

November 25, 2025

## **PORT CLINTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

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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. Beth Gillman, Cathy King, Richard Morgan. Jerry Tarolli, Avery Robinson, and Margaret Phillips excused.

Mrs. Gillman moved to approve regular meeting minutes for November 10, 2025, seconded by Mrs. King. All agreed.

The chair notes certification had been received regarding the compliance with the rules and notification of this meeting.

### **GUEST PRESENTATION**

Kirby Dearth  
Transient Grant Coordinator for ODOT  
Presentation: GoBus Program

PowerPoint presentation is located at the end of the Council meeting minutes.

Presentation can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kQNP8l9br2g>

Mayor Snider advised Council that Administration is requesting Council to consider adopting Ordinance 35-25 at the second reading, due to the contract with GoBus must be signed by the December 19, 2025, deadline.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**

President Sarty announced we have a quorum to meet, however there are not enough in attendance to adopt any legislation. The third reading of Ordinance 29-25 will need to be tabled until the next Council meeting on December 9, 2025.

Under first reading this evening:

- Ordinance 35-25 will not be assigned to a committee. Administration has requested Council to consider adopting at the second reading, due to time sensitivity.
- Resolution 25-10 will be assigned to the Economic & Community Development Committee. Administration requests Council to consider adopting at the second reading, due to time sensitivity.

The recently elected officials will be sworn in on December 9, 2025, at 5:45 pm, prior to the Council meeting.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

As you all know we hired Mr. Sass as Interim Safety Service Director for eight to nine months with the expectation of Tracy Colston returning to his position as Safety Service Director. Please indulge me in a second moment of silence in honor of Tracy.

Mr. Sass has agreed to stay until we find a new Safety Service Director or December 31, 2026, which ever comes first. After the new year we will put together a search committee to do a national search. With the intent on hiring someone in late spring, early summer. Mr. Sass will stay and assist in training.

Thank your Magruder Hospital for donating the Christmas Tree that is located on Perry and Madison Street. Kim Rider, a thirty-nine-year employee of Magruder Hospital lit the tree last Friday at 6:00 pm.

The Service Department worked diligently to get the tree and streetlamps downtown strung with lights to have it ready for Friday evening. The Jefferson Street lamps and other displays around town will be done soon.

Leaf pick-up is underway. There will be delays when there is a lot of rain, because our leaf machine does not pick up wet leaves at all.

Mr. Sass was able to locate a location where we can take the leaves for some time. The location is in Portage Township at the Kuest property (former Celotex).

City Hall will be closed Thursday and Friday this week for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Alex Morgan-Johnson should get a gold star. She coordinated hundreds of Thanksgiving meals in Erie, Ottawa, and Sandusky County to be delivered. Mrs. Johnson put the word out and community sponsored families.

Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at Moonwyck's in downtown Port Clinton from 3:00 – 5:00 pm. Santa has requested no snakes or spiders.

Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, the Community Christmas Parade will take place. The route is Monroe Street, W. Second Street going east to Adams Street Park. A tree lighting will take place at Adams Street Park following the parade.

Santa House hours at Adams Street Park (behind the gazebo):

- Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 6:00 pm
- Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 1:00 pm

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Thursday, December 11, 2025, from 10:00 am – 8:00 pm the City's employees will be ringing the bell for Salvation Army, Red Kettle Drive at Friendship Kitchen on E. Perry Street.

Tuesday, December 2, 2025, the first piece of equipment will arrive for the Splash Pad at Water Works Park.

F.L.I.P. update: The City has been issued our Permit to Install (PTI) by the Ohio EPA. That is usually the last thing we need to go out for bid. However, due to the government shut down we are still waiting on Federal agencies and authorization of funding. They are still going through the designs.

## **AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Not present

## **TREASURERS REPORT**

As of November 25, 2025

Bed Tax: \$33,5786.67

Watercraft Dock Tax: \$23,236.50

STR Registration Fee: \$32,800.00

## **LAW DIRECTOR REPORT**

Not present

## **SAFETY SERVICE REPORT**

Mr. Sass announced that he attended his first ARB and Planning Commission meeting last week.

Earlier today he reviewed the sidewalk project on Eleventh Street with Doug Nusser and DLG that will be installed by ODOT. Work is set to begin in the summer of 2026.

Mr. Sass visited the Wastewater Treatment plant for the first time today.

Mr. Sass spoke of the Street Department and how they amaze him by doing leaf pickup, putting the Christmas tree up and stringing the lights on the Christmas tree and streetlamps downtown, all in the same week.

Mr. Sass advised the city have an amazing staff and have helped him understand the processes. The supervisors are incredible, and you should be very proud of those leading our work force. He appreciates everyone's consideration and confidence.

Have a great Thanksgiving and Go Bucks!!!!

