

May 14 2024

**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: Beth Gillman, Pat Hovis, Richard Morgan, Cathy King and Margaret Phillips. Jerry Tarolli and Kelly Gangle excused.

Ms. Phillips moved to approve regular meeting minutes for April 23, 2024; 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

Chief Dave Scott, Port Clinton Police Department

Thank you to the Council members and the Community for the support you provide to the Police Department.

Our department is full of dedicated and hardworking men and women; and I stand here this evening to honor two of them.

On March 28, 2024, just after 9:00 pm, Port Clinton Fire and EMS were dispatched to the Port Clinton Yacht Club for an unresponsive female who was not breathing. Officer Amy Pugh and Officer Robert Schraidt were the first on scene. Officer Pugh checked for a pulse and immediately started CPR until the EMS arrived with Officer Schraidt's assistance. Officer Schraidt drove the squad while the EMS crew continued to work on the patient. Officer Pugh escorted the squad to Magruder Hospital. With the quick response of Officer Pugh and Officer Schraidt the EMS crew were able to obtain a pulse. The patient was then life-flighted to Toledo Hospital. We have been informed that patient made a full recovery.

On behalf of the Port Clinton Police Department and City of Port Clinton, Chief Scott presented Officer Pugh and Officer Schraidt with a Life Savings Award.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

There is no new legislation this evening.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Thank you Mrs. Ostheimer for your efforts in coordinating Government Day. There were 30 Port Clinton High School Juniors that shadowed many staff members earlier today. That included, a mock jury trial that took place at the Ottawa County Municipal Court.

Larry Holman is a local volunteer that waters the plants throughout the City. Mr. Holman is in need of a volunteer to take over the Monday shift for the summer. There is a gator that is provided with a water source attached. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Holman at 419-734-1112.

Last Thursday, the City opened bids for the second project for the Forward Looking Infrastructure Project (FLIP). The bid opening was for Plan A (above ground), Phase 1. We had two bidders that submitted. Currently Kleinfelder (engineering firm) is reviewing. They then send it to the USDA for their approval. We have been assured that it will take no more than 30-60 days for their review.

Special Olympics will take place on Thursday, June 13, 2024. It is anticipated that the vessel bringing the participants from Put-n-Bay will arrive at the public docks on Portage River between 4:30 – 5:00 pm. Participants will disembark and run to “The District” for a meal. The meal is provided by the Port Clinton Police Department and cooked by McCarthy’s.

Brush Pickup for the month of May started Monday on the west side of the City and moves east until complete. This is a monthly service that starts on the second Monday of each month, April through October.

Third Thursday Car Show on the second block of Madison Street will begin on Thursday, May 16, 2024, 5:00 – 8:00 pm.

May 16, 2024, will be the start of the entertainment for the 2024 season at The District. Entertainment will be every Thursday through Saturday until the end of the season.

Walleye Festival will begin on Thursday, May 23, 2024.

There will be two parades that Memorial Day weekend:

- Saturday, May 25th is the Walleye Parade, starting at 10:00 am. Parade route: Start at Immaculate Conception Church north on Madison Street, right on E. Second Street, right on Jefferson Street and end at Port Clinton High School.
- Monday, May 27th is the Memorial Day Parade, starting at 10:00 am. Parade route: Start at Immaculate Conception Church north on Madison Street, left on E. Second Street and end at Veterans Park.

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May 20, 2024, at 10:00 am, Lake Erie Shores & Island welcome center will hold a ribbon cutting for the completion of the State Route 53 corridor construction.

Fish Ohio Day, will be Monday, June 24, 2024. Governor DeWine will be in town fishing. Lucas Johnson will be joining Governor DeWine on behalf of the City.

"Weed Warriors" take notice, there has been several notices mailed to property owners regarding grass / weeds over 6". The letter advises the property owner of a deadline to cut the grass / weeds. If they fail to do so, the City will cut the grass / weeds (when time allows) and an invoice will be sent. If the invoice is not paid within 30 days, the charges will be sent to the Ottawa County Auditor to place a lien on the property.

Back in March 2023, when high winds took down several polls / lines over Portage River. Temporary poles have gone up. Ohio Edison has advised to put up permanent poles, they needed to get authorization from the Army Corps of Engineers. They have received such authorization. The permanent poles are scheduled to go up the fall of 2024.

