

**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.

Mrs. Sarty made a motion, seconded by Ms. Phillips to accept the minutes from the January 12, 2016 meeting as written. With all those in favor, motion carried.

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

GUEST

PRESENTATION None

PUBLIC COMMENT None

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wheeler thanked Mr. Petersen for attending the council meeting to give a presentation on the water supply. He advised that he, Mrs. Kuzma, and Mr. Tarolli attended a TMACOG meeting on January 25, 2016. He stated it was a good informational meeting. Mayor Wheeler informed the Ottawa County Board of MRDD, United Way and FOPA Special Olympics basketball game will be held on March 7, 2016 in Oak Harbor. Mayor Wheeler stated there is a Pancake Breakfast on March 13, 2016 at the Knights of Columbus 1750, which will benefit the Scholarship Fund. Mayor Wheeler discussed the hiring of Emma Gentry for the Tax Commissioner position. He stated she was a former State of Ohio Auditor. Mr. Tarolli made a motion to approve Ms. Gentry as the new Tax Commissioner; seconded by Mrs. Gillman. 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 passed.

**AUDITOR'S
REPORT**

None

**TREASURER'S
REPORT**

Mrs. Hansen advised that there are now forms online at the City of Port Clinton website for Bed Tax and Dock Tax. She informed council that instead of the audit being done by the State of Ohio, that an outside auditor, Charles E. Harris and Associates of Cleveland, Ohio will be performing the city audit this year.

**LAW DIRECTOR
REPORT**

None

**SAFETY SERVICE
DIRECTOR REPORT**

Mr. Colston introduced Eric Petersen, Water Distribution Foreman, who gave a presentation on the city's water quality. Mr. Petersen advised that water samples are done seven times per month in the city of Port Clinton, Disinfection and bi-products are tested quarterly; and lead and copper are tested every 3 years. He stated the lead and copper testing was done in 2015 and a report will be mailed to the citizens of Port Clinton by July 1, 2016 as required.

**POLICE CHIEF
REPORT**

None

FIRE CHIEF REPORT None

CORRESPONDENCE

President Kuzma read a letter from the Salvation Army thanking city council for their help in ringing the bell for the Red Kettle Campaign. Mrs. Kuzma stated that the Ballot Advisory Letter was filed on January 13, 2016 at 2:32 p.m. at the Board of Elections. Mrs. Kuzma also stated that she had sent an email to all council advising of the resignation of Ms. Hymore-Blevins as Clerk of Council. TMACOG Sunshine Law training and Ohio Municipal League newly elected official training is upcoming. Jerry Tarolli is now a Trustee of TMACOG, as suggested by Mayor Wheeler. The details and correspondence will be on file with the clerk. Mrs. Sarty made a Motion to accept the correspondence, seconded by Mr. Tarolli. With all those in favor, motion passed.

THIRD READING

ORDINANCE 25-15:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY AUDITOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE FOR DELINQUENT DEBT COLLECTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A Motion was made retaining the Emergency clause by Mr. Below; 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 passed.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 25-15 was made by Gabe Below; seconded by Ms. Phillips. 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 passed.

SECOND READING

None

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 EMERGENC

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

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 3-16:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A HOUSING REVOLVING LOAN FUND ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Below made a Motion to Table Resolution 16-1; Resolution 16-2; Ordinance 1-16; Ordinance 2-16; and Ordinance 3-16, based on the fact that council did not receive copies of these prior to the council meeting, beyond a summary. Mrs. Sarty seconded the Motion to Table these Resolutions and Ordinances. 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 passed.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Phillips advised everyone that there were about 22 people from Ward 3 & 4 who came to the Ward meeting at Ida Rupp Public Library on January 21, 2016. She stated that there were very good questions from the constituents in the wards. She and Mr. Below are planning to hold another Ward 3 & 4 in approximately 6 weeks. She encouraged other councilman to consider having meetings in their ward(s).