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## **INCOME TAX COMMISSIONER**

Not present

## **POLICE CHIEF**

Not present

## **FIRE CHIEF**

Not present

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### ***Finance Committee***

#### **Ms. Hovis**

The next committee meeting will be on Monday, December 8, 2025, at 6:00 pm. Subject: Resolution 25-10

### ***Environment and Public Works Committee***

#### **Mr. Tarolli**

Not present

### ***Safety Services Committee***

#### **Ms. Phillips**

Not present

### ***Economic and Community Development Committee***

#### **Mrs. Gillman**

The next committee meeting will be on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 5:30 pm. Subject: Resolution 25-10.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Board of Architectural Review, September 11, 2025, meeting minutes.

Planning Commission / Board of Zoning Appeals, September 25, 2025, meeting minutes.

Mrs. Gillman moved to accept the correspondence as provided, seconded by Ms. Hovis. All agreed

## **THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **Ordinance 29 – 25**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TO APPROVE JULY 2025 REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE PORT CLINTON CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Gillman moved to table Ordinance 29-25 until December 9, 2025; seconded by Ms. Hovis.

Results of the voice-roll call are as follows: Mrs. Gillman, yes; Mr. Morgan, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Mrs. King, yes. Motion carried 4-0: per Mrs. Sarty

## **SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **Ordinance 32-25**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A SPACE USE AGREEMENT WITH THE OTTAWA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

No action taken. Ordinance 32-25 will be moved to its third reading on December 9, 2025.

### **Ordinance 33-25**

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING CERTAIN FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON, OHIO.

No action taken. Ordinance 33-25 will be moved to its third reading on December 9, 2025.

## **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **Ordinance 35-25**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HOCKING ATHENS PERRY COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERS AND BARONS BUS TO PROVIDE A COMMUNITY BUS SERVICE KNOWN AS GOBUS TO THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

No action taken. Ordinance 35-25 will be moved to its second reading on December 9, 2025.

### **Resolution 25-10**

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL 104 WHICH WOULD TAKE AWAY THE CITY'S ABILITY TO PLACE ANY TYPE OF RESTRICTIONS ON SHORT-TERM RENTALS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON

No action taken. Resolution 25-10 will be moved to its second reading on December 9, 2025.

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## **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

**Mr. Morgan** – Nothing to present

**Mr. Robinson** – Not present

**Ms. Phillips** – Not present

**Ms. Hovis** – Happy Thanksgiving. Be safe.

**Mr. Tarolli** – Not present

**Mrs. King** – Happy Thanksgiving.

**Mrs. Gillman** – Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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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 6:53 p.m.

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Sandra Chafee  
Clerk of Council

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Lisa Sarty  
President of Council

## GOBUS PORT CLINTON EXPANSION



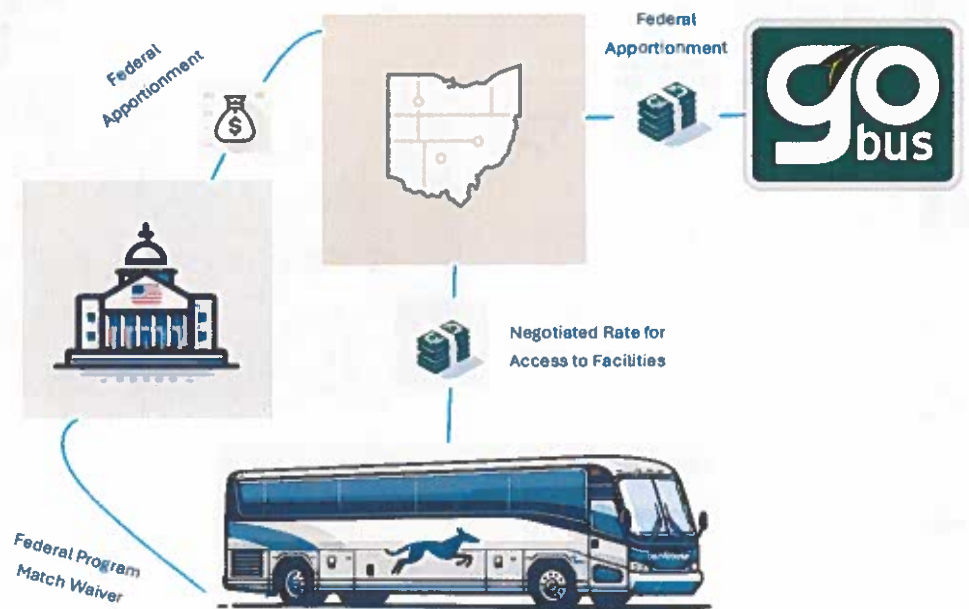
# CURRENT OPERATIONS

- **System Footprint**
  - 33 rural cities connected to 5 urbanized areas
  - 64% of Ohio's population lives within 10 miles of a GoBus stop
  - 93.3% lives within 25 miles of any intercity bus stop (including Greyhound, Flixbus, etc.)
- **Rider Profile**
  - 52% students, mostly aged 17-21
  - 46% earn under \$20,000/year
  - 70% travel alone, often to visit family or return to college
- **Ridership**
  - 2010 – 10,000 Annual Riders Goal
  - 2020 – 100,000 Annual Riders
  - 2024 – 129,000 Annual Riders



## THE CURRENT FUNDING FRAMEWORK

- GoBus currently relies on Greyhound (GH) facility partnerships to certify federal in-kind match.
- Average Match required – 50% of Spending



## RIDER STORIES

“The bus is on time and the ride is quiet. Drivers are friendly and even though I'm a rider who is blind, they don't overreach and assume that I can't do something. I always appreciate being asked if I need assistance, then asked what it is exactly I need, which puts the ball entirely in my court and makes my travel experiences very memorable for all of the right reasons.”

