

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
7:00 p.m. NOVEMBER 15, 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 Wessler, seconded by Councilmember Riegel and carried to close the workshop portion of the meeting.

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

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Nick Capille, Roger Giberson

MAYOR: Gary Giberson

DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK: Gina Simon

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.

MOTION TO APPROVE OCTOBER 11, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bonthron, Bugdon, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Capille, Giberson

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE OCTOBER 11, 2016 CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bonthron, Bugdon, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Capille, Giberson

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE NOVEMBER 2016 BILL LIST

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bonthron, Bugdon, Riegel, Wessler
NO:
ABSENT: Capille, Giberson
ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Riegel, Wessler
NO:
ABSENT: Capille, Giberson
ABSTAIN:

Bill Johnson update for Revaluation:

The assessment letters were sent out; the letter provides tax implications based on the 2016 budget. It does not take into consideration senior deductions or veterans' deductions. Thus are the revaluation company has received a total of 16 calls; 6 meetings have been setup for November 16th between the hours of 5-7pm. An additional 3 appointments have been set up for a later date.

Police/Emergency Management:

Mayor Giberson reported everything is going well. The New Jersey State Police are working the areas of concern. The community outpouring for the NJSP is tremendous.

Administrative/Personnel:

Councilwoman Riegel reported the Personnel Committee is working to update the Personnel Policy in the upcoming weeks.

Public Works:

Councilman Wessler reported the Public Works Department is keeping busy. The tanks have been updated with liners, the Knox Box has been installed and the stone for the transfer station road was delivered. An additional four loads will be needed. They are currently working on the compactor; the dump truck needs an oil change and to be greased; the salt dog is ready for the winter weather.

Recreation:

Council President Bugdon reminded everyone about the Tree Lighting event will be on Thursday December 1st at 6:30pm. John Bonthron will be providing the music.

Fire and Ambulance:

Councilmember Wessler reported the Fire Department had their dinner it went very well. The 5 inch hose is installed on the trucks and are in the process of working on a grant for radios.

Board of School Estimates:

Mayor Giberson reported everything is going well; everyone really likes the new School Superintendent. The School Board has gone paperless. Mayor has a meeting with Todd to discuss the budgeting for next year with the Board of School Estimates regarding the school roof. Ray Went Esq. is looking into who owns the school. The next School Board meeting is scheduled for November 16th. Councilman Wessler asked about the school district. Mayor Giberson stated that there is a political upheaval in the Greater Egg School district with the Superintendent. Additionally, he expressed his concern over the heroin epidemic.

Planning Board:

No Meeting.

Code Enforcement:

Gina Simon reported that as directed by council, a letter was sent to 43 Riverside Drive regarding the Green Acres inspection; the next inspection by the State will be in 2019. Councilmember Wessler moved to close off all Green Acres property during hunting season so it does not get disturbed. Ray Went to look into Green Acres regulations.

Construction:

Report for the month of October: 12 inspections were done; 12 permits issued: 6 for alterations, 2 new, 3 zoning and 1 rental.

Senior Services:

No report

Building:

Councilman Wessler advised that there is still a problem with the pipes in the bathrooms – three inch pipes were used instead of four inch. It will most likely be the city's responsibility; Mayor Giberson asked Councilman Wessler to touch base with Councilman Giberson regarding the issue. Councilman Wessler also suggested covering the drain in the mop sink to keep the gases from coming into the utility room.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Resident Renee Widecrantz asked what plan the City has in place in the event of a catastrophe. Mayor Giberson explained that the City has an Emergency Operation Plan in place which was just updated and approved.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter dated October 28, 2016 from State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, regarding the Redevelopment.

Acknowledged

RESOLUTIONS:

55-2016 Raffle for Absecon Saltwater Sportsmen

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bonthron, Bugdon, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Capille, Giberson

ABSTAIN:

56-2016 Appointing Kimberly Campellone as Municipal Clerk

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bonthron, Bugdon, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Capille, Giberson

ABSTAIN:

57-2016 Performance Guarantee Reduction Ole Hansen

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bonthron, Bugdon, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Capille, Giberson

ABSTAIN:

58-2016 Installation of Four-way Stop signs at the intersection of Mill Road & Main Street

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bonthron, Bugdon, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Capille, Giberson

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Exit 48 – City Solicitor Ray Went reported that he spoke with the NJDOT regarding exit 48 of the NJ Parkway. He spoke with a gentleman advising where the City believes signage is needed. He was receptive and will confirm that they have the jurisdiction and if not, will find out who does so that it can move forward.

Opposing North Jersey Casinos – Ray Went advised that he will draft a resolution reaffirming the opposing of North Jersey casinos.

Atlantic City Electric – Council President Bugdon asked for an update regarding the pole replacement proposed by Atlantic City Electric. Mayor Giberson stated that he will reach out to Ken Mosco of Atlantic City Electric.

NEW BUSINESS:

Route 610 Bridge Input – Mayor Giberson stated that he will like to meet with the County to provide input regarding the construction of the Route 610 bridge. Councilman Bonthron expressed his concern regarding the detouring of the bridge due to the potential increase of traffic on Main St. Ray Went stated that he will reach out to Asst. County Council Tony Pagano and Rich Dase to set up a meeting with their engineering department to meet with the City.

RESOLUTIONS:

54-2016 Opposing Casinos in North Jersey
Councilmember Wessler moved, seconded of Councilmember Allgeyer and carried to close the public portion.

YES: Allgeyer, Bonthron, Bugdon, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Capille, Giberson

ABSTAIN:

PROCLAMATION:

November is the month to give thanks for our blessings, families and community to get together.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Bob Haviland of 316 English Creek Rd., reminded Mayor and City Council that in the past when the route 610 bridge is closed, Mill Street experienced heavy traffic which broke up the asphalt from so much use.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ES 11-2016 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

1. n/a

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Allegyer, seconded of Councilmember Wessler and carried to adjourn at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC
Municipal Clerk