

May 13, 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 6:00 p.m.

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

Ms. Phillips moved to approve regular meeting minutes for April 22, 2025 and special meeting minutes for May 7, 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

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Under first reading this evening:

- Resolution 25-4 - Administration has requested Council to consider adopting at the first reading, due to time sensitivity. The resolution will not be assigned to a committee.

There will be a special council meeting in the Linda Hartlaub Council Chambers on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

MAYOR'S REPORT

American Birding week runs from May 9th – 18th. It is estimated that 60,000 people from all 50 states and all 7 continents will be in attendance.

Fish Ohio Day will be July 16, 2025, if anyone on Council would like to attend, please call City Hall.

This week the 100 block of Madison Street will be blocked to set up for "The District". The first entertainment will take place on Thursday, May 22, 2025.

The Walleye Festival will start next week. The ride passes are available for \$75.00 each at the Port Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce, call 419-734-5503, or stop at 110 Madison Street. All the proceeds go back to the Port Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce.

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It is that time of year again that we are seeing “Livingroom Lawns”, “Grass Holes”, and “Weed Warriors”. Please do not mow your grass clipping into the street. Also, please don’t place items on the curb unless you have made arrangements with your trash provider to have them picked up.

The exchange visitors are starting to arrive in the area. By the beginning of July there will be 600 plus in the Catawba, Marblehead, Put-in-Bay, and Port Clinton area (60% on the island, 40% on the mainland). Please welcome them and talk to them, they love to speak English.

Tomorrow is Ottawa County Law Enforcement Memorial Day. Chief Scott, Mr. Colston and Mayor Snider will be attending a ceremony in Elmore, Ohio. Then next Wednesday, May 21st the Port Clinton Kiwanis Club will be celebrating their annual officer and deputy of the year. If any of the Council would like to attend, please reach out to Mayor Snider.

We speak about paying taxes. With the efforts of Michelle Byant, Income Tax Commissioner and Dina Shenker, Law Director they have been working diligently on past non-filers. Currently they are working on 2017 – 2022. Very soon they will include 2023 and so forth. Six individuals in the community have spent 1 to 3 days in jail; as a result of not filing their income tax in the City of Port Clinton.

The Ottawa County water project is back up and working. They were waiting on a part that was backed ordered for six weeks.

Earlier today Council members received an email and a personal delivery of Ordinance 18-24. This is for the acquisition of a building. That is the purpose of tomorrow’s Special Council meeting.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend.

Mrs. King inquired if they will be turning off the lights after Memorial Day.

Mr. Colston advised it will start on May 27, 2025.

AUDITOR’S REPORT

Resolution 25-4, this is payment / pension legislation for the fire department.

The correspondence you received earlier is the ARPA final from state and local recovery fund we had since 2021.

TREASURERS REPORT

Not present

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LAW DIRECTOR REPORT

To follow up on what the mayor indicated on not filing your income tax documents; Ms. Bryant started this in 2024 and will continue until up to the current filing year. By not filing your income tax paperwork you can be charged with a misdemeanor of the third degree, which sentencing can be a maximum of 90 in jail. The court has been gracious.

SAFETY SERVICE REPORT

Have a happy and safe Memorial Day weekend.

INCOME TAX COMMISSIONER

Not present

POLICE CHIEF

Not present

FIRE CHIEF

Not present

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Ms. Hovis

Nothing to report

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

Architectural Review Board, April 10, 2025, meeting minutes

Planning Commission, April 10, 2025, meeting minutes

Ohio Department of Liquor Control: Booze and Screws DBA Bassetts Hardware & City Market

Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Final Report

Mrs. Gillman moved to waive the right to a hearing; seconded by Mr. Tarolli.

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

Ms. Phillips moved to accept the correspondence; seconded by Ms. Hovis.

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

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 17-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 921 OF THE PORT CLINTON CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Tarolli moved to retain the emergency clause of Ordinance 17-25; seconded by Ms. Hovis.

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

Mr. Tarolli moved to adopt Ordinance 17-25; seconded by Ms. Hovis.

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

Resolution 25-3

A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DECORATION OF GRAVES, CONDUCTING MEMORIAL SERVICES AND OTHERWISE ENGAGING IN ACTIVITIES APPROPRIATE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MEMORIAL DAY 2025

Mr. Tarolli moved to adopt Resolution 25-3; seconded by Ms. Hovis.

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

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 25-4

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON ESTABLISHING A NEW PICK-UP PLAN FOR ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Tarolli moved to waive the three required readings of Resolution 25-4; second by Ms. Hovis.

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

Mr. Tarolli moved to adopt Resolution 25-4, seconded by Ms. Hovis.

Mr. Tarolli requested Mr. Below to explain Resolution 25-4.

Mr. Below advised it is to place contributions in the Fire Pension fund. The Fire Department has full time employees; this will be their retirement program.

Mr. Morgan inquired if we are paying both contributions.

Mr. Below advised this is consistent with what the Police and Teamsters have in place.

Mrs. King inquired in section 2; they have to take a salary reduction?

Ms. Shenker advised that there is a template that all municipalities must follow. What is written is verbatim from the template.

Mr. Below advised there is no net decrease from their pay.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Morgan – A friend visited the area and found that there were more birds at East Harbor than anywhere else.

Mr. Robinson – Nothing to present

Ms. Phillips – Nothing to present

Ms. Hovis – Nothing to present

Mr. Tarolli – Will Erie Black Top meet their deadline?

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Mr. Colston stated they are aware of the required deadline prior to Memorial Day.

Mrs. King – TAG has reopened; looks amazing

Mrs. Gillman – Tomorrow the Port Clinton High School Seniors will have their parade, starting at noon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS None

ADJOURNMENT

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 6:38 p.m.

Sandra Ostheimer
Clerk of Council

Lisa Sarty
President of Council