

March 25, 2025

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 6:23 p.m.

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

Ms. Phillips moved to approve regular meeting minutes for March 11, 2025; 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

Jodi Regal and Mollie Sass, Ottawa County Land Bank

Mrs. Regal advised that the Ottawa County Land Bank is responsible for removing blighted, vacant and tax delinquent properties throughout Ottawa County. However, the land bank is running out of traditional land bank properties. There are several blighted and/or vacant properties throughout the county; however, they are not tax delinquent. Many of the owners are out of the area and not aware of the condition of said properties.

The Ottawa County Land Bank has created a new property to acquire some of the properties even when the property tax is current. They have set aside a portion of their land bank budget to offer to buy properties that are identified by the municipality that they are in (there are 20 municipalities located in Ottawa County). The goal is to obtain 20 properties throughout the county this year. The maximum offer would be \$20,000 (could be less), depending on condition, location, and other variables. They are not looking to displace someone. Their intention is to demo the building(s), green up the space, and then sell the property. The funds from the sales will go in an account to purchase additional properties.

The land bank is asking each municipality in Ottawa County to provide two properties that are the worst eye sores by completing a one-page form they will provide. They will not force a property owner to participate. There is a sub-committee of the Ottawa County Land Bank that has four individuals that will oversee this new program. They then take opportunities to the Ottawa County Land Bank full board for approval.

Mr. Morgan inquired only demoing properties vs. rehabbing properties.

Mrs. Regal advised that they have rehabbed one property in the county. From the outside its structure needed to come down. When they went into the structure it was a totally different story. They were able to rehab the home and sell the property with a home.

Mr. Morgan mentioned that he has noticed that when the empty lot is sold is sits without a new home placed on it. Is there anyway that a requirement of building be part of the sale?

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Mrs. Regal advised that is what the land bank would like the new owner to do, because it increases the tax base. However, they cannot enforce such a requirement.

When a property is sold it is done by a sealed bid, and the highest bidder gets the property.

Officer Kurt Cochran and Officer Mike Woods, Port Clinton Police Department School Resource Officers

See attachment

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Under first reading this evening:

- Ordinance 12-25 can go the full three reads.
- Ordinance 13-25 and Ordinance 14-25 Administration have requested Council to consider adopting this evening, due to time sensitive.

If anyone is interested in volunteering for the City's Easter Egg Hunt on April 12, 2025, please contact Mrs. Ostheimer.

Government Day will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2025. If any Council member would like to have a student shadow them and explain their duties, please contact Mrs. Ostheimer.

MAYOR'S REPORT

How many knew that March 25th was Medal of Honor Day? Earlier today, a ceremony at Lakeview Cemetery was held for Lewis C. Shepard as a Medal of Honor recipient. Mr. Shepard was a Navy Veteran of the Civil War.

This evening in Arlington, TX at the Medal of Honor Museum a dedication will take place at 8:00 pm (moment of silence). There has been over 40 million men and women that have served in our military services in our country. There were 3,465 Medal of Honor recipients and 19 multi- recipients.

The VFW has donated \$500.00 for the Memorial Day festivities.

March 29, 2025, is Vietnam Veterans Day

4th of July festivities: Four local restaurants (Brick House, McCarthy's, Ala Carte Café, and Ala Carte Afterhours) are promoting "Burgers for Booms". On April 4, 14, 24, May 4, 14, 24 and June 4, 14, 24, for each burger sold \$1 will be donated to the 4th of July Fireworks Fund.

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The Eagles Lodge donated \$10,000 to the fireworks fund. Thank you to the men and women of the City's local Eagles Lodge.

Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 12, 2025, at 10:00 am at Lakeview Park. The rain date will be Saturday, April 19, 2025. Please follow Facebook.

The Service Department wants to thank everyone for removing their loved ones' items from the cemetery. The spring cleanup went well.

Saturday, April 26, 2025, 9:00 – 3:00 pm, Spring City Wide Cleanup will take place at Port Clinton City Hall parking lot. Please contact City Hall for prohibited items.

August 17, 2025, PC Day at Fifth/Third in Toledo. The first pitch will be 2:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased 419-725-4367.

The Port Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce will be holding a raffle for (4) tickets for the Huntington Bank Suite (to include: food and beverages) at PC Day at Fifth/Third Field; donated by Lee Vivod, President of Commercial Loans at Huntington Bank. The raffle will begin on April 1, 2025. The funds collected will go towards the Chambers Scholarship Program.

For the last two months several residents and businesses have had their water bill estimated due to the cold weather. An actual reading took place last week. You may see some adjustments on your next water / sewer bill.

