

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. DECEMBER 12, 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: Doris Bugdon, Donna Riegel, Kevin Wessler, Roger Giberson, Stanley Kozlowski

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Nick Capille, Steven Allgeyer

MAYOR: Gary Giberson - Absent

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 NOVEMBER 14, 2017 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

YES: Giberson, Kozlowski, Bugdon, Wessler, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT: Capille, Allgeyer

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE DECEMBER 2017 BILL LIST

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

YES: Giberson, Kozlowski, Bugdon, Wessler, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT: Capille, Allgeyer

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

YES: Giberson, Kozlowski, Bugdon, Wessler, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT: Capille, Allgeyer

ABSTAIN:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Emergency Management:

Council President Bugdon reported that a bus was ticketed for going over the 610 bridge.

Administrative/Personnel:

No report.

Public Works:

Councilman Wessler reported that the dump truck had brake work done and should be back on Wednesday. Lights for the tree were completed and the sidewalks in the back of the building have been started.

Recreation:

Council President Bugdon reported that the tree lighting event was a success. She thanked those who donated cookies. Also, due to the high attendance some changes will need to be made for next year including two men to stand next to the guard rail to keep children from running towards the fire truck. Councilman Wessler suggested temporary fencing.

Fire and Ambulance:

Nick Lampe reported that the new air packs are in and the radios are being ordered. Also, one of the two Jaws is being repaired. Finally, three bids have been received for the install of the generator; permits will be sent to the construction office.

Board of School Estimates:

No report.

Planning Board:

Bob Haviland reported that final approval was given to Halldorson; site plan review was done for the Wilson property across from the school.

Construction/Code Enforcement:

For the month of November: seven alterations, one demo, two zoning, three CO for resale for a total of 13; two code enforcement: 80 Blakes Lane and 113 Blakes Lane, both in progress.

Senior Services:

Council President Bugdon reported that health aids continue to be lent out.

Building:

No report.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Jim Schroeder representing Dave Ablett of 201 Clarks Landing Rd. asked if Council had any questions regarding the Post Office and stated that Mr. Ablett is doing everything he can to comply with the Post Office. Councilwoman Riegel asked what is happening with the 30-day timeline? Mr. Schroeder stated that it is supposed to be 60 days and that they must have a public meeting. Councilwoman Riegel then asked if there is a standard lease term for the post office? Mr. Ablett stated that the Post Office just renewed a three-year lease but, the lease has a six-month provision where the Post Office can provide notice and vacate the premises. Councilman Giberson asked if there is anything specific that the Post Office is looking for; as far as space, facilities? Mr. Ablett stated that they are looking to close, period. They have tried numerous times to reach out to the Post Office with no response. Mr. Went asked if they have received a flat out “no” or have they just not received a response from the Post Office? Mr. Ablett stated that they have not responded.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Thank you letter from Carmela Pogranicy
Acknowledged

Invitation to attend Newly Elected Re-elect or Experienced Municipal Officials
Acknowledged

Letter from Dennis Levinson County Executive
Mr. Went stated that he looked at the statute; the statute does provide that if a municipality enacts a law that prohibits marijuana dispensaries, then it will not receive a cut of the tax revenues; which is one percent the first year, two percent the second, three percent the third and subsequent years thereafter. Additionally, if the City wishes to pass an ordinance, it must do so within one year. Otherwise, the City will have to wait five years.

RESOLUTIONS:

56-2017 Transfer Resolution 2017

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

YES: Giberson, Kozlowski, Bugdon, Wessler, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT: Capille, Allgeyer

ABSTAIN:

57-2017 To Purchase Radios for Port Republic Volunteer Fire Department

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

YES: Giberson, Kozlowski, Bugdon, Wessler, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT: Capille, Allgeyer

ABSTAIN:

58-2017 Schedule of Meetings for the year 2018

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

YES: Giberson, Kozlowski, Bugdon, Wessler, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT: Capille, Allgeyer

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES:

None

PROCLAMATIONS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

United States Post Office

Council agreed to offer the property across from the Port Store along with the area behind city hall to the Post Office. Ray Went will compose a letter and submit to the Post Office.

NEW BUSINESS:

Reorganization Meeting 1/2/2018 6:00 pm and Regular City Council Meeting 6:30 pm
Acknowledged

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ES 12-2017 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

1. Personnel Issues

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried to adjourn at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC
Municipal Clerk