

**CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC**  
**6:30 p.m. JANUARY 2, 2018**  
**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 Wessler, and carried to close the workshop portion of the meeting.

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:** Steven Allgeyer, Doris Bugdon, Stanley Kozlowski, Donna Riegel, Kevin Wessler,

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** Nick Capille, Roger Giberson

**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 DECEMBER 12, 2017 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Capille, Giberson

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE JANUARY 2018 BILL LIST**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Capille, Giberson

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Capille, Giberson

**ABSTAIN:**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Police/Emergency Management:**

Mayor Giberson reported the New Jersey State Troopers are very happy with the substation and the new sidewalk thanks to Councilmember Wessler. The NJSP asked Mayor Giberson what areas he would like patrolled, he mentioned Central Ave during school drop off and pick up. He has great communication with them, if anyone has any hotspots they are to call the Mayor. Council President Bugdon mentioned the area of Riverside Drive between 7:30 am and 8:30 am and then again between 4:00 and 5:30 pm people are driving at least 50 mph down Riverside Drive. Mayor Giberson will relay the message to the NJSP.

### **Administrative/Personnel:**

No report.

### **Public Works:**

Councilman Wessler reported that Jimmy has been on vacation over the holidays. Danny handled the snow by himself, it was not a bad storm so he was able to do this. Councilman Wessler did ask resident John Yochim if he could help plow while Jimmy was on vacation, if needed and he stated he would help out. If anyone sees anything that needs to be done just notify him. Councilman Wessler mentioned that the bathrooms in City Hall could use another coat of paint. The Public Works Department is getting the equipment ready for the next season. Council President Bugdon mentioned painting the copy room a different color.

### **Recreation:**

Councilman Wessler discussed changing the dates to sell beach badges; Council President Bugdon stated this issue can be discussed again at a later date.

### **Fire and Ambulance:**

Councilman Wessler reported the Fire Department is working on two separate grants for radios and equipment hoping it will come in. What they requested from the City is the minimum they still need double that, they need two radios per truck to conform. There were a couple of calls; one for fire and the rest for mutual aid with Bayview and Oceanville. The City's response time is great.

### **Board of School Estimates:**

Mayor Giberson reported there is a new School Superintendent, Brian London, he is very well liked. Councilman Wessler was at the meet and greet and met the new school superintendent and stated he is a very nice guy.

**Planning Board:**

No Report.

**Code Enforcement:**

No report.

**Construction:**

No report

**Senior Services:**

Council President Bugdon continues to supply equipment to seniors in the community. Councilman Wessler stated that the City is blessed to have Councilwoman Bugdon handling all the items and equipment for the seniors.

**Building:**

Councilman Wessler stated he will look into some figures for the budget for the pipe.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

For your information letter from Dennis Levinson.

*Acknowledged*

**RESOLUTIONS:**

None

**ORDINANCES:**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

United States Post Office

*City Solicitor Ray Went stated he wrote a letter on 12/14/17 to USPS employee, David Wolff; copied manager, James Drummer and finance employee, John Mulesky; and followed up with phone calls. He called and stated Port Republic officials want the Post Office to stay in Port Republic. He is waiting to hear back from David Wolff.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**PROCLAMATION:**

New Year be taken to heart and all last year's accomplishments be remembered and make them even greater in 2018.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Resident Nikki Giberson of 300 Sooy's lane questioned if the Post Office definitely leaving the current location. Council stated yes, they are leaving the present location. Mayor and Council worked with the store owner and the Post Office to try to keep it at the current location. Councilman Wessler tried to work with Mr. Ablett on the conditions of the building for the Post Office. Councilman Wessler mentioned how the Post Office had to reduce services because there was not enough room.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

ES 01-2018 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

1. N/A

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer, seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC  
Municipal Clerk