

**PORT CLINTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Port Clinton City Council was held at the Port Clinton City Hall with De Anna Kuzma, President of Council, presiding. The meeting opened at 7:30pm. Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance, The Lord's Prayer, and a moment of silence for those serving our Country.

The roll was called and the following council members were present: Gabe Below, Joel Freedman, Beth Gillman, Roseann Hickman, Margaret Phillips, Lisa Sarty, and Jerry Tarolli.

Mr. Below asked for a correction to the minutes from the January 26, 2016 in the last paragraph on page 2. Corrected Ms. Below to Mr. Below. Mr. Below made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sarty to accept the minutes from the January 26, 2016 meeting and the January 28, 2016 special meeting as written. With all those in favor, motion carried.

CLERK OF COUNCIL	De Anna Kuzma recommended April Pipoly as the new clerk of council. Ms. Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Freedman. Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Below, yes; Sarty, yes; Gillman, yes; Tarolli, yes; Hickman, yes; Phillips, yes; and Freedman, yes. With all those in favor, the motion was passed.
GUEST PRESENTATION	Ms. Nadine Thompson, WSOS Spoke in regards to Fair Housing, Equal Housing Opportunity, and the CHIP grant
PUBLIC COMMENT	Roger Smith, 218 W. 4 th Street, Port Clinton stated he was in a meeting last year in regards to the burning snowman presentation. Asked council why Port Clinton did not pick up that event. Mr. Below stated they presented as a follow up from a committee meeting. It was then passed to the Safety Service director and fire chief due to burning involved. At that point it was decided it was more feasible to have where they held it before. Mrs. Hickman stated that they came to a Main Street committee meeting and due to the timing they did not believe they did not have enough time to bring it to downtown. Mr. Smith asked if it is still something that Port Clinton might do in the future. Mrs. Hickman stated that is her understanding and it is the burning snowman committee decision.
MAYOR'S REPORT	Mayor Wheeler stated that the Ohio Clean Marines program has an upcoming workshop and information will be available at the administrative assistance desk. He was contacted by the Webelos of Cub Scout Pack 361 cub master to recognize seven members to achieving the arrow of flight award which is the highest award in cub scouting. He has awards printed out to present to them on Monday, March 14 th . Spoke with the Trump campaign leader to see if they would be stopping in Port Clinton. The campaign leader will keep him informed if they will be stopping. They will definitely be traveling down Route 2. OCIC is holding its 2016 Business in Industry Awards on March 2 nd at the Liberty Aviation Museum. Cost is \$30 per person. Mr. Wheeler stated lastly that he is pretty disappointed with the way council has acted lately. The election is over and we all need move forward and work together. He is about working together and moving Port Clinton forward.
AUDITOR'S REPORT	Mr. Hatfield stated that the month end reports for January were distributed by email last Tuesday. If you did not get them or have any questions, please contact him.
TREASURER'S REPORT	None
LAW DIRECTOR REPORT	Stated he asked the administrative assistant to send out a request to council to have resolution added to the agenda for a first reading only. Mr. Colston will be speaking more in regards to that.
SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR REPORT	Mr. Colston spoke in regards to resolution 16-3 for sidewalk necessity for Lakeshore Drive. Cost estimate for the project is \$235,000. We have funding up to 80% which is up to \$180,000 that they will cover the rest would be asset to the city or the property owners as we move forward. Along with that number there is \$19,500 for design, \$3000 for bidding & a contract down the road for construction management. These will be coming along as we move forward with the project. Requested to pass that along at the 23 rd meeting and get it moving forward. Ordinance 2-16 for Fulton Street (Small city funding) to finish the project from 5 th &6 th to just past the south entrance of Magruder Hospital to go for funding for that. We have a March 1 st deadline for this ordinance. Citizens are welcome to come in and ask any questions regarding Resolution 16-3 to Mr. Colston on Mondays or Thursdays. Passed out local guide activities book to council and attendees are free to grab one at the end of the meeting.
POLICE CHIEF REPORT	Mr. Hickman asked for council to look at Ordinance 1-16 which has a March 1 st deadline with the State of Ohio and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. It is the harbor patrol grant. The grant

this ran April 1st through November 30th. There was 115 man hours on the Portage River, investigated zero accidents and saved two lives.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

None

CORRESPONDENCE

President Kuzma stated the laws, rules and ordinances committee notes dated January 26th, the auditor's report and the police chief annual report. Mrs. Sarty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Below. With all those in favor the motion passed.

FIRST READING

RESOLUTION 16-1: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY BY INTERNET AUCTION

RESOLUTION 16-2: A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO RENEW AN EXISTING 1.9-MIL LEVY AND REQUESTING THE OTTAWA COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY THAT RENEWAL LEVY, PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.19 OF THE REVISED CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Below motioned to have Resolution 16-3 added to the agenda; seconded by Mr. Tarolli. Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Below, yes; Sarty, yes; Gillman, yes; Tarolli, yes; Hickman, yes; Phillips, yes; and Freedman, yes. With all those in favor, the motion was passed.

