

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. JUNE 13, 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 Pro Tempore Kevin Wessler, seconded by Councilmember Allgeyer, and carried to close the workshop portion of the meeting.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Steven Allgeyer, Stanley Kozlowski, Donna Riegel, Kevin Wessler, Nick Capille

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Roger Giberson, Doris Bugdon

MAYOR: Gary Giberson (Absent)

MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly Campellone, RMC

ATTORNEY: Ray Went, Esq.

Council President Pro Tempore Wessler 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 MAY 9, 2017 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

YES: Allgeyer, Riegel, Kozlowski, Wessler, Capille

NO:

ABSENT: Bugdon, Giberson

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE MAY 9, 2017 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES

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

YES: Allgeyer, Riegel, Kozlowski, Wessler, Capille

NO:

ABSENT: Bugdon, Giberson

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE JUNE 2017 BILL LIST

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

YES: Allgeyer, Riegel, Kozlowski, Wessler, Capille

NO:

ABSENT: Bugdon, Giberson

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

YES: Allgeyer, Riegel, Kozlowski, Wessler, Capille

NO:

ABSENT: Bugdon, Giberson

ABSTAIN:

PRESENTATION: REDEVELOPMENT

Tiffany CuvIELLO, Community Development and Planning, stated that the City adopted a redevelopment designation for the Port Store and surrounding properties in 2016 which was done with a grant from the ACIA. The grant is two phases (1) to designate the area in need of redevelopment and; (2) prepare and adopt a redevelopment plan. ACIA is inquiring the status of the redevelopment plan. Tiffany suggests the City move forward and adopt a basic plan. The Port Store can be separated from the plan and a plan does not mean that it needs to be acted on. A redevelopment plan is simply a menu of options that can be utilized if and when the City to ready to.

MOTION TO ALLOW TIFFANY CUVIELLO TO PREPARE A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

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

YES: Allgeyer, Riegel, Kozlowski, Wessler, Capille

NO:

ABSENT: Bugdon, Giberson

ABSTAIN:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Emergency Management:

Municipal Court Report:

Total charges as of May 2017: DWI 2; Other 397; Indictable 8; DP & PDP Offenses 22; All Other Non-Traffic 3

Monthly disbursement as of May 2017: Treasurer, State of NJ \$36,079.54; Treasurer, Atlantic Co. \$100.00; Treasurer, City of Port Republic \$8,618.46

Administrative/Personnel:

No report

Public Works:

Councilman Wessler reported that the machines are ready; the dump compactor switch needed to be repaired. Dan Giberson is back in school, with the courses he needs to take.

Recreation:

Port Day will be June 17th with a rain date of June 24th.

Fire and Ambulance:

Nick Lampe reported that the kitchen renovation is completed and the generator has been delivered. Turnout to the May dinner was lower than normal but above average. Also, there was a fire call on Odessa Ave; radio rollout is still in progress.

Board of School Estimates:

Ray Went, Esq. reported that the school's attorney has been working with the school board regarding the transfer of the land; waiting on the documents.

Planning Board:

Councilwoman Riegel reported that the Planning Board met on June 12th. There were three issues. The first being tiny houses. The Planning Board recommends that the city attorney go over sections 160-6 and 160-55 to tighten it up. Specifically, if the tiny house is not mobile then the requirement is that they must go before the Planning Board; if it is mobile, then the requirement is that it can only be seasonal. Second, is the Route 610 bridge. There is information that a six foot bike lane and eight walking lane will be added. The Planning Board committee would like to set up a meeting with the County regarding proposed plans. Third, is the proposed motocross in Galloway Twp. which abuts the city's property – currently the gravelmine. Port Republic is concerned that a motocross in that area would affect the subdivision of the property, as well as, the residents in the area.

Code Enforcement:

No report

Construction:

For the month of May there were 4 alterations and 3 COs for a total of 7 inspections.

Senior Services:

No report

Building:

No report

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Bill Smallwood of Clarks Landing Road, thanked Mayor and Council for allowing the Jersey Genesis event. He also stated that James Milton and Dan Giberson did a great job and were a huge help. Additionally, the race went very smooth.

Bod Haviland, 316 English Creek Road, thanked Councilman Wessler for addressing the traffic issue on his street.

Frank Brown, Pastor, thanked Mayor and Council for their work and for allowing the church to use the recreation area for its bible study. In addition, he stated he was thankful that the city would be providing a lifeguard at the beach on July 21st.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Atlantic County Wastewater Management Update
Councilwoman Riegel stated that the Planning Board recommended that Matt Doran, City Engineer review and reply to the County directly.

Thank you email from the MS Society
Acknowledged

RESOLUTIONS:

41-2017 Certification of Annual Audit

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

YES: Allgeyer, Riegel, Kozlowski, Wessler, Capille

NO:

ABSENT: Bugdon, Giberson

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Redevelopment
Discussed above

Route 9 signage

Ray Went Esq. advised that he spoke with his contact at the NJDOT and signage has been installed. He believes there have been nine to twelve signs installed.

Boundary Determination 201 Chestnut Neck Rd. Block 6 Lot 51

Matt Doran, City Engineer reviewed; the survey reveals that a portion of Chestnut Neck Road crosses over the property. His discussion with the County could not verify that an easement for the road could not be found.

NEW BUSINESS:

Atlantic City Electric Easement

Atlantic City Electric would like to cut back a portion of Pitney Road back thirty feet from the center line. Mike Fitzgerald, Esq. advised that the easement is broader than it needs to be. His recommendation is to revise the actual removal of trees from thirty feet to fifteen feet from the center line. Additionally, he recommends that they identify the trees to be removed and that only Council can give permission. Councilman Wessler stated that in addition to the trees he wants it clearly communicated that the City does not approve the installment of the steel poles.

PILOT (City Solicitor Ray Went)

Ray Went Esq. reported that the monies earmarked for Atlantic City was originally allocating 13.5% of the funds to the County which was meant to offset taxes to the county; the amount then went down to 10.5% and is now at zero. Port Republic may be only one of two municipalities in the county that may not be affected but, the County will be hit hard; 40 million dollars over the next ten years. The County wants to sue and challenge, in what is called the Declaratory Judgment Action; claiming that the PILOT is unconstitutional and otherwise invalid. He suggests that Port Republic support the County on the challenge.

PROCLAMATION:

None

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ES 06-2017 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

1. Personnel Policy/Handbook
2. PILOT
3. Pinelands/Old Landfill
4. Gravel Pit Property

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

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

RESOLUTIONS:

42-2017 Authorizing the City of Port Republic to Join the County Of Atlantic as a Party Plaintiff in a Lawsuit Challenging the Casino Pilot Law

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

YES: Allgeyer, Riegel, Kozlowski, Wessler, Capille

NO:

ABSENT: Bugdon, Giberson

ABSTAIN:

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Riegel, seconded of Councilmember Capille and carried to adjourn at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC
Municipal Clerk