May 20, 2024, First Energy will be conducting work under the rail road trestle on Madison Street. The anticipated work will take three days. During working hours the underpass will be closed to pedestrian and vehicle traffic. They will open it up in the evenings.

The J1 students (college age, foreign exchange students) are starting to arrive in the City and surrounding communities. Please say hello and welcome them.

Fourth of July is a passion of Mr. Mike Snider's. He and others for the last several years have been raising funds to put on an entire day worth of activities and end the day with spectacular fireworks show. Back when this started the cost of the fireworks show was \$8,000; today it is \$18,000 (exact same show). This year they tried a new fund raising effort with a reverse raffle; \$100.00 a ticket. The goal was to sell 200 tickets. Currently they have sold 8 tickets to 7 individuals. As of today the 4th of July celebration committee are \$8,500 short of the needed funds. Fireworks in our community are very important for a variety of different reasons. Mr. Snider is coming to Council with his hat in his hand (not as the Mayor) but the July Celebration committee member asking to consider providing an additional \$5,000 to the \$2,000 that you have already provided. Mr. Snider will be approaching the Port Clinton Chamber and Main Street to see if they will provide the balance needed. Not requesting an answer this evening, just the consideration.

Ms. Phillips inquired if the replacement poles on Lakeshore Drive, will they be on the south or north side of the street?

Mayor Snider advised the south.

Environment and Public Works Committee

Mr. Tarolli

Not present

Safety Services Committee

Ms. Phillips

Nothing to present

Economic and Community Development Committee

Mrs. Gillman

Nothing to present

CORRESPONDENCE

Ohio Division of Liquor Control, J Liu at Island House, LLC, 102 Madison Street

Mrs. Gillman moved to waive the right to a hearing by the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for J. Liu at Island House liquor permit; seconded by Ms. Phillips.

Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Mrs. Gillman, yes; Ms. Phillips, yes; Mr. Morgan, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; and Mrs. King, yes. Motion carried 5-0: per Mrs. Sarty

Port Clinton Post #113 of The American Legion, Resolution

Ms. Phillips moved to approve the correspondence as submitted; seconded by Mrs. King. All agreed.

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The City for once have the opportunity to move forward prior to approval from the USDA. The City will be meeting with the Bond Council, to confirm that we can execute contracts prior to the end of this month.

Mr. Below provided Council Members a proposed Grant Application for the Sandusky Bay Pathway: Old Bay Bridge / Sandusky to Port Clinton Connection Study (attached). The City of Port Clinton will be the lead applicant. The Park District of Ottawa County has committed to a cost share of \$10,000. A resolution will be presented to Council at the next scheduled meeting to consider a cost share of \$10,000 or \$15,000 to be adopted in early June to meet the application deadline of June 17, 2024.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bed Tax as of May 14, 2024: \$45,897.11
Watercraft Tax as of May 14, 2024: \$2,463.6
Short Term Rental Registration Fee as of May 14, 2024: \$53, 200.00

LAW DIRECTOR REPORT

Not present

SAFETY SERVICE REPORT

Not present

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

Nothing to present

POLICE CHIEF Nothing to report

FIRE CHIEF Not present

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Ms. Hovis

Nothing to present

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BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Morgan – Nothing to present

Ms. Gangle – Not present

Ms. Phillips – Government Day was delightful.

Ms. Hovis – Nothing to present

Mr. Tarolli – Not present

Mrs. King – Congratulations to Officer Pugh and Officer Schraidt.

Mrs. Gillman – Nothing to present.

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 6:28 p.m.



Sandra Osheimer
Clerk of Council



Lisa Sarty
President of Council

Primer on the ATIIP Grant Application for the Sandusky Bay Pathway: Old Bay Bridge / Sandusky to Port Clinton Connection Study

Applicant: *City of Port Clinton with partnership from Park District of Ottawa County and Greater Sandusky Partnership*

About the Sandusky Bay Pathway:

- **Vision:** A regional vision for a 100-mile off-road multi-use trail connecting communities across Erie, Ottawa, and Sandusky counties around the Sandusky Bay and coast of Lake Erie.
- **Geographic Connectivity:** Connects coastal and inland communities from Vermilion in the east to Fremont in the west, including major destinations like Port Clinton, Huron, Bayview, Sandusky as well as regional destinations like Marblehead Lighthouse, Cedar Point, Old Women's Creek National Estuarine Area, Sheldon Marsh State Nature Preserve, and East Harbor State Park.
- **20+ Miles already funded, designed, and/or constructed.** Sections between The City of Sandusky and Huron have already completed, funded, or in design.

