

**CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC**  
**6:30 p.m. FEBRUARY 13, 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, Roger Giberson, Stanley Kozlowski, Donna Riegel, Kevin Wessler,

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** Nick Capille

**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 JANUARY 2, 2018 REORGANIZATION 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 JANUARY 2, 2018 CITY COUNCIL 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 DECEMBER 12, 2017 EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Capille

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 2018 BILL LIST**

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 PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Capille

**ABSTAIN:**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Police/Emergency Management:**

Mayor Giberson reported the New Jersey State Police are committed to public safety in Port Republic. He is meeting with the assignment Judge Julio L. Mendez on Monday, February 26 at 9:45 am. One of the primary goals is to maintain a positive relationship with all the municipalities and to continue the efficient operation of all municipal courts.

**Administrative/Personnel:**

Council President Bugdon stated that the Personnel Committee met and interviewed Renee DeSalvo for the Tax Collector position.

**Public Works:**

Councilman Wessler reported everything is going well. The lights are off the tree in the park area. They were not able to get the boom truck for two weeks. Shrubs will be planted around city hall this spring. They will be dumping fill in the back of city hall to fill in the low spots; he will need 6 to 8 truckloads. Councilmember Giberson stated he is concerned about the road at Mill and Pomona cracking and coming apart. He is also concerned about the drain on Old New York Road; Mayor Giberson will contact County Executive Dennis Levinson with these concerns. Councilmember Wessler would like to come up with new paving material. Mayor Giberson stated he will look into the product.

**Recreation:**

Councilwoman Bugdon stated she has hired life guards for the beach. She is still in need of a beach badge attendant; she signed off on the fireworks for community day and everything is set.

**Fire and Ambulance:**

Councilmember Wessler and Fire Chief Yochim reported the Fire Department responded to a call last week on Knowles Lane; it was a false alarm. The Fire Department could not get the truck back there; Councilmember Wessler suggested taking the two poles away from the lane by two feet. Trees also need to be trimmed back. Knowles Lane is a private driveway not a city road. Councilmember Allgeyer stated a lot of these lanes are deed restricted; it is stated that they need to maintain their lanes.

**Board of School Estimates:**

Mayor Giberson reported he received an email from Business Administrator Todd D'Anna, they are working on their budget with a nine cent increase. BOSE meeting is scheduled for tonight but postponed it until next week. Mayor Giberson requested that Clerk Campellone remind the committee of next week's meeting.

**Planning Board:**

Councilmember Riegel stated there are several new members on the Planning Board. Mike Fitzgerald Esq., gave a refresher course on Municipal Land Use; it went for about 45 minutes and was very informative. Councilmember Riegel gave her council report; brought up post office and the locations. Planning Board Member Brad Hooper wanted to know why the fire department wasn't a considered site, the explanation is it is not city property. Planning Board member Bob Haviland feels that the sight around Park Ave is not suitable for the Post Office. Councilmember Riegel stated that Galloway Twp. received a tort claim on the motor cross. Councilmember Wessler stated that the Fire Department is considering a pole barn at the Fire House not sure if both the Post Office and Pole Barn can fit back there. Councilmember Allgeyer mentioned why someone is using the property behind the old fire house as a driveway; Public works will go over and put a barrier up on City property.

**Code Enforcement/Construction:**

Construction report for the Month of January a total of 10 inspections were conducted; alterations (10), New (1), Zoning Permits (3) CO Inspections (1) Total 15

**Senior Services:**

No report

**Building:**

Councilman Wessler stated areas in council chambers have been fixed and painted. Additionally, regarding the septic, he is concerned we need to get an engineer to fix the pipe.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

**Personnel:** Council President Bugdon introduced Renee DeSalvo as our new Tax Collector; she explained she works at Hamilton Township fulltime for the past 24 years and has been a tax collector for 32 years. She is going to start a online payment process for Port Republic, she will be available the first and third Thursday's from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Certificate of Appreciation to City of Port Republic for you Outstanding support of SMSgt Nicholas Capille Jr.

*Acknowledged and plaque will be placed on the wall in hallway.*

Thank you note from Keith Davis Esq.,

*Acknowledged*

Letter from the Port Republic PTS requesting a donation for their upcoming dinner March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Oyster Creek Restaurant.

*The City will donate two beach badges.*

Letter from County Executive Dennis Levinson regarding the PILOT

*Acknowledged*

Letter from County Executive Dennis Levinson regarding the New Jersey Legislation increasing minimum wage to \$15.00 per hour.

*Acknowledged; considering doing a resolution next month opposing legislation.*

Resolution 39-2018 from Buena Vista Twp. Opposing New Beekeeper Regulations  
*Acknowledged; next month the City of Port Republic will pass a resolution Opposing the adoption of the new beekeeping regulations. Councilmember Giberson makes a motion to support opposing new beekeeper regulations.*

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**35-2018** Transfer Resolution 2017

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Capille

**ABSTAIN:**

**36-2018** Appointing Risk Management Consultant namely John D'Agostino  
On the motion of Councilmember Riegel, seconded of Councilmember Giberson  
and carried.

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Capille

**ABSTAIN:**

**37-2018** Authorizing the Lease of Block 29, Lot 7 to the USPS

*TABLED*

**38-2018** Appointing Renee DeSalvo as Tax Collector for year 2018

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Capille

**ABSTAIN:**

**ORDINANCES:**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

United States Post Office

*Councilmember Wessler met with the representatives from the Post Office, David Wolff, John Meluskey and architect Rick Szudiak. He showed them the site where the trailer was for City Hall, they would need to push the building back to far and it would encroach too much on City Hall. They went down Park Ave across from the beach and would like to turn it sideways; Councilman Wessler did not like that design. Then they came up with the area at the parking lot across from the Port Church; no one agreed on that location. Councilmember Wessler advised them of Block 6, Lot 51. Councilmember Giberson agrees that the locations on Park Avenue are not what the community would want; he is also in agreement with the other location Block 6, Lot 51 on Chestnut Neck Road. Ray Went believes the Post Office was confused as to exactly what location was being referenced. Ray West questioned what will the rent be; City Council suggested \$1.00 for 10 years, but the Post Office must maintain their parking lot and walkway up to the Post Office.*

*Councilmember Giberson stated the issue will be where to place the driveway. Councilmember Riegel mentioned that they will only be entitled to a portion of the property.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No Rabies Clinic this year 2018

*Due to the fact the City was not able to coordinate a date with a veterinarian, all information will be in the newsletter.*

News Letter information

*Please have all information to the Clerk by Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.*

Councilmember Giberson mentioned the LOSAP contributions looks like Port Republic is under what the other municipalities are. Clerk Campellone will look into what was budgeted for this year, if not in the budget this year, the City will put it in the budget for an increase for next year. When this was first implemented Port Republic was at the top.

**PROCLAMATION:**

Live together in Peace and Harmony and enjoy this beautiful town.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Chief John Yochim mentioned the old garage. The fire department was looking into it at one time; they wanted to put in all new rafters. It was too costly so they decided not to move forward on the old garage.

Mayor Giberson gave a history lesson, that on Friday nights at the old garage it was movie night.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

ES 02-2018 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

1. N/A

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC Municipal Clerk