

**PORT CLINTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING**

The special 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 5 pm.

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

Ms. Phillips made a motion; seconded by Mr. Below to waive any and all irregularities in the calling and conduct of this meeting. With all in favor, the motion was carried

The chair noted that certification has been received regarding the compliance with the rules and notification of this meeting.

Mrs. Kuzma stated the purpose of today's meeting was for consideration of two appointments to the Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC).

Mr. Below stated that council received an email from the Mayor yesterday appointing Cole Hatfield and Debby Tester to the Tax Incentive Review Council.

Mr. Below made a motion to approve appointing Cole Hatfield to the Tax Incentive Review Council; seconded by Mr. Tarolli. Mr. Below stated that he sent an email to council explaining why he believes Mr. Hatfield is a natural fit for this appointment.

Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Gillman, yes; Hickman, yes; Tarolli, yes; Below, yes; Phillips, yes; and Sarty, yes. With the results of the roll call, the Mr. Hatfield was appointed to the Tax Incentive Review Council.

Mr. Below stated for all the reasons why he thinks Mr. Hatfield is a good fit. He thinks that having someone who is outside of city government now is not a good fit. He believes that it makes sense to have someone at the table with potential developers who can speak to what the city is capable of and what the city council in the case of the CRA might have the appetite for improvement since those will come back to council. Mr. Below states that is why he suggested appointing himself and Mr. Hatfield.

Mayor Wheeler stated that he spoke with Mr. Wilber and he thought it was not a good idea to appoint anyone from council because those decisions would come back to council to be approve. Mr. Below stated that Jamie Biar-Grant responded to the email also stating that other local townships that have these tax incentive councils have appointed township trustees.

Mr. Below suggested that President Kuzma be considered for the appointment since she has relationships with council members. Mayor Wheeler stated that he was also advised by Mr. Wilber not to make a decision on the alternates tonight. Mrs. Gillman asked who the alternates are. Mayor Wheeler stated that there are no alternates currently due to thinking there was not a problem with his appointments.

Mr. Below asked President Kuzma if she mind being considered for the appointment. She stated that she would have to look at the commitments with the appointment due to being in the process of starting a new business of her own. She also stated that she is a little perplexed with the hesitation not appointing Mrs. Tester.

Mr. Below stated that he would repeat the reasons why Mr. Hatfield is a good fit. The property tax transfer that comes from the county goes directly to his office, any other incentives he would have a good understanding. He is an elected official and has full time staff at city hall. Jamie Bair-Grant suggested somebody from the Planning Development committee be on the TIRC to present to council. He stated that everyone that has is a stakeholder in the TIRC has someone appointed their representing them. Mr. Below states that he understands the CRA does not state that the appointee does not need to be an elective official or city employee, but the ideal that you have two folks as part of the larger group of the TIRC from the city looks better. Mr. Below states that other to townships appoint from council and he does not understand why it is not a good idea for us. Mayor Wheeler stated that he was going off the advisement from Mr. Wilber.

Mr. Below asked if we could address the second appointment at the next regular council meeting. President Kuzma stated yes.

With no further business to discuss Ms. Phillips made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Below. With all those in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

April Pipoly
Clerk of Council

De Anna Kuzma
President of Council