as follows: Ms. Phillips, yes; Mr. Morgan, yes; Mrs. Hickman, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Mr. Tarolli, yes; Mrs. Gangle, yes; and Mrs. Gillman, yes. Motion carried 7-0: per Mrs. Sarty

Ms. Hovis moved to waive the three required readings on Ordinance 23-22 (Amended); seconded by Mr. Tarolli.

Results of voice roll call are as follows: Ms. Phillips, yes; Mr. Morgan, yes; Mrs. Hickman, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Mr. Tarolli, yes; Mrs. Gangle, yes; and Mrs. Gillman, yes. Motion carried 7-0: per Mrs. Sarty

Ms. Hovis moved to adopt Ordinance 23-22 (Amended); seconded by Mr. Tarolli.

Results of voice roll call are as follows: Ms. Phillips, yes; Mr. Morgan, yes; Mrs. Hickman, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Mr. Tarolli, yes; Mrs. Gangle, yes; and Mrs. Gillman, yes. Motion carried 7-0: per Mrs. Sarty

Ordinance 24-22

AN ORDINANCE PREVENTING ANY PERSON, FIRM, CORPORATION, OR ASSOCIATION, REGARDLESS OF INTENT, TO LEAVE FURNITURE, JUNK, LITTER, AND RUBBISH AT THE BOULEVARD, CURBSIDE, OR ALLEY FOR MORE THAN 24 HOURS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

No action taken – Ordinance 24-22 will be moved to third reading on August 9, 2022, at the regular scheduled Council meeting

Resolution 22-6

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON ADOPTING THE FEDERALLY APPROVED OTTAWA COUNTY MULTIJURISDICTIONAL NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

No action taken – Resolution 22-6 will be moved to third reading on August 9, 2022, at the regular scheduled Council meeting

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Tarolli – Can the Republic containers be added to Ordinance 24-22.

Ms. Shenker advised that the trash containers has been addressed in the trash Ordinance 33-18, passed 10/23/2018.

Mr. Tarolli advised there are three properties that have had their trash containers in the boulevard for years in the four hundred block of Sixth Street.

Chief Scott will have his officer's look into this tomorrow.

Mr. Tarolli inquired if any of the Townships have any issues with the new EMS / Fire contracts.

Chief Johnson stated there are no issues.

Happy Birthday Mike.

When will the street lights be turned back on?

Mayor Snider advised they were to be turned on July 18, 2022. Due to other emergency in Ohio a rescheduled date has not been determined.

Ms. Hovis – Happy Birthday Mike.

Mrs. Hickman – Happy Birthday Mayor.

Mrs. Gillman – Happy Birthday Mayor.

Mr. Morgan – Nothing to present

Mrs. Gangle –

Thank you Mr. Colston for providing information regarding the Wetlands Project.

Thank you Ms. Shenker with your assistance with The Fountains.

Please provide facts of what transpired with Sloopy's at M.O.M. two Saturdays ago, instead of the posts on social media.

Mr. Colston advised that Sloopy's was selling pizzas at M.O.M. Ordinance 9-21, Chapter 719.09 states no street or sidewalk vendor shall sell food or beverage for immediate consumption in that area. Street vendors cannot conduct business in Downtown Waterfront Overlay District and within 100 feet of a food service operation in a fixed building. The penalty is a fourth degree misdemeanor and a \$100.00 fine. That was not enforced.

The Police patrol M.O.M. and to Jet Express (when the boat arrives) and return to M.O.M. every Saturday and Friday night; the Police where there when this transpired. Mr. Colston and Nicole Kochensparger (Port Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce) advise the Police that vendors are not allowed to sell food in this area.

The following Monday, Mr. Colston and Mrs. Kochensparger met personally with John Stephenson. Mr. Stephenson was aware of Ordinance 9-21 when he arrived at the meeting. Mr. Colston advised Mr. Stephenson that Sloopy's able to deliver a pizza to a table if a customer has placed an order (no different than delivering to their home). None of the restaurants / bars can provide table service (take an order and serve food as if they were in a restaurant). Mr. Colston suggested that he place a sandwich board down at M.O.M. to advertise his business. Mr. Colston advised Mr. Stephenson that he was not happy that he started a fire storm on Facebook. In the future there if there is a problem to call him to discuss it personally.

Mayor Snider advised that Sloopy's can complete an Outdoor Restaurant / Seating Permit Application (at no charge) with the City and he could supply food service in front of his building.

Mrs. Sarty advised back in 2021 (COVID), Mr. Below recommended to Council to remove the application fee for the Outdoor Restaurant / Seating / Outdoor Retail permit. Ordinance 8-21 was adopted on April 13, 2021. This permit has to be renewed yearly.

Happy Birthday Mayor Snider

Ms. Phillips – Things are going along pretty well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS None

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 6:49 p.m.

Sandra Ostheimer
Clerk of Council

Lisa Sarty
President of Council