

**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, Jerry Tarolli, Pat Hovis, Cathy King, Kelly Gangle, Richard Morgan and Margaret Phillips.

Ms. Phillips moved to approve regular meeting minutes for May 23, 2023; seconded by Mr. Tarolli. All agreed.

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

GUEST PRESENTATION None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Daniel Laird, 509 Harrison Street, Port Clinton

Mr. Laird advised that there are two homes located at 515 Harrison Street that are short term rentals (next door to Mr. Laird). The owner of the property lives in Pontiac, Michigan. Those using this home are a bunch of partiers and act as if they are at a resort. Mr. Laird has spoken to the owner, and was advised that they have an offsite manager for the property. The Port Clinton Police have been called numerous times for noise disturbance and marijuana. Had one tenant became violent and another tenant backed into his fence.

John Jadwisiak, 519 Harrison Street, Port Clinton

Mr. Jadwisiak advised that a hotel has opened next door to his home. About 75% of the guests are fine, the other 25% are a nightmare and he has come to look at every potential guest as one of the 25%

This property is in a quiet neighborhood with families all around. Some guests seem to think they are at a resort and behave as such. On multiple occasions, there is load foul language, pot smoking, loud music that is often compounded by drinking; and it has run past midnight on multiple occasions.

A hot tub arrived in March, along with neon "Its five O'clock Somewhere" sign and lights. That is when the real problems began. The house is advertised to sleep 10; and people take full advantage of that.

Mr. Jadwisiak gets up to go to work at 4:30 am. Most guests know they are in a residential area and treat it as such. But those that treat it like a resort make it impossible to get a good night's sleep let alone enjoy your own backyard. He was forced to place security cameras around his property. He has documentation to qualify the disturbances.

There is also a trash issue. The trash always ends up overflowing way before trash day. When the cans are not taken to the curb, the fish remains smell. Mr. Jadwisiak cannot enjoy his own deck due to the smell on multiple occasions.

The lack of responsibility from of the owner is the root of the problem.

Mr. Jadwisiak stated he did not expect, nor should he have to live next to a ghost hotel that is a commercial business in the residential part of town. There must be a law that allows for neighbors next to a proposed Airbnb to have a say on whether or not it can be allowed to operate.

President Sarty will be assigning Codified Ordinance 171 to a committee to review and make suggestions to Council. This meeting will be open to the public.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Had the honor to be to be invited and attended the African Safari Wildlife Dinosaur Take Over last Thursday, was very nice.

A ribbon cutting was held at the comfort station at Waterworks Park and the Waterfront Walkway at Jefferson Pier yesterday.

The Beautification Committee is looking for volunteers. Contact Mrs. Sarty for contact information.

Also, anyone on Council is available to assist with watering plants downtown would be appreciated. They are short volunteers at this time. Contact Mrs. Sarty for a contact information.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Port Clinton Drawbridge currently goes up every half hour; stays up for 6 minutes each time. The Drawbridge is owned by the State of Ohio. At one time it was run by the County Engineer. A few years ago the US Coast Guard took it over. The US Coast Guard is proposing to an on demand operation. Anytime the bridge tender sees a vessel the bridge will go up and remain up until there are no other vessels to go through. Then once again when another vessel coming north or south is approaching the bridge will go up and so on. The City Administrators are very concerned with the vehicle back up this will cause, business impact, emergency response, and Jet Expresses schedule. When the bridge is in the up position the bridge tender does not answer the phone. If there is a medical or police emergency the bridge will not go down. The US Coast Guard claim that the waterway has jurisdiction, not vehicle. The following is a website where you can voice your concerns until July 5, 2023. Please voice your opinion at <https://www.regulations.gov/search?filter=2023-0186> . The City Administration will be sending a formal letter with the City's concerns. If you have questions on this temporary final rule, call or email Mr. Lee D. Soule, Bridge Management Specialist, Ninth Coast Guard District. Phone: 216-902-6085, email: Lee.D.Soule@uscg.mil

Monday, June 12, 2023, a ribbon cutting took place at the new Waterworks Park Comfort Station. Thank you to Friends of the Park, Focht Construction, Port Clinton Lighthouse Conservancy, Masonry Construction, Ohler & Holzauer, Inc., A. T. Emmet, Gill Construction, Quest Construction, Paint Panther, and several private donors. The comfort station was opened on June 1, 2023. Within 24 hours the comfort station was vandalized. Items were torn off the wall, paper towels shoved into the commodes and dumped the trash all over. Currently the facility is unlocked at sun rise and locked at sunset.

Following the ribbon cutting at the new comfort station there was a ribbon cutting at the Jefferson Street Pier Waterfront Walkway. That project started with Mayor Leone's Administration, continued with Mayor Wheeler and happily completed in 2022.

