

**CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC**  
**6:30 p.m. SEPTEMBER 10, 2019**  
**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 Wessler, seconded by Councilmember Bugdon and carried to close the workshop portion of the meeting.

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:** Steven Allgeyer, Doris Bugdon, Roger Giberson, Stanley Kozlowski, Thomas Kurtz, Donna Riegel, Kevin Wessler

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:**

**MAYOR:** Gary Giberson

**MUNICIPAL CLERK:** Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC

**ATTORNEY:** Ray Went, Esq.

Council President Wessler 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.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE IN REMEMBRANCE OF 9/11**

**MOTION TO APPROVE AUGUST 13, 2019 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE SEPTEMBER 2019 BILL LIST**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**  
**ABSTAIN:**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Police/Emergency Management:**

Mayor Giberson reported that everything went well during the storm. He received updates by email from the Atlantic County Emergency Management Councilmember Kozlowski stated that the Office of Emergency Management did not have a meeting last month, there will be one this month. Galloway OEM has invited Port Republic to attend their meeting if we would like to at the end of the month. Mayor Giberson felt that it would be a good idea for himself and Councilmember Kozlowski to attend the Galloway OEM meeting together. Council President Wessler questioned if we have received credit for the drill we held previously. Councilmember Kozlowski said he completed the report and sent it in but has not heard anything yet.

### **Administrative/Personnel:**

No report

### **Public Works:**

Council President Wessler stated that everything is going well. The Public Works Department put away all beach items, they are working on finishing up the mowing and getting the equipment ready for winter.

### **Recreation:**

Councilmember Bugdon reported that we had a successful beach season. There was only one day where the water levels were considered cautioned. She was very discouraged by the minimal amount of people utilizing the beach. Council President Wessler felt that what happened last year might have made an impact. Councilmember Bugdon feels that some of the negativity spread on various Facebook groups is part of the problem. Mayor Giberson mentioned that the water temperatures were also high which is uncomfortable to swim in.

### **Fire and Ambulance:**

No report

### **Board of School Estimates:**

Mayor Giberson reported that there are 82 Port students, 21 Choice students. The numbers are good but are not great. All together we have 105. Councilmember Giberson met with the Port School Administration and reported about the paperwork that the school provided regarding the study that was completed by their architect. They went through all the HVAC systems and essentially the whole building and reported what improvements they felt needed to be made. It was very thorough. From this point, they still need to get together a bid package and go out to bid to get the numbers. Unfortunately, they do not believe they have the money to get this out for bid this fiscal year. The City is unable to help them now, with our budget we would have to

wait until at least January. We should know soon and be able to report back to Council by next meeting. Eventually everything is going to have to be done so he advised the school to get all the documents ready so even if they do not go for all this right now, they will still have the documents ready to go later. A lot of times schools will break down the bids so they can see where everything comes in and then decide what they want to accept and move forward with. Councilmember Allgeyer mentioned that the carpet is \$100,000 and we're dragging our feet on it because there is a warranty on that carpet. If we could cut that cost down, that'll help. Councilmember Giberson agreed and said that he expressed to the school that he may not agree with everything on the list, but he told them to put everything on a list and go from there. We do not even know if the prices given are accurate.

Councilmember Allgeyer asked if they are still looking to get their roof done this upcoming year. Councilmember Giberson stated yes, if they can. When they hired the engineer and architect to do this building survey, they should have rolled it right into the bid with contract documents and drawings. That is what needs to be done now, if they have the money to move forward. There will be a concentration on the roof.

Councilmember Giberson feels that Council should have a meeting over at the school and walk through to see what they are talking about. Attorney Ray Went stated that the longer we wait, the more that the warranty company will try to look for an exclusion. Councilmember Allgeyer stated that we paid for the warranty and that's why he keeps bringing it up. Councilmember Giberson reiterated that we will see where they are at and if we are going to help them at all it'll have to be when we work on our budget for next year. Councilmember Bugdon questioned if they could work on the carpet issue now. Councilmember Giberson said absolutely and he will ask them when he speaks with them.

#### **Planning Board:**

Councilmember Riegel reported that there was a meeting the previous night, September 9<sup>th</sup>. They had an application for a 2-lot subdivision. The application was unanimously denied. The applicant stated he would be back. She also wanted to check if Attorney Ray Went had a chance to work on the wording of the Mullica River Marine Commercial District and single-family detached dwellings. Attorney Went responded that he did and that he had sent copies to Clerk Campellone and Planning Board Attorney Fitzgerald. He would like Attorney Fitzgerald to review it first.