Advanced Transportation and Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP) Planning Grant

- **Grant Provider:** Advanced Transportation and Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP), administered by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).
- **Grant Purpose:** To fund preliminary studies and planning for significant infrastructure projects that enhance transportation networks, improve safety, and support economic development.
- **Application Deadline:** June 17, 2024.
- **Applicant:** The City of Port Clinton, leading the application process with Parks of Ottawa County and the Greater Sandusky Partnership, providing essential collaboration and regional support.
- **National Scope:** This is a national planning grant, emphasizing projects with potential to significantly impact regional transportation and economic systems.
- **Project Focus:** The grant will specifically fund the planning and preliminary engineering for a 14-mile section of the Sandusky Bay Pathway between Sandusky and Port Clinton, including the critical design and feasibility studies for the reconstruction of the Old Bay Bridge.
- **Segment to study in this grant:** The key part of this study is the reconstruction of the Old Bay Bridge, facilitating a direct, safe route across Sandusky Bay for cyclists and pedestrian which currently requires pedestrians and cyclists to detour **50 miles** around the western bay.

Challenges Addressed:

- **Safety and Accessibility:** The only route across the bay via the SR 2 state highway is restricted, unsuitable and unsafe for non-vehicular traffic.
- **Economic Isolation:** The existing gap in the pathway limits economic and recreational opportunities between Ottawa and Erie Counties, particularly in Bayview and Danbury Township.
- **Connectivity:** Bridging major gaps in the regional transportation network, the pathway aims to seamlessly connect the cities of Sandusky and Port Clinton as well as the numerous destinations in between
- **Economic Revitalization:** Enhancing access to local businesses and tourist attractions, thereby stimulating economic growth in the region. Provides more opportunities for our worker base – As a tourism destination, we bring significant J-2 visa workers that don't have access to autos
- **Environmental and Recreational Enhancement:** Promoting ecotourism and improving quality of life through increased recreational opportunities and environmental stewardship.

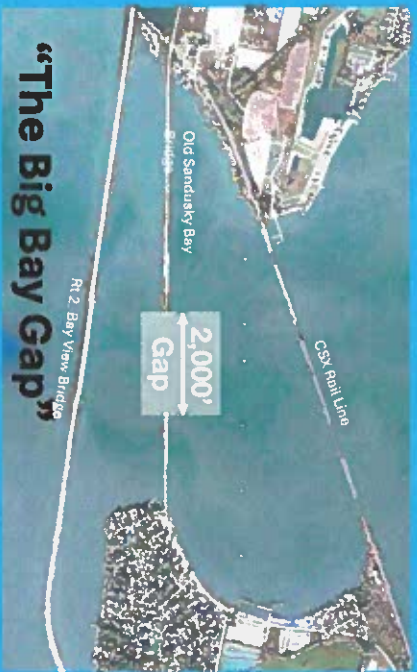
Grant Importance:

- **ATIIP Planning Grant:** Funding from this grant is crucial for conducting preliminary studies and engineering assessments necessary for the pathway's development, especially the complex bridge reconstruction.
- **Community and Economic Benefits:** The grant supports planning initiatives that promise to yield long-term benefits such as job creation, enhanced public safety, and sustainable economic development.

Integration with Larger Networks:

- **Regional Trails:** The pathway serves as a critical component of national/regional trail networks, including the Lake Erie Circle Tour and the National Scenic Byway/Lake Erie Coastal Ohio Trail, enhancing regional mobility and access.
- **Federal and State Transportation Goals:** Aligns with goals to improve infrastructure, increase accessibility, and promote sustainable transportation alternatives.

The 100-mile Vision for the Sandusky Bay Pathway



"The Big Bay Gap"