

**PORT CLINTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

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

Ms. Phillips moved to approve regular meeting minutes for June 27, 2023; seconded by Mrs. King. 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**        Bill Yuhasz, 220 W. Lakeshore Drive, Port Clinton

Mr. Yuhasz is on the Consumer Relations Committee for the Port Clinton Lighthouse Conservancy. This commission determines how effective the Lighthouse is an asset to the City of Port Clinton. Mr. Yuhasz asked if the City would consider changing the name of Waterworks Park to Lighthouse Park; due to the Lighthouse has grown in value to the City and that the Waterworks building is no longer standing.

Mrs. Sarty advised it is her understanding that renaming a park would need to be placed on an issue ballot to be a vote of the people.

Mr. Yuhasz also, inquired if the beach at the above mentioned property be named Lighthouse Beach.

Mr. Colston advised that the Administration will review.

**PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**

There are two new resolutions under first reading this evening:

- Resolution 23-8 & 23-9: Both can go the full three readings. They will not be assigned to a committee.

Thank you to the the Fireworks Committee – they were very nice; alot of people were in town to enjoy them.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Thank you for everyone that participated in the Fourth of July festivities. The United Way had a successful Rubber Duck Race. The Fireworks Committee is already underway raising funds; currently half way to their goal for next year's event.

Merlinda Stafford is a resident of City of Port Clinton. Merlinda came to the United States from Philippines in 2017. She was a stroke therapist and in-home healthcare provider in her home country. Here in the United States she is the head housekeeper at a local hotel. She moved to the United States to marry her long time fiancé', who is a Port Clinton resident. Merlinda has seven children: one child is biological and six are adopted. She came upon the six children with extreme hardship backgrounds and provided them with love, safety and family. Her children are currently ages from 16 to 30 years old; she sends funds to them to assist with their needs. On June 9, 2023, Merlinda passed her immigration test and has become an American Citizen.

Brush pickup is this week. Reminder that brush pickup is the second Monday of each month. Please place your brush at the curb line only days prior to pick up.

Mayor Snider attended the First Shot Ceremony at Camp Perry yesterday. This is the start of the five week national competition. Participation this year is up from 2 – 10% depending on the event. One particular event is over 100% increase participation.

The Lighthouse Festival will take place on Saturday, August 19, 2023, from 10 – 5 pm at Waterworks Park.

The City has received news from the Army Corp of Engineers that the fence surrounding the Wetlands can come down. With the exception of a small area where the dune has formed; between the Wetlands and the beach area. Anticipating in the next two weeks to remove the fence based on man power and weather permitting.

Monday, July 24, 2023, downtown at The District will be the first J1 Welcome Day. It is estimated that there are 300 exchange students in the surrounding area. This festival will consist of American fun, American food, and fellowship. The J1 program started in 1960 by the US Department of State; there has been over 300,000 in the United States. Mayor Snider has been involved with this program since 1999 "It has been personally rewarding to meet and know these students from all around the world".

Saturday, July 8, 2023, was the kick-off for the Toledo Sculpture Guild at The Art Garage. There are exhibits inside and outside. This exhibit will run through August. There is no fee for admission.

Tickets for Port Clinton Day at Fifth/Third Field is August 20, 2023. Tickets can be purchased at the Mud Hens Ticket office 419-725-4367. It is still undetermined if Jet Express will be available, due to the dock in Toledo is under construction.

Bud & Alice Myers from Parma, Ohio, previous owners of a condo at The Shores, came to Port Clinton for a little getaway. They made a point to visit with Mayor Snider; but primarily to shop, eat and listen to the entertainment at The District.

Please wish Snip and Sharon Snider tomorrow a Happy 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Mr. Brenner inquired if there is any feedback in regard to the lift bridge from the Coast Guard?

Mayor Snider advised nothing formal. Mayor Snider has spoken to the County Commissioners and they have had discussions with the Coast Guard. The Commissions feel all the comments that have been provided to the Coast Guard from businesses and community members are paying off to our benefit. It is very early in the decision process, nothing is set in stone as of yet.

Mrs. King inquired about and process on the Infrastructure Project.

Mayor Snider stated that Plan B (below ground) the City has received a \$10 million grant. Plan A (above ground) is at the national level for consideration with the USDA. We have asked Kleinfelder (formally Poggemeyer Design Group) to reach out to our local contact with the USDA to see if it would be appropriate to go above their head to see what is going on. Even if they provided us a go ahead today, the timing of everything and asphalt plants closing when they do; plan A will not start until Spring of 2024.

**AUDITOR'S REPORT** Not present

Mrs. Sarty advised that the Auditor provided the Financial Report for May and June 2023.

Ms. Phillips moved to add the Financial Report for May and June 2023, to correspondence this evening; seconded by Mrs. Gillman. All agreed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** Bed Tax: \$71,608.34 as of June 30, 2023  
Watercraft Tax: \$25,526.07 as of June 30, 2023

**LAW DIRECTOR REPORT** Nothing to report

**SAFETY SERVICE**

Resolution 23-8 and 23-9

Mr. Colston attended the Ottawa County Tax Incentive Board meeting to discuss and review all documentation related to the Community Reinvesting Area (CRA) agreement for Buckeye Community Seventy Six LP, an Ohio Limited Partnership and RAR Hospitality, LLC. The Board voted to continue CRA agreement. The above Resolutions are brought to Council to consider continuing the CRA Agreement.

**POLICE CHIEF** Not present

**FIRE CHIEF** Not present

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

***Finance Committee***

**Ms. Hovis**

Nothing to report

***Environment and Public Works Committee***

**Mr. Tarolli**

Not present

***Safety Services Committee***

**Ms. Phillips**

Next Committee meeting will be on July 25, 2023, at 5:30 pm; to discuss short term rentals.

***Economic and Community Development Committee***

**Mrs. Gillman**

Nothing to present

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Financial Report: May 2023 & June 2023; provided by Gabe Below, Auditor

Ms. Phillips moved to approve the correspondence as stated; seconded by Mrs. King. All agreed.

**THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

None

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

None

## **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution 23-8**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUATION OF THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT FOR BUCKEYE COMMUNITY SEVENTY SIX LP, AN OHIO LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

No action taken – Resolution 23-8 will be moved to second reading on July 25, 2023, at the regular scheduled Council meeting

### **Resolution 23-9**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUATION OF THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT FOR RAR HOSPITALITY, LLC

No action taken – Resolution 23-9 will be moved to second reading on July 25, 2023, at the regular scheduled Council meeting

## **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

**Ms. Hovis** – Happy Anniversary Snip & Sharon Snider

**Mr. Tarolli** – Not present

**Mrs. King** – Happy Anniversary Snip & Sharon Snider. Greater Port Clinton Area Art Council will have their annual fund raiser on September 16, 2023.

**Mr. Morgan** – Nothing to present

**Ms. Gangle** – Nothing to present

**Ms. Phillips** – The Fourth of July festivities were great and well organized. Wish there was something we could do about the seagulls.

**Mrs. Gillman** – Kudos to the Fourth of July committee and volunteers. Best she had seen in a long time.

Ms. Shenker advised that seagulls are federally protected.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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With no further business to discuss Ms. Phillips moved to adjourn; seconded by Mrs.King. With all those in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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Sandra Ostheimer  
Clerk of Council

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Lisa Sarty  
President of Council