

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
7:00 p.m. OCTOBER 11, 2016
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Adequate notice of this meeting was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act. On the motion of Council Riegel, seconded by Councilmember Allgeyer, and carried to close the workshop portion of the meeting.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Steven Allgeyer, Doris Bugdon, Donna Riegel, Kevin Wessler

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: John Bonthron, Nick Capille, Roger Giberson

MAYOR: Gary Giberson

MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly A. Campellone

ATTORNEY: Raymond Went, Esq.

Flag Salute

Council President Bugdon called the meeting to order and lead the flag salute. This is to advise the general public and to instruct that it be recorded in the minutes, in compliance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, entitled the "Open Public Meetings Act". The Municipal Clerk of the City of Port Republic posted at City Hall, 143 Main Street, Port Republic and mailed and/or faxed to the Atlantic City Press and the Current Newspaper, a meeting notice setting for the time, date and locations of this meeting.

Bill Johnson, Tax Assessor: Reported the revaluation is coming to a close. Finalizing values they will take three weeks to review; notices will go out by Thanksgiving with the new assessment. There will be a process to dispute and to go over all the information regarding the assessment.

MOTION TO APPROVE SEPTEMBER 13, CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On the motion of Councilmember Wessler, seconded of Councilmember Allgeyer and carried.

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bonthron, Capille, Giberson

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE SEPTEMBER 13, 2016 CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

On the motion of Councilmember Wessler, seconded of Councilmember Allgeyer and carried.

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bonthron, Capille, Giberson

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE OCTOBER 2016 BILL LIST

On the motion of Councilmember Wessler, seconded of Councilmember Allgeyer and carried.

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bonthron, Capille, Giberson

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer, seconded of Councilmember Wessler and carried.

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bonthron, Capille, Giberson

ABSTAIN:

Police/Emergency Management:

Mayor Giberson reported good progress with the NJSP. He has received several complaints regarding specific areas, as well as, the hours; he will pass the information off to them. Additionally he is happy to report that Hurricane Matthew has missed the area.

Administrative/Personnel:

No report.

Public Works:

Councilman Wessler reported the Public Works Department is keeping busy; he is implementing a calendar for them to work from.

Recreation:

No report.

Fire and Ambulance:

Councilmember Wessler reported the Fire Department had quite a few calls this past month. The five inch hose will be delivered this week and the fire department is looking into a grant for the radios. In addition, the roast beef dinner is October 15th.

Board of School Estimates:

Mayor Giberson reported the back to school night went well, as did the meet and greet with the new school superintendent. In addition, school did receive a safety grant for some safety signage. The mayor will be meeting with the BSA to discuss placement,

etc. Finally, the mayor would like to meet with Kevin Wessler and the public works department to trim some trees for safety.

Planning Board:

Councilmember Riegel reported had two applications were on the agenda for October 10th; one for a variance and the other for an interpretation. The meeting was adjourned due to attorney absence and will reconvene on October 17th.

Code Enforcement:

Letter sent to 59 Riverside Dr. regarding overall condition of the property; six additional properties have registered with Community Champions resulting in \$1,800 received as a result

Construction:

No report.

Senior Services:

No report.

Building:

No report.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer, seconded by Councilmember Riegel and carried.

Mike Tobia 187 Clarks Landing Rd., reported that since the arbitration with the Widencrantz's there have been no further issues. The arbitrator advised that if further issues did arise, they would then need to go back to court.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

Councilmember Allgeyer moved, seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried to close the public portion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Memo from CFO Gina Simon regarding the Rollover Bond Anticipation Note Bids
Acknowledged

Revaluation update from Professional Property Appraisers
Acknowledged

RESOLUTIONS:

53-2016 Setting Forth a Policy Whereby the Tax Assessor will notify the Chief Financial Officer and the City Council of All Tax Appeals

Councilmember Riegel moved, seconded of Councilmember Allgeyer and carried to close the public portion.

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bonthron, Capille, Giberson

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Green Acres

Code Enforcement Officer will write letter to address violations on Riverside and public works will be installing the Green Acres signs.

GSP Exit 48

The NJ Turnpike Authority responded to the 9th District stating that no changes are needed. The Mayor along with the Solicitor will work on a report for next month.

NEW BUSINESS:

Best Practices

Has been completed and will be submitted by the October 21st deadline.

Street signage four way stop and Mill Road & Main Street

The bush along the corner will need to be addressed. Council President Bugdon will reach out to the resident. Councilman Wessler recommends a four way stop in the area. Mayor Giberson suggests a letter to the Freeholders. A resolution will be needed. The solicitor will get the letter out right away and a resolution will be on the agenda for next month.

Street lights for Main Street, Park Ave & Church Street in front of Saint Paul's United Methodist Church

Council President Bugdon stated that she has discussed this matter with the pastor and no action is needed on the city.

Letter from Assemblyman Chris Brown

RESOLUTIONS:

54-2016 Opposing Casinos in North Jersey

Councilmember Wessler moved, seconded of Councilmember Allgeyer and carried to close the public portion.

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bonthron, Capille, Giberson

ABSTAIN:

PROCLAMATION:

None

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer Second by Councilmember Wessler to open to public portion

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

Hearing nothing from the public, Councilmember Allgeyer moved, seconded of Councilmember Wessler and carried to close the public portion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On the motion of Councilmember Wessler, seconded of Councilmember Allgeyer and carried.

ES 10-2016 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

1. Port Store

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

On the motion of Councilmember Wessler, seconded of Councilmember Allgeyer and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer, seconded of Councilmember Wessler and carried to adjourn at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC
Municipal Clerk