

**CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC**  
**6:00 p.m. JANUARY 3, 2017**  
**REORGANIZATION MEETING**

Municipal Clerk Kimberly A. Campellone 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 Mainland Journal, a meeting notice setting for the time, date and locations of this meeting.

**ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE :**

Steven Allgeyer Two year unexpired term (term expires 12/31/2018)

John Bonthron absent

Roger Giberson Four year term (term expiring 12/31/2020)

Donna Riegel Three year term (term expiring 12/31/2019)

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

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** John Bonthron

**MAYOR:** Gary B. Giberson

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

**ATTORNEY:** Raymond Went, Esq.

**NOMINATION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

On the motion of Councilmember Riegel, seconded by Councilmember Allgeyer and carried, to nominate Doris Bugdon for Council President.

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Bonthron

**ABSTAIN:**

**ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

Doris Bugdon

**ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded by Councilmember Riegel and carried, to nominate Kevin Wessler as Council President Pro Tempore

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Bonthron

**ABSTAIN:**

**ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE FOR PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE:**

Kevin Wessler

**Consent Agenda:** All matters listed under Consent Agenda, are considered to be routine by this City Council and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

**RESOLUTIONS**

- No. 1-2017 Approving Temporary Budget for 2017
- No. 2-2017 Adoption of Cash Management Plan
- No. 3-2017 Authorization for Petty Cash Fund in the amount of \$100.00
- No. 4-2017 Designation of Authorization of Signatures
- No. 5-2017 Designation of Rate of Interest for Non-Payment of Taxes
- No. 6-2017 Annual Appointments
- No. 7-2017 Appointment of PACO namely Kimberly Campellone
- No. 8-2017 Appointment of City Solicitor Namely Salvatore Perillo, Esq.
- No. 9-2017 Appointment of Auditor Namely Leon Costello, RMA
- No. 10-2017 Appointment of Municipal Engineer Namely Matthew Doran
- No. 11-2017 Appointment of Municipal Prosecutor Namely Chris Lipari, Esq.
- No. 12-2017 Appointment of Bond Counsel Namely Joel Fleishman, Esq.
- No. 13-2017 Appointment of Conflict Municipal Attorney Namely Michael Fitzgerald, Esq.
- No. 14-2017 Appointment of Public Defender Namely Frank Lentz, Esq.
- No. 15-2017 Appointment of Animal Control Officer namely George Garbaravage
- No. 16-2017 Establishing Rules of Order
- No. 17-2017 Establishing Charges for Municipal Public Records
- No. 18-2017 Designation of Official Newspaper AC Press
- No. 19-2017 Designation of Secondary Newspaper The Current
- No. 20-2017 Designation of Shelter for Stray Animals
- No. 21-2017 Authorization to Perform Aerial Applications for Mosquito Control
- No. 22-2017 Authorizing Maintenance Contract with Edmunds & Assoc. Inc.
- No. 23-2017 Authorizing Tax Assessor to Act as Agent and to File Petition(s) of Appeals to Increase Tax Assessment
- No. 24-2017 Authorizing Tax Assessor to Act as Agent and to File Petition(s) of Appeals to Decrease Tax Assessment
- No. 25-2017 Appointment of Court Bailiff Namely Gary Oliver
- No. 26-2017 Tonnage Grant Application Resolution
- No. 27-2017 Municipal Alliance Application Resolution
- No. 28-2017 Authorizing submission of a strategic plan for the Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year July 1, 2017- June 30, 2018
- No. 29-2017 Approving Discharge of Fireworks
- No. 30-2017 Appointment of Emergency Management Coordinator

No. 31-2017 Appointing Electrical Inspector, Subcode namely Sal Cantia  
No. 32-2017 Appointing Kevin Cain as Construction Official, Building Subcode, Building Inspector, Zoning Officer, Plumbing Inspector & Plumbing Subcode

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Bonthron

**ABSTAIN:**

Mayor Giberson questioned Resolution 09-2017 requesting the city have Nancy Sbrolla as the auditor.

### **MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS**

Emergency Management Deputy Coordinator - Gina Simon  
Donna Riegel City Council Liaison 1 year apt. Planning Board  
Board of School Estimates – Roger Giberson and Steve Allgeyer

### **COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

Administration and Personnel – Donna Riegel, Chair; Doris Bugdon and Kevin Wessler.

Public Works – Kevin Wessler, Chair; Nick Capille and Steven Allgeyer

Recreation – Doris Bugdon, Chair; Nick Capille and Donna Riegel

Police and Emer. Mgt. – Mayor Giberson, Chair; Doris Bugdon and Nick Capille

Fire and Ambulance – Kevin Wessler, Chair; Steve Allgeyer and Donna Riegel

Senior Citizens – Doris Bugdon, Chair and Donna Riegel

Building Committee – Roger Giberson, Kevin Wessler

### **Sub Committees:**

Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator: Gary Giberson

Deputy Emergency Mgmt.: Coordinator: Gina Simon

Assist. Emergency Mgmt.: Kimberly Campellone

**Open Space/Green Acres Committee**

Open Space: Nick Capille, Chair; Doris Bugdon, Donna Riegel

Bridge Committee: Donna Riegel, Steven Allgeyer, Nick Capille

**STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS**

Mayor Giberson complimented this City Council on their achievements of cooperation, their sincerity, compassion and goodness for the City of Port Republic. The City runs like a well-oiled machine, our city runs like a speed boat rather than someone who is rowing, we are the envy of all the communities in the area with our court system and free police force. Unbelievable community, we are so fortunate, you could not go out and pick a better one. Everyone we having working for the city is unbelievable. Ray Went our city solicitor has become an unbelievable solicitor for this city, I want to thank him for that; Matt Doran our engineer is outstanding, Planning Board, and the volunteer fire department taking care of the safety of our community. I am so proud of this community and council, budgeting as frugally as possible, it is an amazing town. I am so proud of this community and honored that the town keeps electing me. I start my last year of my 4 year term as mayor. I have been Mayor for 32 consecutive years and I want to thank the town. It is an honor and privilege to serve. The girls in the office are a well-oiled machine, everything just clicks.

**COMMENTS**

Councilmember Kevin Wessler stated this year has been a very good year with a lot of progress in areas. The new guys jumped right in, everything is going great. Doris does a great job with the Christmas tree lighting and each year it grows larger; Port Day also. One negative thing is we are not getting younger volunteers for the Fire Department. We are asking for volunteers, the average age is 53 years old, if anyone knows of anyone who would be interested please have them sign up. On Christmas Eve there was a fire on Chestnut Neck Road; with a quick response. Our fire department does an amazing job. However, young guys are needed desperately. Mayor Giberson stated he will bring it up at the Atlantic County Mayors Association; it is a problem for all communities and hopefully we can do to promote this.

Councilmember Nick Capille commended Doris and Mayor Gary on the Jet Ski situation; it is working out great. Doris commented and thanked the jet skiers who became involved; if it not for them this would not have worked out.

Council President Bugdon stated the city is doing very well, the revaluation is completed, the gravel mine is completed and the court is back in the black. The mayor getting the substation here has made a big impact on the city and the petty vandalism has vanished thanks to the NJSP presence.

City Solicitor Ray Went stated what a great employee Tax Assessor Bill Johnson is to the community.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

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

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, seconded of Councilmember Wessler and carried to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kimberly A. Campellone  
Municipal Clerk