

**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 Gabe Below, President pro-temp, 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, Brian Hild, Roseann Hickman, Margaret Phillips and Lisa Sarty.

Mr. Freedman made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from May 22nd, 2018 and June 12th, 2018; seconded by Mrs. Sarty. With all those in favor, the minutes were approved as written.

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

GUEST PRESENTATION

Mike Snider – Port Clinton 4th of July Events

Passed out fliers for Red White & Vroom listing all events that will be held during the Fourth of July events to council and citizens that were in attendance. Thanked the committee members for all their hard work and dedication. They have already began planning next year's events. Please do not call the police department to see if the fireworks will still happen. Please reference the Red White & Vroom Facebook page. All together, they have raised just over \$10,000 with \$8,000 going to the firework display. If you would like to donate to next year's events, checks can be dropped off at the Port Clinton Chamber of Commerce with "Fireworks" in the memo.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sherry Murphy – Lee Ave

Asked that when it is raining and Lee Ave floods where the water is supposed to drain other than her living room. Mr. Martin stated that the water drains into the storm system in the street. Mrs. Murphy asked why Lee Ave consistently floods. She stated that there is nothing else that she can do to her home to prevent it from flooding into her home. She stated that a previous Safety Service Director told her that it was to drain into the pond by Taft Hill and asked if it needs to be cleaned out. Mr. Martin stated that they had to pump the pond out because it was so full. The lake is currently 65 inches over data. Mrs. Murphy asked if that was the homeowners fault. Mr. Martin stated that she would have to talk to God about that. She stated that she cannot do anything more to her home. She has put a \$6,000 for a drain and she has four sump pumps, which two of them blew out of the wall during the last rainfall. Mr. Martin asked where the sump pumps currently pump to and Mrs. Murphy stated that she was unsure. Mr. Martin stated that suggest finding out where they are pumping to make sure they are pumping out cause if they blew out it would indicate to him that they are backed up. Mrs. Murphy stated how could they pump out when the street is flooded. Mr. Martin stated that he would be happy to work with her. Mr. Martin stated that they pump out the pond in preparation for a Nor'easter also. He stated that he cannot change the past but is more than happy to work with her. They are going to have to figure out where the pumps are pumping and why they blew out. She stated that she knows that she was not the only house on the street that floods every time it rains. Mrs. Murphy went back to her original question which when was the pond at Taft hill last cleaned out. Mr. Martin stated that it was pumped out the night of the last severe rain storm along with the following day. Mrs. Murphy asked if it could be cleaned out to possibly hold more water. Mr. Martin stated that he is not sure if that is an option but he is more than happy to talk to her in a different forum to come up with suggestions. Mrs. Murphy stated that she does not understand why it is her issue to keep the city's water out of her living room. She should not have to worry every time it rains that the water is coming in her shower, up her toilet or up the drain in her laundry room. Mr. Martin stated that he would be frustrated too but the first thing he would do, as a homeowner is make sure that the system inside my home is functioning properly. Mrs. Murphy asked