Mr. Below commended President Kuzma on strategically planning the committees and for meeting with each councilman individually to find their strengths. He advised he is the chair of the Finance Committee; Mrs. Sarty and Mrs. Gillman are members. The Riverwalk Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in council chambers. Members of the Steering Committee and Poggemeyer will be in attendance. Ms. Below stated that he and Ms. Phillips asked those who attended the Ward 3 & 4 meeting if they would be in favor of a Park Levy. They stated that they were in favor of same. Mr. Below advised he is the chair of Planning & Development; Mrs. Hickman and Mr. Freedman are members. He thanked Mr. Petersen

for discussing water safety. Mr. Below advised that City Hall hours will be change to 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. beginning February 1, 2016. He stated he liked the new layout in council chambers. Mr. Below stated that Trish McCartney, State Farm Insurance, is renovating her new office, which will be located in the old city bakery building.

Mrs. Gillman advised that Mrs. Kuzma will now be serving in her place, as Ex Officio on Main Street Port Clinton Board. She stated she liked the new lay out in council chambers.

Mr. Tarolli advised that TMACOG is a very informative group which helps get funding for construction and special projects which has not been utilized in the past. He stated he would do the best job he can.

Mrs. Hickman wanted to thank Ms. Hymore-Blevins for helping out for a couple weeks as Clerk of Council.

Mr. Freedman presented details on Mike Rose, Washington Properties, Harbor Front, LLC, and numerous other companies associated with Mr. Rose. Mr. Freedman stated that he found the ballot advisory question to be both open and closed ended at the same time and constrictive. Discussion centered around delinquent property taxes and defaults. Mr. Freedman stated it troubled him that as council, we would chase after someone with delinquent taxes and in default. Mr. Freedman made a Motion directing the Clerk of Council to notify the Ottawa County Board of Elections, as soon as possible and in writing, to rescind this council's desire to proceed with the ballot advisory question originally submitted to the Board in August 2015. Mr. Tarolli seconded the Motion.

Discussion:

Mr. Below stated that the ballot advisory is wanting simply asking if the citizen's want us to continue or not. We are going back to August, 2013 and still have an unresolved issue. I see this as a definitive answer, one way or another.

Mrs. Gillman stated that the information that Mr. Freedman presented is information that has been presented before. She also said that all of the information isn't here and makes it look terrible. The city is aware of the issues Mr. Freedman stated. If you are going to present information, you need to give the whole picture.

Mr. Tarolli is in favor of the ballot advisory. I want the Harbor Front name off.

Mrs. Sarty stated that she is for the parks. She feels this issue has gone on long enough and to let the people decide at a vote.

Ms. Phillips stated that the ballot advisory will answer if the people want something done to fix the park. Do the people want anything done? They can vote and say no.

Mr. Freedman stated he will do more research. There are 18 properties that are delinquent and 2 are in default and payments have been completely stopped.

Mr. Below advised that this is not enough to rescind. If folks are opposed, they are free to vote no.

Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Below, no; Sarty, no; Gillman, no; Tarolli, abstained; Hickman, no; Phillips, no; and Freedman, yes. With the majority not in favor, the motion failed.

Mrs. Sarty advised she is the chair of the Infrastructure Committee; Mr. Below and Mr. Freedman are members. The next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2016. Mrs. Sarty stated she is also the chair of the Parks and Rec Committee; Mrs. Sarty, Mrs. Hickman, and Mr. Tarolli are members. The next meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2016. Mrs. Sarty gave an update on the Accessibility Park. The Red Horse at Camp Perry will be helping with this project and Mary Ann Snider is looking for community volunteers. Mrs. Sarty provided information on the Flagship Collaborative Play Place fundraiser, which will be held at the Elks Lodge #1718 on Saturday February 6, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Sarty also provided information on the Port Clinton Women's Club 1st Annual Mardi Gras Reverse Raffle Fundraiser, which will also benefit the Flagship Collaborative Park. It will be held February 5, 2016 at the Port Clinton Moose Lodge beginning at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Sarty stated that she attended a Lake Erie Energy and Environment Summit on Saturday, January 23, 2016 with 5 other members of council and Mayor Wheeler. Mrs. Sarty thanked Ms. Hymore-Blevins for serving as Clerk of Council.

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 8:20 p.m.

Sandra Hymore-Blevins
Clerk of Council

De Anna Kuzma
President of Council