

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
7:00 p.m. SEPTEMBER 13, 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 Riegel, seconded by Councilmember Allgeyer, and carried to close the workshop portion of the meeting.

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

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: John Bonthron, Donna Riegel

MAYOR: Gary Giberson

MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly A. Campellone

ATTORNEY: Keith Davis, 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 AUGUST 9, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

YES: Allgeyer, Capille, Bugdon, Giberson, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bonthron, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE AUGUST 9, 2016 CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

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

YES: Allgeyer, Capille, Bugdon, Giberson, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bonthron, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE SEPTEMBER 2016 BILL LIST

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

YES: Allgeyer, Capille, Bugdon, Giberson, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bonthron, Riegel

ABSTAIN: Bugdon 16-00356, 16-00316

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

YES: Allgeyer, Capille, Bugdon, Giberson, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bonthron, Riegel

ABSTAIN: Bugdon 16-00356, 16-00316

Police/Emergency Management:

Mayor Giberson reported that the governor declared a state of emergency due to Hurricane Hermine; no damage to the city. Mayor recommended a keypad for the clerk's office and that the staff not be left alone. Mayor also wrote a letter to the NJ Turnpike Authority, NJDOT and 9th District requesting signage and a 35 mph sign be posted due to several accidents in the exit 48 area.

Administrative/Personnel:

No report.

Public Works:

Councilman Wessler reported that he is looking at ways to improve efficiency. Additionally, he advised that an additional mower is being requested.

Recreation:

Council President Bugdon reported that it was another successful beach season and the clean team did an excellent job this year. Additionally, she reported that this year was another year without beach closers due to high bacteria counts.

Fire and Ambulance:

President Nick Lampe reported that the 5" hose is being purchased. The fire department is also looking in 16 new radios; the old radios will not work effective January 1st. In addition, the roast beef dinner is October 15th.

Board of School Estimates:

Mayor Giberson reported the following student count per grade for the 2016-2017 school year:

K-10, 2 choice; 1st-12, 2 choice; 2nd-14, 3 choice; 3rd-19, 3 choice; 4th 13, 3 choice; 5th - 15, 2 choice; 6th -10, 3 choice; 7th -17, 1 choice; 8th -8, 1 choice; for a total of 117 and 19 choice. High school count is 56.

Planning Board:

No Meeting.

Code Enforcement:

No report.

Construction:

Support provided by Kevin Cain.

Senior Services:

Deadline for PTR forms have been extended to October 1st.

Building:

Councilman Giberson concurred with the mayor's recommendation for a keypad in the clerk's office. Mayor Giberson reported that the generator has been installed. Allen Propane Company installed the tank for the propane; the tank should be filled when done to the half way point. Additionally, he asked for approved to conceal the tank with landscaping and a NJSP sign; council agreed, Councilman Wessler suggested a NJSP in the front of the building as well.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Cynthia Walton 741 Chestnut Neck Rd, expressed that the issues at the GSP involve both entering and exiting the parkway. She is concerned the numerous accidents behind her house has diminished the tree line and a vehicle could end up in her house. She is requesting a barrier be installed. Mayor stated he would advise the 9th District and the NJSP. Councilman Giberson suggested a radar sign in the area.

Mary Ann Schutz 747 Old New York Rd, stated that she wanted to reiterate the danger in the area of GSP 48.

Jim Winad 225 Chestnut Rd, representing the Port Republic Gunning Club, would like to place safety signs and caution tape around the area for safety regarding the turkey shoots. Also, requested permission to maintain the fields. Councilman Giberson stated that it would need to be looked into due to Green Acres.

After a lengthy discussion regarding the trials, it was determined that the matter would best be resolved by a committee consisting of Doris Bugdon, Nick Capille and Roger Giberson.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter dated August 25, 2016 from the Atlantic County Outlaws
Acknowledged

Letter from City Engineer Matt Doran regarding the State of New Jersey-Transportation Alternatives Program
Acknowledged

RESOLUTIONS:

52-2016 Raffle License for Port Republic PTS

Councilmember Giberson moved, seconded of Councilmember Capille and carried to close the public portion.

YES: Allgeyer, Capille, Bugdon, Giberson, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bonthron, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES:

06-2016 Amending Ordinance 09-1981 Recreational Area

2ND Reading /Public Hearing

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION: On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, second by Councilmember Capille to open to public portion

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.

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

YES: Allgeyer, Capille, Bugdon, Giberson, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bonthron, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Gravel Mine Letter and Map from City Engineer Matt Doran

Mayor Giberson reported that the gravel was mined per the specifications of the contract.

Mill Pond Trails (*Green Acres*)

Discussed above

NEW BUSINESS:

Truck Purchase

Mayor Giberson reported that a truck was purchased. It is a Ford diesel truck with a bed liner. The purchase was for \$10,000.

Halloween Hours

Mayor Giberson stated Halloween will be 5:30 – 8:00pm on October 31st.

Christmas Party Discussion

Date to be determined

National Scenic Byway Program

Mayor Giberson stated that the NJDOT installed the signs without notifying the county or municipalities of where signs would be placed.

PROCLAMATION:

Proclaims that athletes honor our country's flag during the flag salute.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson Second by Councilmember Capille to open to public portion

Bob Haviland 316 English Creek Rd., advised that the gravel mine area has been seeded.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ES 08-2016 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

1. Determination of need Report Block 6/Lot 5, Block 18 /Lot 1

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

RESOLUTIONS:

50-2016 Approving determination of Planning Board that Block 6 lot 51 & Block 18 Lot 1

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

YES: Allgeyer, Capille, Bugdon, Wessler, Giberson – with the condition that the city works with the developer or owner of the Port Store to bring it up to code. Keith Davis stated that he will communicate to the attorney that the city would like to be cooperative.

NO:

ABSENT: Bonthron, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, seconded of Councilmember Capille and carried to adjourn at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC
Municipal Clerk