PORT CLINTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING

The August 3, 2026, special meeting of the Port Clinton City Council was held in the Linda Hartlaub City Hall Chambers. Lisa Sarty, President of Council presided, and the meeting opened at 5:30 p.m.

The roll was called, and the following council members were present: Pat Hovis, Beth Gillman, Carmen Daft, Avery Robinson, Richard Morgan, and Cathy King. Jerry Tarolli was excused.

Ms. Hovis moved to waive any and all irregularities in the calling and conduct of this meeting; seconded by Ms. Hovis.

Results of the voice-roll call are as follows: Mr. Morgan, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Mrs. King, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes; Ms. Daft, yes; and Mrs. Gillman, yes. Motion carried 6-0: per Mrs. Sarty

First Reading

Resolution 26-10

A RESOLUTION, PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.19(I) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO RENEW THE EXISTING 1.9-MILL PROPERTY TAX LEVY AND REQUESTING THE OTTAWA COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY THE RENEWAL LEVY.

Mrs. Gillman moved to waive the three required readings of Resolution 26-10; seconded by Ms. Hovis.

Mr. Morgan inquired why there isn’t an emergency clause on this piece of legislation?

President Sarty advised resolutions don’t require an emergency clause.

Results of the voice-roll call are as follows: Mr. Morgan, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Mrs. King, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes; Ms. Daft, yes; and Mrs. Gillman, yes. Motion carried 6-0: per Mrs. Sarty

Mrs. Gillman moved to adopt Resolution 26-10; seconded by Ms. Hovis.

Mr. Morgan advised that he is on the Safety & Public Works Committee that has had several meetings on this very subject with Chief Gutman. At those meetings it was determined there was a need for a higher millage to purchase the equipment needed; this is not what was discussed, why?

Chief Gutman advised at the last meeting we would move forward with a levy for equipment if $600,000 was available from the general fund to assist with the operating costs. We are delaying the purchase of equipment and continue with “keeping the lights on” and requesting a renewal.

Ms. Shenker advised that we are a Statuary City and have to follow the Ohio Revised Code (ORC). There are different sections of Section 5705.19; we have used section 5705.19(I) prior. The language is very cumbersome and difficult to understand in (I). In the past we put specific language for the ballot, and the Board of Elections revised it to follow the ORC. We pursued using the language under Section 5705.19(U) to purchase a fire truck, but it was determined that was not possible under that specific section. After a lot of consideration, it was determined the renewal levy is needed to keep operations going at the Fire Department. We will continue to pursue grants and such for purchase equipment (fire truck) to serve the community.

Chief Gutman advised this is time sensitive issue, five years ago a new fire truck was half the cost it is today. If we wait another three to five years the price just increases.

Results of the voice-roll call are as follows: Mr. Morgan, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Mrs. King, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes; Ms. Daft, yes; and Mrs. Gillman, yes. Motion carried 6-0: per Mrs. Sarty

Resolution 26-11

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY THE QUESTION OF THE RENEWAL OF AN EXISTING 1.9-MILL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING FIRE APPARATUS, MECHANICAL RESUSCITATORS, UNDERWATER RESCUE AND RECOVERY EQUIPMENT, OR OTHER FIRE EQUIPMENT AND APPLIANCES, BUILDINGS AND SITES THEREFOR, OR SOURCES OF WATER SUPPLY AND MATERIALS THEREFOR, FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF LINES OR FIRE-ALARM COMMUNICATIONS, FOR THE PAYMENT OF FIREFIGHTING COMPANIES OR PERMANENT, PART-TIME, OR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTING, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE, ADMINISTRATIVE, OR COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL TO OPERATE THE SAME, INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF ANY EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED FOR SUCH PERSONNEL UNDER SECTION 145.48 OR 741.34 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, FOR THE PURCHASE OF AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT, FOR THE PROVISION OF AMBULANCE, PARAMEDIC, OR OTHER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OPERATED BY A FIRE DEPARTMENT OR FIREFIGHTING COMPANY, OR FOR THE PAYMENT OF OTHER RELATED COSTS.

No action taken, Resolution 26-11 will be moved to its second reading on August 4, 2026, Special Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mrs. Gillman moved to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. King. With all those in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Sandra Chafee
Clerk of Council

Lisa Sarty
President of Council