June 14, 2023, Mayor Snider and Tracy Colston will be speaking with the Lake Erie Commission in Sandusky, The Lake Erie Commission provided the City of Port Clinton a grant for \$60,000 for a portion of the design and engineering work for Lakeshore Drive Revetment.

Also on June 14, 2023, the Special Olympics Torch Run will be coming through Ottawa County. They will be taking the Jet Express to Put-n-Bay and returning to Port Clinton around 4:30 – 4:45 pm.

Ottawa County recently created a Parks Board. Trish McCartney who lives and owns a business in the City of Port Clinton was appointed by Ottawa County Judge Hany.

Reminder brush pickup started this week. Please note brush pickup is the second Monday of each month through October.

Thursday, June 15, 2023, the monthly car show will be in the second block of Madison Street.

Update on 4th of July Celebration fireworks. We are less than \$1000.00 from the needed funds for the fireworks. Fireworks will happen.

Port Clinton Day at Fifth Third Field will take place on Sunday, August 20, 2023. Call the ball field's ticket office for tickets (419-725-4367). Due to a dock under construction in Toledo, we are waiting on confirmation if Jet Express will be able to transport individuals to the event. Will update when available.

The Italian Bowl will be taking place at the Toledo Rockets Stadium on June 25, 2023. At the same time the Mayor's Challenge will take place at St. John's Jesuit High School at 2:00 pm. This event will be broadcasted live on Buckeye Cable Sports Network. The challenges are as follow: passing competition, best hands competition, putt golf competition, and a obstacle course. Should be great fun.

Ms. Gillman inquired about the Infrastructure Project.

Mayor Snider advised that the USDA is still reviewing Plan A (above ground). This past Friday the USDA advised they are waiting due the interest rates may go down as of July 1, 2023. Once USDA has completed and approved; this will leave a limited amount of time to advertise for bids, review, and approve. This will leave approximately six weeks before the asphalt plants will close for the season. None of the contractors will hold prices for Spring 2024. That being said Plan A and Plan B will not start until Spring 2024.

The City is applying for a Small Cities Grant to do underground work (Plan B) on Monroe, W. Perry Street and a small portion of Harrison Street (originally it all was only be paved). The application will be filed the week of June 19, 2023.

In addition the City has been awarded a grant for 90% of the costs to address the intersection of W. Lakeshore Drive, Monroe Street and W. Perry Street. The City will be responsible for the remaining 10%. The grant funds are not available until 2026.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Not present

TREASURER'S REPORT Bed Tax: \$ 39,451.31 as of May 31, 2023
Watercraft Tax: \$ 11,648.57 as of May 31, 2023

LAW DIRECTOR REPORT

Nothing to report

SAFETY SERVICE

Nothing to report

FIRE CHIEF Not present

POLICE CHIEF Not present

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Ms. Hovis

Nothing to report

Environment and Public Works Committee

Mr. Tarolli

Nothing to report

Safety Services Committee

Ms. Phillips

Nothing to report

Economic and Community Development Committee

Mrs. Gillman

Nothing to report

CORRESPONDENCE

2022 Annual Report, Ottawa County

Architectural Review Board, May 11, 2023, minutes

Port Clinton Planning Commission, May 11, 2023, minutes

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

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 16-23

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE APRIL 2023 REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE PORT CLINTON CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

No action taken – Ordinance 16-23 will be moved to third reading on June 27, 2023, at the regular scheduled Council meeting

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Hovis – Nothing to present

Mr. Tarolli – Nothing to present

Mrs. King – Nothing to present

Mr. Morgan – All that is happening at Waterworks Park is good. The beach by the Port Clinton Lighthouse is wonderful. Waterworks Park is now a destination.

Ms. Gangle – Agrees with Mr. Morgan. Ms. Gangle attended an Ida Rupp Library Board meeting last week, in support of their Kaleidoscope program. The library is doing a lot for our kids and community.

Mr. Colston added that the library has programs downtown at ‘The District’.

Ms. Shenker advised that the Library just kicked off their Summer Reading Program. Those that complete the program receive a free book from the library. All children are encouraged to attend the events they have to offer.

Ms. Phillips – Inquired when the Police boat will be in the water.

Mr. Colston advised it is in the water currently.

Mrs. Gillman – Advised she also attended the Ida Rupp Library Board meeting. She encourages all to attend all the programs they have to offer and she supports the Kaleidoscope program for the youth in our community. Encourages all to go to the libraries website and pledge your support for them.

Ms. Shenker advised that the Family Advocacy Center offers a Summer Lunch Program for our youth in the Ottawa County at no charge. You may register on their Facebook page or website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss Mr. Tarolli moved to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Phillips. With all those in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Sandra Ostheimer
Clerk of Council

Lisa Sarty
President of Council