

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. FEBRUARY 14, 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 Donna Riegel, Kevin Wessler

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Roger Giberson, Mayor Gary Giberson

MAYOR: Mayor Gary Giberson

MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC

ATTORNEY: Ray Went, Esq.

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 Current Newspaper, a meeting notice setting for the time, date and locations of this meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE JANUARY 3, 2017 REORGANIZATION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Capille, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE JANUARY 3, 2017 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Capille, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE JANUARY 31, 2017 BUDGET MEETING WORKSHOP MINUTES

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Capille, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN: Riegel

MOTION TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 2017 BILL LIST

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Capille, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Capille, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Emergency Management:

No report.

Administrative/Personnel:

Councilwoman Riegel stated the committee is working on the Personnel Policy, should have it complete by the next council meeting.

Public Works:

Councilman Wessler reported everything is going very well. The compactor is finished. The tree lights still need to come down. Council President Bugdon stated the guys are doing a great job, and thanked Councilmember Wessler for his supervision.

Recreation:

Council President Bugdon spoke about the following dates in the community. June 10th is the Jersey Genesis, June 17th Community day with a rain date June 24th; the fireworks are lined up and Suite Inspiration will perform. December 7th is the Christmas tree lighting.

Fire and Ambulance:

Councilman Wessler reported everything is going well.

Board of School Estimates:

No report.

Planning Board:

No Report.

Code Enforcement:

Two code enforcement issues.

Construction:

Construction Official report: 5 alterations and 1 CO resale; for a total of 6 permits were issued.

Senior Services:

Council President Bugdon continues to supply equipment to seniors in the community. Council President Bugdon and Councilmember Riegel worked out the date for the Senior Murder Mystery Tea which will be held on Saturday, April 29th at the Port Church and is sponsored by the Municipal Alliance.

Building:

Councilman Wessler stated there is still an issue with septic line. It is recommended to trench out with a 4 inch pipe.

Council President Bugdon issued the following statements:

Council President Bugdon stated that on Saturday April 22nd, Earth Day, she will hold the City wide clean-up, it will start at 10:00 am at the city garage. She is looking for someone to help out with picking up the bags of trash. Afterwards everyone will meet back at the garage for pizza and soda.

Council President Bugdon introduced Stanley Kozlowski to City Council as the candidate to replace John Bonthron on City Council Ward I. City Council will vote on the replacement at the next council meeting.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Email from MS Society requesting permission to come through Port Republic on Saturday and Sunday May 20 & 21 2017.

Permission granted

Letter from County Executive Dennis Levinson Regarding Bail Reform

Acknowledged

Letter dated January 20, 2017 Port Republic Landfill Councilmember Giberson is looking into this. Steve Allgeyer will work with Councilmember Giberson on this issue.

RESOLUTIONS:

34-2017 Budget Transfer 2016

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Capille, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

35-2017 In support of Atlantic County Pledging Non-Acceptance of less than its fair percentage of pilot revenues.

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Capille, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Green Acres: City Councilman Capille reported the committee meeting on February 2, 2017 with representatives from the Gunning Club and JORBA, worked out well. The compromise was that the trails will be closed during hunting season; closing November and December, except for Sundays. Councilmember Capille believes the city should be responsible to place signs advising so, as per the conversation with the forester for Green Acres. City Solicitor Ray Went stated the best way to regulate would be to develop an ordinance. Council agreed that the ordinance should also state that the city may require insurance. Motorized vehicles continue to be an issue. Councilmember Wessler stated JORBA should not be placing signs/markers in the middle of or on the trail itself only on the side; for safety reasons.

Route 9 signage: The signs are in the fabrication stage; there are twelve signs total.

Verizon: No Update; Verizon has not approached the Planning Board.

Route 610: Ray Went, Esq. advised that the county is in the feasibility stage; meeting is forthcoming.

Mill & Main Street Four-way stop: County engineers have determined that no four-way stop sign will be placed at Mill & Main. Rich Dase to push for the four-way stop signs for the City. Ray Went, Esq. to follow-up.

Port School Ownership: The title report shows two deeds; the property is partially owned by both the School and City. Matt Doran may need to convey the property to determine who owns which portion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Letter from City Engineer Matt Doran for Bond Reduction for Holly Creek: City Council decided not to reduce until taxes are paid up.

PROCLAMATION:

None

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Gerry Creighton 270 Chestnut Neck Rd., Will Swartz did a kiosk as a Boy Scouts project; the kiosk provides information about the trails.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ES 02-2017 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

1. Gravelmine

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer, seconded of Councilmember Wessler and carried to adjourn at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC
Municipal Clerk