who should do that and Mr. Martin stated she would. Mrs. Murphy stated so the expectation is for her to spend more money to keep the city's water out. Mr. Martin stated that they would work with her the best that they can as they do with every other resident of the city that has flooding. Mr. Martin stated that he understands she has been dealing with it for 20 years but she is unsure of where the pumps are pumping too. He stated that they would help her look into where her pumps are pumping. She stated what about the street. Mr. Martin stated that they have 26+ miles of street that needs attention and we have a storm/drain system that needs attention. Many issues have gone unaddressed for many years and they are working to come up with a long-range plan to get them taken care of. In the meantime, we all have to do everything we can to avoid situations as we had the other day. Mrs. Murphy stated that she could not do any more than back a cement truck up to her front door. She stated that the past mayor told her that the big drainage things are turned off during large rains to get the main streets clear. She asked if that is true. Mr. Martin stated that is not accurate. That may have been accurate in the past but that is not the case currently. Every pump function the way they were designed during the last rainfall. After the last council meeting within 20 minutes, he was at the corner of Perry and Monroe and we already have a foot of water. By midnight, we had already received four inches and at 2am they were already at six inches of rain. Mr. Martin stated there was nowhere for the water to go. Mrs. Murphy asked why. Mr. Martin stated because the Lake is 62 inches above normal. We have water that is laying in our storm drains within 3 inches from the top. Mrs. Murphy stated so if the Lake were not that high, Lee Ave would not have flooded. Mr. Martin stated that he does not know what Lee Ave would have done if the Lake was not that high. Mr. Martin stated that it would take 20 to 40 million to replace every storm sewer in this town. He stated that he would love to do that but they have a responsible way for all of us who live here to do that. He stated how you eat an elephant. One bite at a time. He stated that in the 7-8 months that he has been here they trying to put together a plan to tackle the problem. Council has had presentations in regards to our sewer system and our streets. Unfortunately we cannot control the weather and the best we can do is be prepared for it and work together. Mr. Below stated Mr. Martin and the water team have been very aggressive in coming up with a long-term plan. He asked Mrs. Murphy give him and his team to work directly with her. Mrs. Murphy asked what the Mayor declared. Mr. Martin stated that the Mayor declared a State of Emergency so we could keep people from going out and driving causing floodwater to go into homes. Mrs. Murphy stated that her insurance company is denying her claim due to the State of Emergency and everybody is looking at the emergency a different way. Mr. Hild stated that his insurance company is denying his claim due to not having the additional insurance for storm/drain back up. Mr. Freedman stated that knowing where your pipe run and having back flow prevention is important. He stated that he has lived in his house for 10 years and this was the first time he has had flooding. Mr. Hild stated that he spoke with Debbie Hymore-Tester and stated the same thing Mr. Martin stated about the 20-40 million to rebuild storm drains. He stated that Mrs. Murphy should fight with her insurance company due to having the coverage that was needed. Mr. Sarty stated that she spoke with the County Engineer and he stated this is the most rain he has ever seen. She stated she asked him how they things drain. He stated that our system is set up to drain within 24 hours. Our streets drained within 12 hours and that is above average. She stated that she got water in her basement also and had previously had her system redone. She stated that it is important to know where your pipes are draining. Mrs. Murphy asked what do you mean where my pipes are draining. Mr. Martin stated to verify where the pumps are draining. Mrs. Gillman stated it is a good idea to meet with Mr. Martin. Mrs. Hickman stated that we were not the only community to have the devastation with this rainstorm and advised to work with Mr. Martin. Mrs. Murphy asked if the pump on the pond automatically comes on. Mr. Martin stated that they put a pump out due to the amount of rain. He stated the pump is not normally there because it naturally flowing to the Bay. He

stated that at the hospital they have a pump that goes to the ditches and the flooding that happened at the hospital was because there was nowhere for the water to go that was being pumped out. He stated this past Friday in prep for the wind that was expecting they were out in the city making sure that all the drains were clear.

- MAYOR'S REPORT** Not present
- AUDITOR'S REPORT** Nothing to present
- TREASURER'S REPORT** Bed taxes to date \$29,177.85
- LAW DIRECTOR REPORT** Nothing to present
- SAFETY SERVICE** He stated on behalf of the City, tomorrow he will be finalizing the paperwork for the purchase of 131 Madison Street. In regards to the Fulton Street paving, they are meeting tomorrow with the hospital to finalize a date and they will notify everyone when it is finalized.
- POLICE CHIEF REPORT** Not present
- FIRE CHIEF REPORT** Not present
- CORRESPONDENCE**
 - Emergency Services Committee Meeting Minutes from June 19th, 2018
Mrs. Sarty motioned to approve the correspondence as stated; seconded by Mrs. Hickman. With all those in favor, the correspondence was approved as stated.
 - Liquor license transfer from DBA Island House to DBA Jeds Bar and Grill
Mrs. Sarty motioned to waive the right to a hearing; seconded by Ms. Phillips. With all those in favor, the motion to waive the right to a hearing was approved.

THIRD READINGS

Ordinance 16-18 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 09-18 OF THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON AND ADJUSTING ACCOUNTS WITHIN THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON.

Ms. Phillips motioned to adopt Ordinance 16-18; seconded by Mr. Freedman. Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Below, yes; Freedman, yes; Gillman, yes; Hickman, yes; Hild, yes; Phillips, yes and Sarty, yes. With all those in favor, Ordinance 16-18 was adopted.

SECOND READINGS None

FIRST READINGS None

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mrs. Sarty – The July 3rd Infrastructure meeting is cancelled. The next Parks and Rec meeting is July 10th at 6pm. Wished everyone a happy and safe Fourth of July.

Mr. Freedman – Nothing to present

Mrs. Hickman – Wished everyone a happy and safe Fourth of July. Hope everyone can come out and support the activities.

Ms. Phillips – The field between Jefferson Street and Fulton Street has been tilled to the point new seeds were put in. The National Matches at Camp Perry are coming up starting July 9th.

Mrs. Gillman – Thanked the Landbank for all they have done within the City. Thanked Mr. Snider and the volunteers that have put their time into the Fourth of July activities.

Mr. Hild – Thanked Mr. Snider for all he has done.

Mr. Below – Nothing to present

With no further business to discuss Ms. Phillips moved to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Sarty. With all those in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

April Pipoly
Clerk of Council

Gabe Below
President Pro-Temp