

**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 June 13, 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 None

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL At the last Council meeting two community members spoke about their concerns regarding Short Term Rentals within the City of Port Clinton. The Safety Service Committee will be assigned to review Short Term Rentals.

The Women’s Club will be holding their annual Squirt Gun Run 5K on Jul 4th. All proceeds go to pay for scholarships.

Wishing all a Happy 4th of July.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Snider Introduced two individuals that are J1 students that he employs at his day job: Irem from Turkey and Artis from Taiwan.

The “Port Clinton is Call Me”, second edition video has been released today. This video features local artists as well as The Art Garage (TAG). The Producer of the video Ron Miller has collaborated with TAG to sell merchandise at TAG. All proceeds will go to a Non-Profit organization; this being TAG / Port Clinton Area Arts Council.

The Ottawa County Land Bank have acquired two properties: 340 Buckeye Boulevard and 226 E. Fourth Street. The structures at these properties will be removed in the near future. Mr. Colston has been working with the Ottawa County Building Department office to look at two properties at the west end of the City.

The Toledo Area Sculptures Guild Group will be exhibiting at The Art Garage starting July 5th through September 3. There will be 27 sculptures and 100 paintings.

Red / White & Vroom – 4th of July Celebration - there are many events throughout the day. The fireworks will be set off at 10:00 pm off on the edge of Waterworks Park.

Last Sunday, June 25th – Mayor Snider participated in the Mayor’s Cup in Toledo, Ohio. There were fourteen mayors that participated in catching, punting, passing, and kicking. Mayor Snider placed 10th overall. Unfortunately, after the obstacle course he dislocated his knee.

AUDITOR’S REPORT Not present

TREASURER’S REPORT Not present

LAW DIRECTOR REPORT

Ms. Shenker advised she will be in attendance of the next Safety Service Committee meeting to discuss the Short Term Rental concerns.

Ms. Shenker advised that the owner of 201 E. Second Street (corner of Second & Jefferson) was in Municipal Court two weeks ago, on noxious weeds and grass charges from the City of Port Clinton. The property owner has pled No Contest. Judge Wargo, fined the property owner \$ 500.00, suspended \$350.00; allowing the property owner to clean the property by June 28, 2023. Ms. Shenker will be in attendance of the follow-up hearing on June 29, 2023.

Mrs. King inquired if the City addresses the properties and charge the property owner.

Ms. Shenker advised that yes the City does have a process. A certified letter is sent to the property owner with a deadline to become in compliance of the City’s codified ordinance. Once that date has passed the City will mow the property and send an invoice to the property owner. This specific property has some unique issues; there is a fence surrounding the property and has no way of getting a mower on to the property. In addition to the property being covered in poison ivy. The City recently mowed outside the fence and the property owner has been recently billed.

Ms. Gangle inquired if the property owner has financial means to get the work completed.

Ms. Shenker advised the property owner has a seasonal business and believes she has financial means available.

Mr. Morgan advised he had left his business card a couple of times with no response. Mr. Morgan mows lawns throughout the City.

Ms. Gillman inquired if the property owner lives in the home.

Ms. Shenker advised the property owner does not live in the home. However, there is a tenant residing at the property.

Mayor Snider advised nearly 35 properties have been mailed noxious weeds and grass letters. Per Mr. Colston most were resolved by the property owner or tenant. The few that were not, were mowed by City crews and billed accordingly.

Mrs. Ostheimer advised if the noxious weeds and grass invoice is not paid within 30 days, the charges will be placed as a lien on the property tax.

Ms. Gillman inquired the average invoice cost.

Mrs. Ostheimer advised \$275.00.

SAFETY SERVICE Nothing to report

POLICE CHIEF

Chief Scott wanted to remind everyone there is an ordinance City ordinance that does not allow fireworks to be set off within the City limits of Port Clinton.

ACTING FIRE CHIEF (Brian Gutman)

Mr. Gutman advised that July 1, 2022, the State of Ohio authorized 1.4G hazard rate consumer fireworks on certain days (July 3rd, 4th, and 5th – including the weekend prior to and after July 4th) outside the City limits. The 1.4g hazard rate would be purchased at Fireworks Store in Sandusky on St. Rt. 250. Anything bigger 1.3G hazard rate are professional grade that you would see on 4th of July.

Ms. Shenker advised the City has had a no fireworks ordinance within the City limits for some time. Last year City Council signed an ordinance opting out of the new State rule and to continue with our Home Rule of no fireworks within the City limits.

Mr. Morgan inquired if sparklers are allowed to be used.

Chief Scott advised if you can buy it at Kroger's / Walmart you may use it within the City Limits. If it goes "bang" it is not allowed. He also advised that the City ordinance penalty is a M1 misdemeanor of the first degree; punishable by 6 months in jail or a \$1,000.00 fine.

Mrs. Gangle inquired how many citations have been written for such an issue.

Chief Scott advised in the last 20 years there have been very few. The Police Department will confiscate items and educate primarily. The fireworks will be destroyed by the Fire Department. If calls continue to occur charges will be filed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Ms. Hovis

The July 11, 2023, Finance Committee meeting has been canceled.

Environment and Public Works Committee

Mr. Tarolli

Will advise if there will be a meeting on July 11, 2023.

Safety Services Committee

Ms. Phillips

There will be a Committee meeting on July 25, 2023, at 5:30 pm.

Economic and Community Development Committee

Mrs. Gillman

There will be a Committee meeting on July 25, 2023, at 6:30 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE

Architectural Review Board meeting minutes, May 25, 2023

Planning Commission meeting minutes, May 25, 2023

Planning Commission meeting minutes, June 8, 2023

Economic Development Transfer Form (TREX), The Bait House

Mrs. Gillman moved to waive formalities and a hearing for the Economic Development Transfer Form (TREX), The Bait House; seconded by Mrs. King.

Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Mrs. Gillman, yes; Ms. Phillips, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Mr. Tarolli, no; Mrs. Gangle, yes; Mr. Morgan, yes; and Mrs. King, yes. Motion carried 6-1: per Mrs. Sarty

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

THIRD 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.

Mr. Tarolli moved to retain the emergency clause for Ordinance 16-23; seconded by Mrs. King.

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

Mr. Tarolli moved to adopt Ordinance 16-23; seconded by Mrs. Gillman.

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

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Hovis – Have a nice holiday and be safe.

Mr. Tarolli – Nothing to present

Mrs. King – There will be a ribbon cutting on June 30, 2023, at 12:00 pm for North Coast Beachfitters at Waterworks Park.

Mr. Morgan – Mr. Morgan advised that his niece was in town recently and spent three hours at the Waterworks Park beach and absolutely loved it.

Ms. Gangle – Have a great holiday. Please note no one wants to hear fireworks.

Ms. Phillips – Ms. Phillips advised she had received a complaint of motorcycles racing down Second Street from Maple Street.

Mrs. Gillman – Have a Happy and Safe 4th. Please don't use fireworks within the City limits. She has animals that would greatly appreciate it.

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 6:36 p.m.

Sandra Ostheimer
Clerk of Council

Lisa Sarty
President of Council