Extend Thank you to Mr. Tarolli, for attending the Ottawa County Health Departments Annual meeting on his behalf.

At the last Council meeting Mayor Snider mentioned he would be participating in a Chili Cook-off again this past weekend. The first year he won it, second year he was in Asia, third year won it, fourth year didn't make the top three.

April 11-12, 2025, there will be a Master Walleye Tournament in town.

A ribbon cutting will be taking place at Habit for Humanity ReStore on Friday, March 28, 2025, 3:00 pm.

Hope everyone changed their batteries in the smoke and carbon monoxide detectors at the time change on March 9th, if not please do so.

If anyone has any old or unused bath towels, please consider donating them to the Port Clinton Fire Department. They are used during the hot weather (soaked in water and placed on the fireman's head to cool off). There is a white dock box on the west side of the building.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Ordinance 14-25, the full appropriated budget for 2025. The general fund operates on the estimate of revenue equal to three point twenty-five million dollars income tax funding. This allows the Police Department to purchase two new vehicles, \$480,000 expenditure (including the grants the City has received), \$300,000 to construct the splash pad at Waterworks Park, and over a million dollars to continue the road repaving project and fully funds all the salaries and wages of all departments. This will be reevaluated mid-year. Please consider adopting Ordinance 14-25, this evening.

Ordinance 13-25, the City just sold short term notes to the tune of three point five million dollars to pay for the City's cost share of revetment of Lakeshore Drive project. The first invoice for this project is due April 1, 2025. Please consider adopting Ordinance 13-25, this evening.

Thank you, Mr. Christman, for what you have done and brought to the city during your employment.

TREASURERS REPORT

Not present

LAW DIRECTOR REPORT

Nothing to present

SAFETY SERVICE REPORT

Nothing to present

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

TNT Mentorship program is always in need of mentors. It is a great program. If interested, please contact Kurt Fleming at Ottawa County Family Advocacy Center.

Mr. Christman advised that this evening is his last City Council meeting, his last day with the City is April 4, 2025. Thanked Mr. Below, Mr. Colston and Rachel Klimentov giving him the opportunity to work for the city. Been honored to generate some new programs and give some new attention to some areas. Hopefully add some positive outcomes to the goals the city is trying to achieve.

INCOME TAX COMMISSIONER

Nothing to present

POLICE CHIEF

Not present

FIRE CHIEF

Not present

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Ms. Hovis

A Finance Committee meeting will take place on April 1, 2025, 6:00 pm

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

Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources, provide by Gabe Below

Mrs. Gillman moved to accept the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources; seconded by Mr. Tarolli.

Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Mrs. Gillman, yes; Ms. Phillips, yes; Mr. Morgan, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Tarolli, yes. Motion carried 6-0: per Mrs. Sarty

Ohio Department of Commerce, Objections to Renewal of a Retail Liquor Permit

2024 Annual Report, Ottawa County Health Department

Ms. Phillips moved to accept the correspondence as presented; seconded by Mr. Tarolli. All agreed.

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 12-25

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE JANUARY 2025 REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE PORT CLINTON CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

No action taken – Ordinance 12-25 will be moved to second reading on April 8, 2025, at the regular scheduled Council meeting

Ordinance 13-25

FINAL ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON, OHIO, TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR THE SHORELINE REVETMENT RESTORATION ALONG SR 163/WEST LAKESHORE PER THE TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND REQUIREMENTS AS DEFINED HEREIN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Tarolli moved to waive the three required readings of Ordinance 13-25: seconded by Ms. Hovis.

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Mr. Tarolli moved to retain the emergency clause of Ordinance 13-25; seconded by Ms. Hovis.

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Mr. Tarolli moved to adopt Ordinance 13-25; seconded by Ms. Hovis.

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Ordinance 14-25

AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON, COUNTY OF OTTAWA, STATE OF OHIO, DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2025.

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BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Morgan – Nothing to present

Mr. Robinson – Nothing to present

Ms. Phillips – Inquired what utility does the purple flags on Fulton Street represent.

Mr. Colston will review and advise.

Ms. Hovis – Nothing to present

Mr. Tarolli – Port Clinton Fire Department Pancake Breakfast will take place on April 6, 2025, 9- 1 pm at the Fire Department.

The Arbor Day celebration will take place on April 25, 2025, at 5:30 pm at Adams Street Park.

Mrs. King – Not present

Mrs. Gillman – Thank you Mr. Christman for all he has done for the city and the resource that he has been. Wish him the best.

Great to have the Police Department present this evening and the Fire Department's community oaths prior to the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss Ms. Phillips moved to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Hovis. With all those in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

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