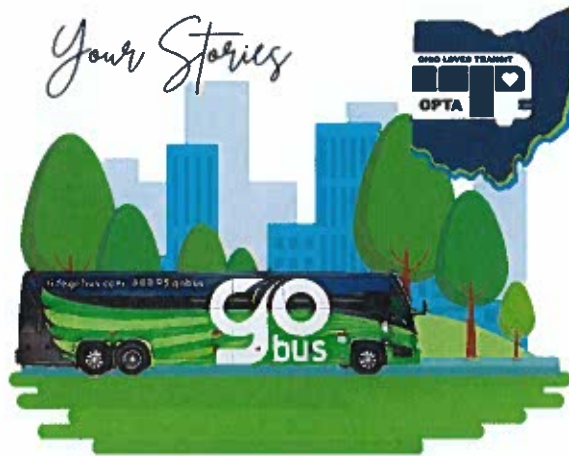
“My student is participating in an out-of-state Goalball tournament, only her second ever outside of Ohio, and her first independent commute. I wouldn't recommend another bus company other than GoBus, as far as safety and level of accommodation provided by the drivers. As for my student, my hope is that this leads to new opportunities and GoBus is the way that she is able to achieve that.”

“Allowed me to relax and take a quick nap on my trip!”

“It's nice to not have to pay for long-term parking at the airport or expensive parking at other events I travel to!”

“GoBus is the cheapest way to and from college, and it's very comfortable.”

“I wouldn't have been able to make my medical appointment without it.”



“GoBus makes me and my family's lives easier. My home is far from college, and riding the bus saves my dad a 4-hour roundtrip per visit. GoBus makes weekends at home a possibility for me.”

“My daughter takes GoBus to get from home to college and back, and it's a lot more convenient than her driving, especially in questionable weather! Being from Alabama and unfamiliar with driving in snowy weather, GoBus offers peace of mind when traveling. We also appreciate the free Wi-Fi and the ability to do things like watch a movie while riding!”

“I love being able to take the bus to and from Columbus. I took the bus up for a concert and had a wonderful day in downtown Columbus without worrying about parking a car. It cost less to ride the bus than it would have to pay for parking for the day.”

“I am so homesick at college and the GoBus has helped me feel more connected to my family.”

“GoBus allowed me to go home to see my family for Christmas!”

“The drivers know me and always take care of me. Always saying hello, helping me with my luggage, and making sure I arrive safely at my destination.”

[ridegobus.com](http://ridegobus.com)

## PROPOSED EXPANSION

- **Impact**
  - +1.07 million Ohioans within 10 miles of a new intercity bus stop
  - +306,000 more within 25 miles
  - +145,000 high transit-dependent individuals newly served
  - Connecting key parts of the state that are currently unserved by GoBus or other Intercity Bus Providers due to their rural nature.
  - 3.7 Million additional annual miles of rural public transit.
- **Notable New Stops**
  - **Universities**
    - Toledo University
    - Bowling Green State University
    - Findlay University
    - Miami University
    - Belmont College
  - **New Airport Connections**
    - Cincinnati
    - Pittsburgh



# TOLEDO TO ASHTABULA

- Local Impact
  - 6,000 Estimated Annual Riders
  - Connectivity to:
    - The University of Toledo
    - Sandusky Amtrak
    - Toledo Amtrak (Via TARTA)
    - Cedar Point (Via Local Public Transit)
    - Elyria Greyhound
    - Cleveland Airport / Brook Park GCRTA
    - Ashtabula and Geneva on the Lake



## AWARDED FIRM

- Barons Bus
  - Operating 20 GoBus Schedules a Day
  - 96.9% On-Time Record
  - .48% Cancellation Rate
  - Operated GoBus for 10 years



**Barons Bus**  
RIDE LIKE ROYALTY



## POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- By investing GRF to circumvent and/or drastically lower the Greyhound tax, we are functionally lowering our costs of program operations, while simultaneously raising the total investment captured within the program.
- Opportunities
  - **Redirect** significant investment in 5311 rural public transit programs.
  - **Investing** in rural public transportation infrastructure at GoBus stops on public grounds.
  - **Expand** rural connectivity lines creating a transit lattice that spans the State.
  - **Advertise** Ohio destinations, events, and key services in collaboration with partners.





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