

**CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC**  
**6:30 p.m. SEPTEMBER 12, 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 Allgeyer, and carried to close the workshop portion of the meeting.

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:** Steven Allgeyer, Doris Bugdon, Nick Capille, Stanley Kozlowski, Kevin Wessler

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** Roger Giberson, Donna Riegel

**MAYOR:** Gary Giberson, Absent

**MUNICIPAL CLERK:** Kimberly Campellone, RMC

**ATTORNEY:** Ray Went, Esq.

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.

Tax Assessor Bill Johnson explained Resolution 44-2017 to Council. He stated that in his opinion he does not see where it will save the municipality money. City Solicitor Ray Went questioned where is the Bill now, Tax Assessor Bill Johnson stated it is in limbo. Councilman Kozlowski questioned what is the motivation behind this Bill; the explanation is for the county to have control of assessments, it goes back to what happened in Atlantic City with casino appeals. This would remove municipalities from the equation of settlements.

The only benefit Councilman Wessler can see is to benefit Atlantic City. Councilman Capille questioned likelihood of going forward. Bill explained it is in limbo, the next month or so it will come back; municipalities should take action.

**MOTION TO APPROVE AUGUST 8, 2017 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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

**YES:** Allgeyer, Bugdon, Capille, Kozlowski, Wessler,

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Giberson, Riegel

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE SEPTEMBER 2017 BILL LIST**

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

**YES:** Allgeyer, Bugdon, Capille, Kozlowski, Wessler

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Giberson, Riegel

**ABSTAIN:** Bugdon 17-00418

**MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS**

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

**YES:** Allgeyer, Bugdon, Capille, Kozlowski, Wessler

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Giberson, Riegel

**ABSTAIN:** Bugdon 17-00418

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Police/Emergency Management:**

Clerk Campellone reported for the Mayor that everything is running smooth in the court. The New Jersey State Police are doing a fantastic job patrolling the community.

**Administrative/Personnel:**

No report.

**Public Works:**

Councilman Wessler reported the brush has been taken care of at the transfer station by Charles Auchter and the roof on the transfer station shack must be replaced, it is leaking. The City went out for prices and Nino and Sons came back with a price of \$860.00; they will replace the roof this week.

**Recreation:**

Council President Bugdon stated it was a busy summer; clean team kids are finished and there were only about 3 days of beach closings. The biggest problem is the geese at the beach, some days Public Works must rake the beach.

**Fire and Ambulance:**

Roast Beef Dinner is October 21st.

**Board of School Estimates:**

Clerk Campellone reported for Mayor Giberson that the Port Republic School Board will be appointing a new superintendent on Wednesday evening and that Superintendent John Davis will complete the projects currently on his desk. Councilmember Bugdon questioned if they will be hiring an interim or a school superintendent.

**Planning Board:**

No report. Looking for members.

**Construction /Code Enforcement:**

For the month of July there were 3 alterations, 1 addition and 3 zoning permits for a total of 7 inspections. Code Enforcement: 175 Clarks Landing progress, continuing to monitor.

**Senior Services:**

Council President Bugdon stated everything is going well, still passing out equipment. She reported that she is inundated with walkers, she will ask for no more walker donations. Additionally, she is asking if anyone could use a beautiful upholstered beige lift chair.

**BUILDING:**

Councilman Wessler commented that he is looking into having some paving done at City Hall; one for a sidewalk from the New Jersey State Troopers parking lot to the back door entrance, and have their parking lot asphalted along with the piece where the old trailer use to be. This would help eliminate mud, dirt and grass from being tracked into City Hall. Council President Bugdon made a suggestion to utilize Frank Esposito to do the paving for the sidewalk.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Resident Bob Haviland 316 English Creek Road, mentioned that the Park area of the town looks wonderful. However, along the side of the roads needs to be trimmed back; specifically along Blakes Lane and Pomona Ave. Hopefully Public Works will be able to work along the streets and trim back the City's R.O.W. The project that was done earlier on English Creek Road and Upper Pomona Road, the county should be contacted, the white line need to be complete across Upper Pomona Ave.

**CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Letter from Carmela Pograncy regarding New Jersey run for the fallen to place on September 22, 2017 seeking donations.

*Council motioned to donate \$100.00*

Thank you note from Gina Simon  
*Acknowledged*

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**44-2017** Opposing Atlantic County Assessing Plan Bill #A4839

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

**YES:** Allgeyer, Bugdon, Capille, Kozlowski, Wessler

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Giberson, Riegel

**ABSTAIN:**

**45-2017** Resolution to Renew with Statewide Insurance Fund (Three year)

On the motion of City Councilmember Wessler, second by Councilmember Allgeyer and carried.

**YES:** Allgeyer, Bugdon, Capille, Kozlowski, Wessler

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Giberson, Riegel

**ABSTAIN:**

**ORDINANCES:**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Old Landfill Monitoring Well

*Clerk Campellone reported that the well is complete and they will begin to monitor the well.*

Emmell's Follow up

*Clerk Campellone reported that this is on the agenda to keep it on the radar, and at the October meeting there will be representatives from the County and Federal Government agencies to discuss this issue further. There will be something in the newsletter pertaining to this issue.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

News Letter Information

*Please have information for newsletter by tomorrow, September 13<sup>th</sup>.*

Halloween Hours

*The hours for Halloween will be Tuesday October 31<sup>st</sup>, between 5:30 pm and 8:00 pm.*

Best Practice

*The Best Practice report was submitted to the State with a score of 98%*

City Hall water report

*The well was tested at City Hall came back high for the first test, waiting for them to do a second test.*

**PROCLAMATION:**

None

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

ES **09-2017** Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

N/A

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer, seconded of Councilmember Wessler and carried to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC  
Municipal Clerk