

**CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC**  
**6:30 p.m. MAY 9, 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, Roger Giberson, Stanley Kozlowski, Donna Riegel Kevin Wessler

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** Nick Capille

**MAYOR:** Mayor Gary Giberson

**MUNICIPAL CLERK:** Kimberly 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.

*Mayor Giberson*

Moment of silence in memory of John Fallucca. Mayor Giberson stated John was a member of the Planning Board and the Chair for several years, he led with compassion and intelligence and always had Port Republic in mind he will be sadly missed and hard shoes to fill for a Planning Board member.

**MOTION TO APPROVE APRIL 11, 2017 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Capille

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE APRIL 11, 2017 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Capille

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE APRIL 18, 2017 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Capille

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE MAY 2017 BILL LIST**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Capille

**ABSTAIN:** Riegel PO 17-00225, Bugdon PO 17-00191

**MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Capille

**ABSTAIN:** Riegel PO 17-00225, Bugdon PO 17-00191

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Police/Emergency Management:**

Mayor Giberson stated good progress. He has written and posted a complaint in the conference room to the NJSP about speeding on Clarks Landing since the paving was complete and come in on Sunday to speak with the troopers regarding the speeding on the two roads that were brought to his attention. He added court is doing very well.

**Administrative/Personnel:**

Councilmember Riegel reported the personnel committee is discussing changes to the personnel policy and they will have more information next month.

**Public Works:**

Councilman Wessler ordered a couple of tires for the backhoe. The mower broke down and parts have been ordered; it should be back in service tomorrow. Councilwoman Riegel suggested to City Council to give Councilman Wessler the title of Public Works Coordinator and for him to receive a stipend as he is dedicating a lot of time organizing and planning the department. Since the city is not hiring another employee she would like to see this happen. City Solicitor Ray Went will look into it and have an answer next month. Mayor Giberson stated it will be a good idea especially with Emergency Management situations.

**Recreation:**

Council President Bugdon stated she hired a second life guard and apologizes for going out of town. In addition she found a beach badge attendant and the clean team kids are ready to start on Memorial Day weekend. She has met with several moms from the school and they will be taking care of the kids' games during community day. The City wide clean up held on Saturday, April 22nd went well. There were 29 volunteers; 7 areas were completed with 17 bags of trash and 17 bags of recycling collected along with various debris. Councilman Allgeyer and resident Bob Haviland went around at the end of the cleanup and picked up the bags. Bob Haviland picked up three more bags of trash and recycling, most of the recycling was alcohol and beer containers along Old New York Road, Pitney Road and Riverside Drive. The kids are partying in the open space areas. They also found a syringe during the cleanup.

**Fire and Ambulance:**

Councilman Wessler reported the date of the roast beef dinner is Saturday, May 20, 2017. The kitchen is coming along and the fire department is looking into purchasing radios since Galloway changed from the 800 radios. Mayor Giberson stated he will be bringing this up to the Mayors Association so that they can get the attention of the Freeholders so all municipalities are on the same frequency.

**Board of School Estimates:**

Mayor Giberson reported everything is going really well. City Solicitor Ray Went spoke with School Board attorney Amy Houck regarding the title search. She will get the paper work to Ray regarding the title for the school. Ray stated it should be in the schools name.

**Planning Board:**

No Report.

**Code Enforcement:**

No report

**Construction:**

No report

**Senior Services:**

Council President Bugdon reported that on Saturday, April 29th they had the Senior Murder Mystery Tea. There were twenty participants and she thanked Councilwoman Donna Riegel and her employee Laura for everything they do for the Senior Tea. Everyone had a great time. She is receiving thank notes already.

Council President Bugdon commented that she received a hospital bed and it went out as soon as it came in.

**Building:**

No report

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Bill Smallwood of Clarks Landing Road would like to update Mayor and City Council regarding the Triathlon to be held on Saturday June 10; Deputy City Clerk Gina Simon sent letters out to the county and sheriff's department. The city normally supplies the insurance for the day, the Transfer Station usually is closed to noon and he needs signs at least a week before the race. Additionally, he is requesting the clean team and asked Council President Bugdon to contact the Mosquito Control. Jimmy Milton normally helps out in the morning and he would like him to help out this year also. Public Works does prepare for the race; they close the boat ramp and clean up some of the roads. He is also looking for a council member to help out and block off the intersection of Clarks Landing and Cologne Port Road. Councilmember Allgeyer agreed to do it at this time. The Fire Department is helping out this year. Mayor thanked Billy and his family for everything they do regarding the Triathlon and how beautiful the park looks. It is a great benefit to the city.

Bill Smallwood and his family have been taking care of this for 22 years.

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Letter dated April 20, 2017 from Bill Smallwood requesting sponsorship from the City of Port Republic for the Jersey Genesis Triathlon and Bambino to be held on June 10<sup>th</sup>.  
*Acknowledged and approved.*

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson second of councilmember Allgeyer and carried.

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Capille

**ABSTAIN:**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**ORDINANCES:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

*Whispering Woods*

Council Kevin Wessler reported he met with the developer Frank D'Agostino and Matt Doran, the developer will repair the road and all the other problems. If he finishes the paving can he turn it over to the City. City Engineer Matt Doran stated that it is not a good idea, since there are more lots to develop.

*Access request Property located at 201 Chestnut Neck Road Block 6 Lot 51*  
Waiting to hear from them and from Matt Doran about clear boundaries.

*Pineland Commission meeting with City Council Committee regarding the Old Landfill*  
Councilmember Giberson reported they had a meeting with the pinelands commission; gathering reports.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Issues with Upper Pomona Ave. & Indian Cabin Road*

Bob Haviland is concerned about Upper Pomona Ave and all the children in the area he would like signs put up indicating there are children in the area. He is also concerned about the white line along English Creek Road to Upper Pomona, people who are not familiar with the area go to Upper Pomona since the white line indicates to go that way. Councilmember Wessler suggested speed bumps along the road. Mayor Giberson will contact County Executive Dennis Levinson regarding the shoulder line along English Creek Road.

**PROCLAMATION:**

Remember those who serve in uniform and pay tribute to them.

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

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

ES 05-2017 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer second of Councilmember Wessler.

1. Personnel Policy/Handbook

**CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Councilmember Wessler, seconded of Councilmember Allgeyer and carried to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC  
Municipal Clerk