RESOLUTION 16-3: RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF CONSTRUCTING A SIDEWALK ALONG WEST LAKESHORE DRIVE IN THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON AND REQUIRING THE ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS TO CONSTRUCT THE SAME AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCE 1-16: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE PORT CLINTON HARBOR PATROL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS

Mr. Tarolli made a motion to wave the 3 required readings; Seconded by Ms. Phillips. Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Below, yes; Sarty, yes; Gillman, yes; Tarolli, yes; Hickman, no; Phillips, yes; and Freedman, yes. The motion was passed.

Mr. Tarolli made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1-16; seconded by Ms. Phillips. Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Below, yes; Sarty, yes; Gillman, yes; Tarolli, yes; Hickman, no; Phillips, yes; and Freedman, yes. The motion was passed.

ORDINANCE 2-16: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SMALL CITIES FUND PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCE 4-16: AN ORDINANCE REVISING AND FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN SUPERVISORY POSITIONS CLASSIFIED AS NON-EXEMPT EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON, OHIO, NOT COVERED BY A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT AND REPLACING ANY PREVIOUS ORDINANCES REFERENCING SALARIES FOR CERTAIN NON-EXEMPT EMPLOYEES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCE 5-16: AN ORDINANCE REVISING AND FIXING THE SALARIES AND BENEFITS OF CERTAIN SUPERVISORY POSITIONS CLASSIFIED AS EXEMPT EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mrs. Kuzma stated that changes were made to the committee page within the Rules of Council as follows:

- Finance – Gabe Below, Chair
- Parks and Rec – Lisa Sarty, Chair
- Planning and Development – Gabe Below, Chair
- Emergency Services – Jerry Tarolli, Chair
- Infrastructure – Lisa Sarty, Chair
- Laws, Rules & Ordinances – Margaret Phillips, Chair

Mr. Tarolli motioned to adopt the rules of council; seconded by Mrs. Sarty. Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Below, yes; Sarty, yes; Gillman, yes; Tarolli, yes; Hickman, yes; Phillips, yes; and Freedman, yes. With all those in favor, the motion was passed.

Ms. Phillips questioned Mayor Wheeler what he meant in his earlier statement. Mr. Wheeler stated that he is very disappointed in what's going on Facebook and what's going out in the public. Many calls from the citizens about council people fighting and trying to shove Waterworks Park down their throats and he doesn't appreciate it. Ms. Phillips states that these people have voted them in and we are responsible to them. If they wish to know what is going on or what we are doing they should contact us. Ms. Phillips stated that council has the right of free speech and if they are attacked we are going to say something back.

Mr. Below thanked Mrs. Thompson for the presentation. He asked if the number of applications are going up or down. Mr. Thompson stated that it depends on the funding. Mr. Below asked if funds ever go unused and Mrs. Thompson was not sure of this answer. Financial committee meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2016 at 6:30pm and they will discuss the auditors reports for January. The next planning and development meeting will be March 1st at 530pm.

Mrs. Gillman had no report.

Mr. Tarolli stated service advisory committee with meet on February 16th at 530pm.

Mrs. Hickman wanted to welcome Mrs. Pipoly as the new Clerk of Council.

Mr. Freedman had no report.

Mrs. Sarty stated that council is looking at things openly. She states Mr. Rose and his taxes are a concern for everyone and we are looking at the whole picture. She presented information in regards to Waterworks park and money that has been spent. She asked several questions to Mr. Hatfield and presented all that information. Asked Mr. Hatfield if any payments have been made to Mr. Rose or any of his affiliates from 2012 to current and the answer was none. Mrs. Sarty asked if there was any studies done since 2012 and Mr. Hatfield stated that two studies have been done in regards to Waterworks park: 1st was a property evaluation appraisal that was completed in 2013 in the amount of \$8750.00, 2nd was the geo technology study completed in 2014 in the amount of \$7633.86 other was covered by grants. Her understanding is that no matter what is done on the property these studies are required. Mr. Hatfield agreed. She went over a breakdown of expenses since 2012. Mrs. Sarty stated money spent to date is a little over \$38000.00. Mrs. Sarty stated that \$16000.00 has been spent on the Waterworks parking lot. Mrs. Sarty asked Mr. Hatfield how much has the city paid for the Issue 6 ballot and how is it broken down. Mr. Hatfield stated that it is a difficult question as our city is charged by the board of elections for our portion of fees for a reduction of property taxes revenue. Can't provide exact totals for just Issue 6 but the following are totals in whole ballots per year. In 2012 - \$5108, 2013 - \$4299, 2014 - \$1802 and 2015 - \$1220. We received an estimate for Issue 1 and it will cost between \$1000 - \$1500 and that has been confirmed with the Board of Elections. We as council cannot be held liable for what has happened in the past. We are trying as a council as a whole to do things responsibly. Mr. Freedman asked if we have a couple of the study that was completed in 2014.

With no further business to discuss Ms. Phillips made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Sarty. With all those in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.