

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. JANUARY 3, 2017
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Steven Allgeyer, Doris Bugdon, Nick Capille, Roger Giberson, Donna Riegel, Kevin Wessler,

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: John Bonthron

MAYOR: Gary Giberson

MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC

ATTORNEY: Ray Went, Esq.

Council President Doris 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 DECEMBER 13, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Capille, Giberson, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bonthron

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE DECEMBER 19TH, 2016 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Capille, Giberson, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bonthron

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE JANUARY 2017 BILL LIST

On the motion of Councilmember Capille, seconded of Councilmember Giberson and carried.

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Capille, Giberson, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bonthron

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Capille, Giberson, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bonthron

ABSTAIN:

Bill Johnson Tax Assessor: Reported the revaluation is complete. Everything went well. Notices will be going out for anyone who had a meeting with the revaluation company to let them know the results of the meeting. Book will close this Friday for assessment changes for year 2017. Residents have until May 1st to appeal taxes because it is a revaluation year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Emergency Management:

Mayor Giberson reported great progress; the court is making money. A police chase occurred on Sooy's Landing Road. A man stole a truck in Ventnor. There were twelve police cars in the chase. Afterward, Mayor invited the troopers for coffee.

Administrative/Personnel:

No report.

Public Works:

Councilman Wessler reported everything is going very well. If anyone has any suggestions or problems with Public Works let him know. Council President Bugdon reported certain residents gave the transfer attendant a hard time.

Recreation:

No report.

Fire and Ambulance:

Councilman Wessler reported everything going well. Regarding the generator, the fire department is on board with what the city is doing for them. The fire department is in need of volunteers for membership.

Board of School Estimates:

No report.

Planning Board:

No Report.

Code Enforcement:

No report.

Construction:

Councilman Wessler read the Construction Official report: 2 alterations, 1 new, 2 zoning permits; for a total of 5 permits issued.

Senior Services:

Council President Bugdon continues to supply equipment to seniors in the community.

Building:

No report.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

33-2017 Budget Transfer 2016

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Capille, Giberson, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bonthron

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Green Acres: Ray Went Esq., drafted a letter to Gerry Creighton (JORBA); majority of council approved the letter to be mailed. The committee will have a meeting and report back to City Council.

Route 9 signage: The State has approved and ordered twelve additional signs for the Garden State Parkway Exit 48 ramp. Ray Went, Esq. will get a time frame on when they will be installed.

Verizon: City Solicitor Ray Went, Esq. has been monitoring what the New Jersey State League of Municipalities is doing on this issue. Planning Board Attorney Mike Fitzgerald has also been working on this issue.

Route 610: City Solicitor Ray Went reported that the County will be shutting down the bridge any day now; they will build the same bridge within the scope of the standards of federal highway and bridge dept. Increase in height of no more than five feet is part of regulations which they cannot get around. The Committee will set up meeting with County Officials.

NEW BUSINESS:

Port School Ownership: Ray Went, Esq. contacted Chicago Title Company, to find out who actually owns the school. Representative Reana Palatano is working on the title; the cost is \$1500. The school is interested in purchasing a new roof. Councilwoman Bugdon stated if they are able to get a new roof they must maintain it. Councilmember Giberson stated a warranty comes with a new roof.

On the motion of Councilmember Riegel, seconded of Councilmember Capille, and carried to pay \$1500 for a title search.

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Capille, Giberson, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bonthron

ABSTAIN:

PROCLAMATION:

School Choice Week Jan. 22-28, 2017

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, seconded by Councilmember Capille and carried.

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

ES 01-2017 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

1. n/a

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer, seconded of Councilmember Giberson and carried to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC
Municipal Clerk