#### **Code Enforcement/Construction:**

During the Month of August, a total of 9 inspections were done by the Construction Office: Alterations (4) Demos (1) New (1) Additions (0) Zoning Permits (3) CO Inspections for Resale (4) Total of (9)

#### **Senior Services/Clean Communities:**

Councilmember Bugdon stated this was the second month in a row that she has not had a request for anything. Things are slowing down which is wonderful.

**Building:**

Council President Wessler stated he reached out to Dan Kane from Kisby Shore which was reported at the previous month's meeting. Dan was going to try and get us high-volume toilets from Canada, but they stopped making them there too. The problem is, even if we go outside and do a 4-inch line, he doesn't know if it would even matter because there is a lack of water going down the pipes. Dan suggest that we flush more often and just put more water down the drains.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Letter from County Executive Dennis Levinson article in Newark Star Ledger  
*Council President Wessler read the letter.*

Letter dated August 26, 2019 from County Executive Dennis Levinson regarding a 4 way stop at Mill and Main Streets  
*According to the County's study, the City does not qualify for the 4 way stop at the intersection.*

Letter from Superintendent John Keenan regarding the Atlantic County Vocational School District  
*Acknowledged*

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**64-2019** Authorizing the Refund of Payment of CO Inspection Fee  
On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer, seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried.

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**65-2019** Authorizing Cancellation of 2019 Taxes for Block 14, Lot 7  
On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer, seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried.

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ORDINANCES:**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Atlantic City Electric Conceptual Design Meeting for October & November  
*Acknowledged*

Council President Wessler explained that he had placed on the Agenda at last month's meeting his request to utilize the field for all of Council to vote on. He has done this in the past, both in 2011 and 2012. Also, he had request \$300 more for the Stop the Bleed Packs. When he had spoken with Galloway originally, they had told him it was \$104/pack. When he started pricing them himself, he felt the price would be higher. Galloway is going to be ordering for us so the price may be lower again. They have an account with Amazon and can get them at a better price.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Agreement between the County of Atlantic and the City of Port Republic regarding completion of improvements at Quality Properties / Corner Stone Communities  
Attorney Went explained that this is regarding Whispering Woods. This is the road that has drainage issues. It is a municipal road, but it has a County right-of-way, so we are going to enter into one agreement with the County. As of right now, the property owner is putting a proposal together to do the work. The work that is done within the County right-of-way will be paid by funds that are on deposit with the County. The County also called on their letter of credit that they had. Attorney Went is working with Anthony Pagano from the County and Engineer Matt Doran. Councilmember Giberson questioned who would oversee inspecting and making sure everything is going as it should. Attorney Went explained that was a part of the agreement and it would be inspected by our Engineer, Matt Doran, and the County's engineer. Attorney Went stated that there are items of the agreement that should be discussed at next month's meeting under executive session.

Spoils on property in Port Republic

Attorney Ray Went explained that we received notice from the Pinelands Commission regarding a homeowner's association located in Mullica Township who is seeking to dredge their lagoon and deposit the dredge materials on private property located in Port Republic. There was concern raised immediately about the proposition. What the homeowners had to do first was to apply to Pinelands to get permission to do this. Pinelands was kind enough to give us this notice. The next step for the homeowner's association is to apply to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection to get a CAFRA permit; they have not done this yet. Pinelands gave Attorney Ray Went the contact information at DEP so he could monitor the situation. Council may want to chime in on this process. At the very least, we should have the spoils tested. Attorney Ray Went feels this may also be best to bring up again in executive session.

### **OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Resident Bob Haviland wanted to thank Council for taking care of the issue he had brought up at the last City Council Meeting.

Nick Lampe, 46 Chestnut Neck Road, mentioned that Sanford Lane has a lot of cracks in it and there is clearly grass growing through it. He didn't know if the City wanted to

tar it, so it does not get worse in the winter. He said Old New York is also in poor condition, on the Galloway side of the bridge. Council President Wessler stated he would investigate it.

Joe Martin, 5 Mill Street, stated at the July meeting it was discussed to move the radar sign Joe is following up on this. Council President Wessler responded that nothing happened with that. They discussed moving the one from Pomona Avenue to Fireman's Pond. Mayor Giberson does not want the signs, he wants the State Police to write tickets. Councilmember Kurtz asked if we could possibly get a monthly report of speeding tickets issued in Port Republic. Mayor Giberson said we could get that report.

Joe Martin also asked what the status of the bridge is. Council President Wessler responded that as far as we know they are still working on getting their permits.

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

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

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

**08-2019** Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day – October 6, 2019

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ES 9-2019** Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

1. N/A

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Kurtz and carried to adjourn at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC Municipal Clerk