

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: Pat Hovis, Cathy King, Avery Robinson, Carmen Daft, Richard Morgan and Beth Gillman. Jerry Tarolli excused.

Mrs. Gillman moved to approve regular meeting minutes for April 28, 2026, seconded by Mr. Robinson. 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

Under second reading this evening:

- Ordinance 17-26 – Administration has asked for Council to consider adopting at the second reading, due to time sensitivity.

The Port Clinton Police Department and Ottawa County Sherriff's wreaths are placed in the Council Chambers in honor of National Police Week. Earlier President Sarty, Mayor Snider, and Mr. Sass attended the Policeman's Memorial at Allen-Clay Joint Fire District Station, hosted by the Genoa Police Department.

MAYOR'S REPORT

This week is National Police week; every year a large ceremony is held in Ottawa County to honor our law enforcement. The following are fallen Law Enforcement officials of Ottawa County:

- Patrolman William Hetrick, Clay Township, end of watch July 10, 2000
- Deputy Bruce Mattler, Ottawa County Sheriff's Department, end of watch, December 9, 1983
- Sgt. Robert Rigoni, Port Clinton Police Department, end of watch, December 9, 1983
- Dispatcher Mike Sweeney, Put-in-Bay Police Department, end of watch December 9, 1983
- Marshall Frank Robel, Marblehead Police Department, end of watch, November 27, 1920

There is a memorial for the above individuals located at Friendship Park, Port Clinton, Ohio

The streetlights will be turned off during the week of May 25th due to the Mayfly season. The projected turn on will be prior to July 4th. If the Mayfly season extends the turn on date will be extended.

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“The District” started to be set up yesterday. The first entertainment will be on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 7:00 pm. There will be a dedication ceremony held at 6:30 pm for Tracy Colston.

Congratulations to the Port Clinton High School Seniors who will be graduating this Sunday, weather permitting at the Tru-Lay Stadium.

Last week was Bike to School, the City Law Director, Dina Shenker was the escort on behalf of Mayor Snider for he was out of town.

Late last week Mr. Sass and Ms. Chafee drove throughout the city to identify overgrown lawns. Happy to announce there fewer this year than years past.

Door to door salesman season has arrived. Anyone going door to door must register with the City of Port Clinton’s Auditors office. If anyone comes to your door, ask them for the permit. You are welcome to call the non-emergency phone number to report a non-registered door to door salesman.

AUDITOR’S REPORT

The April Financial Report was provided earlier today to Council members for your review.

TREASURERS REPORT

As of April 28, 2026

Presented by Ms. Chafee

Bed Tax: \$47,983.88

Watercraft Dock Tax: \$4,275.00

STR Registration Fee: accidently didn’t bring to the meeting

LAW DIRECTOR REPORT

Not present

SAFETY SERVICE REPORT

The erosion pad along Lakeshore Drive is being extending going east.

Continuing working on the infrastructure project, we are hopeful work will begin this fall. There has been progress with the railroad on Jefferson Street.

Street Department have been extremely busy mowing and weed whipping all throughout the city, including the cemeteries.

This week “The District” was being set in place. It was very disheartening to hear that the City employees there were working on “The District” were subjected to derogatory comments made towards them for doing their job. This is totally inappropriate.

The city’s 2008 street sweeper has not been in use for the last month, due to it is in the process of being repaired. The city must comply with EPA requirements (Clean Water Program, and MS4 Program) so

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that all streets must be cleaned. No debris (trash, oil, stones, etc.) cannot go into the storm sewer and pumps. The street sweeper is not due to be returned for another month.

INCOME TAX COMMISSIONER

Not present

POLICE CHIEF

Not present

FIRE CHIEF

Not present

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Ms. Hovis

Nothing to present

Safety Service & Public Works Committee

Mr. Tarolli

Not present

Economic and Community Development Committee

Mrs. Gillman

Nothing to present

CORRESPONDENCE

Planning Commission meeting minutes, April 9, 2026

Mrs. Gillman moved to accept the correspondence as provided; seconded by Mr. Roberston. All agreed

Mrs. Gillman moved to enter Executive Session to discuss compensation public employee official; seconded by Mr. Robertson.

Results of the voice-roll call are as follows: Ms. Hovis, yes; Mrs. King, yes; Ms. Daft, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Morgan, yes; and Mrs. Gillman, yes. Motion carried 5-0: per Mrs. Sarty

Executive session began at 6:16 pm.

Mrs. Gillman moved to enter regular session; seconded by Mrs. King.

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

Regular session began at 7:00 pm.

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 17-26

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE BY ALLOWING THE DIRECTOR TO RESIDE IN OTTAWA COUNTY OR ADJOINING COUNTY AND REVISING AND FIXING THE SALARY RANGE FOR THIS EMPLOYMENT POSITION NOT COVERED BY A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. King moved to amend Ordinance 17-26 to remove adjoining county and replace within a twenty-mile radius of Port Clinton City Hall.; second by Mrs. Gillman.

Results of the voice-roll call are as follows: Ms. Hovis, no; Mrs. King, yes; Ms. Daft, no; Mr. Robinson, no; Mr. Morgan, no; and Mrs. Gillman, yes. Motion does not carry 2-4: per Mrs. Sarty

Mr. Robertson motioned to amend Ordinance 17-26 to remove to reside in Ottawa County or adjoining county; seconded by Ms. Hovis.

Results of the voice-roll call are as follows: Ms. Hovis, yes; Mrs. King, no; Ms. Daft, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Morgan, yes; and Mrs. Gillman, yes. Motion does carry 5-1: per Mrs. Sarty. Ordinance 17-26, Amended is the proper name of this ordinance going forward.

Mr. Robertson moved to waive the three required readings of Ordinance 17-26, as amended; seconded by Mrs. Gillman.

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

Mrs. Gillman moved to retain the emergency clause of Ordinance 17-26, as amended; seconded by Mr. Robertson.

Mrs. Gillman stated due to the time sensitivity of this ordinance, not knowing how long the search for a permanent Safety Service Director will be, it is necessary to expedite the search as much as we can.

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

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Mr. Robertson moved to adopt Ordinance 17-26, as amended; seconded by Mrs. Hovis.

Results of the voice-roll call are as follows: Ms. Hovis, yes; Mrs. King, no; Ms. Daft, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Morgan, yes; and Mrs. Gillman, yes. Motion carried 5-1: per Mrs. Sarty

Resolution 26-4

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE AND AUDITOR TO RESUME GRANT ACTIVITIES UNDER THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY INFLATION REDUCTION ACT GRANT AWARD

No action taken. Resolution 24-6 will be moved to its third reading on May 26, 2026

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Morgan – Not to present

Mr. Robinson – Mr. Robertson stated he is not originally from here and it upsets him that it is being said that people who live outside of Port Clinton wouldn't care about Port Clinton. He has lived in Port Clinton for seven years, originally from Michigan. He stated he loves Port Clinton just as much as anyone in this room.

Mr. Tarolli – Not present

Ms. Hovis – Nothing to present

Ms. Daft – Nothing to present

Mrs. King –

Mrs. Gillman – This was not an easy vote.
Walleye Festival is coming up, make sure to check it out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mrs. King moved to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Gillman. With all those in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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Sandra Chafee
Clerk of Council

Lisa Sarty
President of Council