

**CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC**  
**6:30 p.m. JANUARY 31, 2017**  
**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MTG/BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING**

Adequate notice of this meeting was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act. On the motion of Council President Rummler, seconded by Councilmember Bugdon, and carried to close the workshop portion of the meeting.

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:** Doris Bugdon, Nick Capille, Steve Allgeyer, Kevin Wessler

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

**MAYOR:** Gary B. Giberson

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

**MUNICIPAL AUDITOR:** Nancy Sbrolla, CPA, RMA

**CHIEF FINANACIAL OFFICER:** Gina Simon, CMFO

Council President Doris 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 Mainland Journal, a meeting notice setting for the time, date and locations of this meeting.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**

The City currently has \$666,000 in surplus and \$100,000 in reserve for the gravel; \$190,000 of the fund balance is currently reflected in the budget as is the remaining gravel reserve of \$100,000.

Preliminary numbers were reviewed for salary and operating expenses. PRAF will not be receiving \$1,500 donation from the City since Public Works will be cutting the grass in the ballfield; the operating expense was so reflected. Capital improvements include \$5,000 for capital improvement fund and \$7,500 for firefighter equipment.

Using last year's valuation rate along with \$190,000 of fund balance and reducing debt payment to \$150,000 the tax rate would be about level. However, it is very difficult to compare in a reval year.

The school is looking into several projects to its building, since it is a Type I school, the debt would go onto the City's books. If money is raised starting this year in the budget to pay down the debt for the building and an ordinance is passed for the school, and that was paid off, it would keep the tax rate level without having an increase in taxes and eliminate the need to go out for permanent debt.

Bond Anticipation Note balance is \$500,000. The budget currently reflects a \$200,000 payment towards the debt; leaving a balance of \$300,000 remaining in debt.

Difference in expenditures from last year to this year is 1.6 million and 1.2 million, respectively. This is due to a decrease of \$300,000 towards the debt payment, as well as, approximately \$70,000 appropriated towards capital expenses in 2016. Leaving out the gravel money, the expenditures are about the same at \$1.1 million for the both years; \$500,000 of the gravel money was used last year and \$100,000 for this year.

Mayor and Council expressed their appreciation for the efforts of Kimberly Campellone, Gina Simon and Nancy Sbrolla.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

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

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer, seconded of Councilmember Wessler and carried to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kimberly A. Campellone RMC  
Municipal Clerk