

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. AUGUST 8, 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, Stanley Kozlowski, Kevin Wessler

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Nick Capille, Roger Giberson, Donna Riegel

MAYOR: Gary Giberson

MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly Campellone, RMC

ATTORNEY: Ray Went, Esq.

Council President 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 JULY 11, 2017 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon Kozlowski, Wessler,

NO:

ABSENT: Capille, Giberson, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE AUGUST 2017 BILL LIST

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Capille, Giberson, Kozlowski,

ABSTAIN: Bugdon 17-00122

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Giberson, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Capille, Giberson, Riegel

ABSTAIN: Bugdon 17-00122

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Emergency Management:

Mayor Giberson reported that the court has been running at full capacity. Troopers have been patrolling the City. Tickets were issued to a juvenile who was jumping off the dam; no incidences have been reported since. Additionally, Mayor Giberson stated that he purchased some teddy bears for the troopers to hand out to distressed children in domestic situations or accidents.

Administrative/Personnel:

No report.

Public Works:

Councilman Wessler reported everything is going good. A new roof is needed on at the transfer station; bids will be needed for the roof.

Recreation:

Council President Bugdon stated that the beach has had four closures due to high bacteria counts; believed to be due to the geese on the beach. Additionally, a white pine next to city hall is in need of removal; Jason Pilla submitted a quote of \$650 for the removal of the tree.

On the motion of Councilmember Wessler, seconded of Councilmember Allgeyer and carried to pay Jason Pilla \$650.00 to remove the white pine tree.

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon Kozlowski, Wessler,

NO:

ABSENT: Capille, Giberson, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

Furthermore, the ballfield will be used by the Sandsharks and Outlaws from September 1st through December 1st. Additionally Pastor Brown delivered a letter thanking the City for the use of the facilities and beach for vacation bible school.

Finally, Galloway Twp. will be holding a BBQ on August 26th which will include police, fire and ambulance along with Port Republic Fire Department; a second lifeguard will be on duty to accommodate the addition people on the beach.

Fire and Ambulance:

Nick Lampe reported that someone is coming out to spec the installation of the generator within the next few days.

Board of School Estimates:

Councilman Wessler expressed his concern of the maintenance worker at the school is contacting the City to perform work at the school. However, in regards to public safety, Public Works will be trimming some branches as kids are climbing the trees and getting onto the roof.

Planning Board:

No report.

Construction /Code Enforcement:

For the month of July there were alterations 6, demos 2, and 1 zoning permit for a total of 9 inspections. Code Enforcement went to court on 8/2/17.

Senior Services:

Council President Bugdon reported that the \$100.00 allocated towards the repair of equipment at July's council meeting has instead been donated by a member of council. Additionally, she advised that there are number of cancer patients in the community who are utilizing the health aids. Mayor Giberson stated that he has a folder chair he would like to donate.

Building:

Landscaping is planned for the fall season.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Paul Smisek of 111 Moss Mill Rd., attended the August 3rd meeting held by the US Environmental Protection Agency regarding the Emmell's Septic Landfill Superfund site and expressed his concerns about the condition of the water. He asks that the City support extending public water into town. Councilman Wessler stated that the City has look into the issue of extending water into town. However, the City is concerned that once water is introduced, sewer will follow resulting in a change in zoning.

Mr. Smisek also asked what the City's position was on the potential motocross park in Galloway Twp. Councilman Wessler stated that the City is concerned however, the park is in Galloway and the City can only voice its concerns but cannot make them change in any way. Mayor Giberson stated that his discussion with Galloway Mayor Purdy is that he does not want anything there that would upset his residence.

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.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from New Jersey DEP Increasing New Jersey's Recycling Rate
Acknowledged

Port Republic Animal Control 2nd Quarter Report 2017
Acknowledged

RESOLUTIONS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NJSP Sign

Discussion ensued, Councilmember Wessler will reach out to Sign a Rama to negotiate the price of the sign.

Redevelopment

Pending update from Tiffany Cuivello.

Old Landfill Monitoring Well

The well was drilled, awaiting paper work from the DEP.

Route 610 Bridge

Councilman Allgeyer reported that the bridge will be 42' 6" wide with a walkway on the west side. It will be concrete construction with concrete piers, heli-coil and steel girders and will have three steel rails. The north side approach will be a little wider and they will be correcting the storm drain. The channel is non navigable so the bridge does not need to be higher and there will be no weight restrictions. The project will take approximately 18 months starting in 2018 with a three month lull from March to June due to environmental reasons.

Route 9 signage

Ray Went spoke to Charles Reilly at the DOT regarding the 50mph sign at the curve. He was advised that the sign is accurate per the DOT's tests and the "advising sign of 45mph" is also appropriate; those signs are for advising only.

NEW BUSINESS:

NJDOT FY 2018 State Aid

Acknowledged

Emmell's Septic Landfill

Council President Bugdon and Councilman Wessler attended the August 3rd meeting held by the US Environmental Protection Agency regarding the Emmell's Septic Landfill Superfund site. The plume extends to the gunning club and runs through portions of Moss Mill and Riverside Roads. One recommendation of the EPA is to dig down 350 ft. and install a doubled cased well at no cost to the residents; they would however, be responsible to the maintenance.

Council President Bugdon is concerned with the gravelmine lots and wants to ensure the EPA will also cover the installation of the wells there once the lots are sold. Clerk Campellone will reach out to Joe Gowers of the EPA to ensure those lots will be covered under the EPA's proposed plan with a follow up from Ray Went, if needed.

Newsletter

Information for the newsletter requested by next city council meeting on September 12.

Ban on kayaks and boats during community day celebration.

At the suggestion of Councilman Wessler; he would like an ordinance in place to ban kayaks and boats in the water on community day. Ray Went will look into the ordinance.

Stipend/salary

Ray Went stated that a salaried amount can be done by ordinance and once passed would take effect 20 days after passage. However, would have to explore the idea of an hourly wage to be paid to the Public Works chair for work performed and to contact John D'Agostino to ensure his coverage in that capacity and at what cost.

PROCLAMATION:

None

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

ES 08-2017 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer, seconded of Councilmember Kozlowski and carried to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC
Municipal Clerk