

**CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC**  
**6:30 p.m. OCTOBER 10, 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, Roger Giberson, Donna Riegel

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:**

**MAYOR:** Gary Giberson

**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.

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

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:** Riegel

**MOTION TO APPROVE SEPTEMBER 2017 BILL LIST**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**DISCUSSION FOR EMMELL'S LANDFILL SUPERFUND/WELLS EFFECTED IN PORT REPUBLIC**

*Guest Speakers: Joe Gowers, NJEPA; Keith Phillips and Patrick Dillon, Atlantic County Division of Public Health*

**Joe Gowers provided the following information on the Emmell's Landfill Superfund site.**

Located on Zurich Ave. in Galloway Township the site was operational in the 60's and 70's as a septic waste landfill. However, other wastes included chemical and drums of paint. Additional history includes:

1999 – The site was listed as Superfund; since that time the EPA has been addressing the site.

2000 – Removed most heavily contaminated materials and soil from the site.

2003 – Pump and treat remedy for ground water at the site; residents near site were hooked to public water.

2008 – A final remedy was selected for the soil and ground water.

2010 – Treatment started at the site.

2012 – Treatment extended to treat further down the site to the Parkway.

Currently the ground water at the site is being extracted, treated and returned to the aquifer.

2016 – Some wells were found to be impacted with the volatile compounds from Emmell's Landfill Superfund site in Port Republic – those compounds do not include pesticides; the areas affected are along Pomona Ave., English Creek Road and Riverside Drive.

The NJDEP is authorized to address only those wells impacted by the Emmell's Landfill Superfund site; sites are currently being ranked and awaiting funding.

Consideration to public water was given. However, after looking at all the pros and cons the option of replacing the wells was the better option.

**Keith Phillips provided the following information regarding the pesticides found in wells within Port Republic.**

Pesticides have not only been found in Port Republic but in Galloway. The testing for pesticides is a different test than the standard volatile organics test. There are approximately 144 properties in Port Republic that have or have had a POET system – these include cases that are open or cases which were once open but now closed. Two positive test results over the allowable limit within one year are eligible to apply to the State's Spill Fund for a treatment system at no upfront cost. The school is already being tested as required. Questions can be answered by visiting the Atlantic County website at ACLink.org or by calling Keith Philips at 609-645-5971 extension 4356.

**After additional comments and questions, it is advised that residents get their water tested. It is the required first step and the only way to identify if the levels in the water are above the allowable standards.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Police/Emergency Management:**

Progress

**Administrative/Personnel:**

Increase the Violations Clerk hourly wage from \$10.33 to \$12.00.

**Public Works:**

Progress

**Recreation:**

Everything is closed out for the summer. Nothing occurring at this time.

**Fire and Ambulance:**

Fire Department is requesting assistance with the purchase of radios; amount is needed from Fire Department to be budgeted for 2018.

**Board of School Estimates:**

Board of Education is currently conducting interviews for a new superintendent. The current superintendent is staying on to finish some programs he started.

**Planning Board:**

Planning Board met on November 6<sup>th</sup>; the Halldorson's appeared for a lot realignment and variance which was unanimously approved. Additionally, the Board passed a resolution in support of Council in opposition the Motocross in Galloway.

**Construction/Code Enforcement:**

For the month of October- alterations: 2 and CO resale: 1, for a total of 3. Court pending, bench warrant issued for complaint issued to 54 Riverside Dr.

**Senior Services:**

Continue to receive requests for equipment.

**Building:**

No report

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Betsy Daniels expressed her concern about the proposed Motocross in Galloway and its impact on the community. Mayor Giberson stated that Council will be voicing its opposition via a resolution.

Due to a conflict City Solicitor Ray Went asked the public to hold any questions regarding Motocross for the next open public portion so that he may recuse himself.

Mark Evans, Central Ave, stated he has seen ATVs racing along Pomona and Central Avenues. Council President Bugdon suggested he call the NJSP.

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Memo from CFO Gina Simon Rollover Bond Anticipation Note Bids  
*Acknowledged*

Thank you for donation from Carmela Pogranicy President of Blue Star Mother's  
*Acknowledged*

**RESOLUTIONS:**

None

**ORDINANCES:**

**05-2017** Prohibiting the Use of Watercraft on "Community Day"  
*Tabled*

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motorcross Facility in Galloway Twp.

*Due to conflicts both the City's Solicitor and Planning Board attorneys are not able to represent the City on this matter. Charles Gemmel has been recommended as a conflict attorney. As of currently the Motocross has not been approved by Galloway Township. Councilman Allgeyer suggests reaching out to Galloway Twp. to maybe have some say in the process regarding restrictions. Councilman Giberson questions how the site will be accessed and if the road is vacated. He also emphasized that the proposed mining area will need to be deed restricted. Council President Bugdon stated that the Swan Lake and the Four Seasons communities are opposed to the Motocross. Council agreed to reach out to Charles Gemmel as conflict attorney.*

**PROCLAMATION:**

None

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Bob Haviland, 316 English Creek Rd, asked if the gunning club is aware of the Motocross and he does not believe the proposed area is large to support the Motocross. He also stated he has a concern that the City's Attorney has a conflict with this matter and is not able to represent the City. Finally, he suggested the City have a Harbormaster to handle the prohibiting of watercraft on Community Day. Mayor Giberson stated he will reach out to the County to see if the road is vacated.

Kathy Cox, 123 Moss Mill Rd., believes that the intersection at Moss Mill and Pomona Roads may be an obstacle for the Motocross, as well as, the water issues due to the Emmell Superfund.

Ronnie Dalesandro from Galloway Township stated that she is not in favor of the Motocross. She recited a letter she presented to Galloway expressing her disapproval and its potential negative impact on the surrounding area.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

ES 10-2017 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

N/A

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried to adjourn at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC  
Municipal Clerk