

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. MARCH 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, Absent

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 FEBRUARY 13, 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 MARCH 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 Kozlowski and carried.

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

NO:

ABSENT: Capille

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCE 01-2018 CAP RATE

First Reading/Introduction

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Capille

ABSTAIN:

BUDGET 2018

First Reading/Introduction

Budget revised to include \$30,000 for technology and maintenance of the school; fund balance increased to \$220,000.

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Capille

ABSTAIN:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Emergency Management:

No report.

Administrative/Personnel:

No report

Public Works:

Councilman Wessler reported that the pickup truck and the Freightliner are repaired hydraulic hoses replaced.

Recreation:

Council President Bugdon reported the City is receiving requests from the usual baseball teams Sand Sharks, Out Laws, Church teams and the Seniors. All have been approved. Billy Smallwood contracted with RW Brown to get the ballfield ready for baseball season. Councilmember Wessler questioned what do the baseball teams contribute to the use of the field? Council President Bugdon stated they donated a defibrillator and they help out Billy Smallwood with the Triathlon ,they keep the ballfield very clean. Councilman Kozlowski questioned who maintains the field? The public works department mows the grass at the ballfield.

Fire and Ambulance:

Councilmember Wessler and Fire Chief John Yochim reported that the radios that were ordered were not the correct radios. New Gretna had a bad fire, the Port Republic Volunteer Fire Department was there and had a great turn out they were there from 12:30 am to 6:00 am. It was fully involved when they got there. Chief Yochim mentioned he is looking into getting new defibrillators. The generator is mounted, Breeze Electric will hook it up in about two to three weeks. The Fire Marshall inspection went well. Councilmember Giberson stated that the City will take care of the LOSAP contribution for next year.

Board of School Estimates:

No report

Planning Board:

No report

Code Enforcement/Construction:

Construction report for the Month of February a total of 23 inspections were conducted; The following permits were issued: alterations (6), Additions (1) CO Inspections (2)
Total 9

Senior Services:

No report

Building:

No report

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

John Yochim questioned are the kids who utilize the ball field Port Republic kids? Council President Bugdon responded that about three or four are Port kids. Chief Yochim mentioned the Propane truck parked on Pomona Avenue he parks it in the driveway at 33 Pomona Ave. Clerk Campellone stated that the NJSP have been called, the Code Enforcement Officer is working on it. Councilmember Allgeyer mentioned the tractor trailer parked on Clarks Landing.

Bob Haviland thanked Councilmember Wessler for his article in the newsletter regarding residents to cut back their trees and bushes off the City's right of way. Some of the brush is on the City's right of way on Pomona Ave, and Blakes Lane between Main St. and Pomona Ave. Councilmember Wessler stated he will have the Public Works Department go and check it out.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Mike Fitzgerald regarding emergency access for Knowles Lane
Acknowledged

City received Safety Award from Statewide Insurance
Acknowledged

Pinelands Memo
Acknowledged

RESOLUTIONS:

39-2018 Self-Examination of Budget Resolution

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Capille

ABSTAIN:

40-2018 Volunteer Tuition Program

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Capille

ABSTAIN:

41-2018 Opposing Regulations for Beekeeping

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Capille

ABSTAIN:

42-2018 Spill Compensation Fund Damage Claim Award to South Jersey Water Conditioning Inc.,

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Capille

ABSTAIN:

43-2018 Verizon wireless locate telecommunication equipment within the City's R.O.W
On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer, seconded of Councilmember Kozlowski and carried.

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

NO:

ABSENT: Capille

ABSTAIN:

44-2018 Opposition of a Global minimum wage increase in NJ
On the motion of Councilmember Riegel, seconded of Councilmember Allgeyer and carried.

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

NO:

ABSENT: Capille

ABSTAIN:

45-2018 Adopting Addendum to the City Employee Handbook
Councilmember Kozlowski questioned who determines the courses have value to the employees, response is the Personnel Committee makes that decision.
On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer, seconded of Councilmember Giberson and carried.

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

NO:

ABSENT: Capille

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES:

02-2018 Salary & Wages

First Reading/Introduction

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Capille

ABSTAIN:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

United States Post Office

Ray Went stated perhaps the Post Office was not clear on where the property actually is. He sent a map and an email to Mr. Wolff. Mr. Wolff refuses to talk to the City Attorney, he would like all correspondence in writing. The property located on Chestnut Neck is not acceptable to the Post Office. The Post Office wants the Postal Facility at the Park Avenue location. Councilmember Wessler stated that when he met with the Post Office he was in favor of having it here, then after the architect stated he would have to move the building four feet up in the air and then do a big parking lot it would set the post office back to the ball field fence, that was not an acceptable location any longer due to the fact of how much space would be required. After the architect changed the design of the location it would not fit into the look of the Park area, now the Postal Officials are not communicating with the City Officials. Councilmember Giberson stated that the City never approved the plans at Park Avenue to the Post Office. Councilmember Kozlowski stated have them come back for a meeting and come to physically see the site at Chestnut Neck Road. Councilmember Wessler would like in the correspondence to add due to the fact that the architect wanted to go up by four more feet and the parking lot to be enlarged is the reason behind not wanting it at the Park Avenue location.

LOSAP City council will plan on adding to the fund with their 2019 budget.

School Title City Attorney Ray Went Updated City Council he reached out to the board every month finally received an email they have been assigned an administration number and the process is beginning.

POET System for City Hall The POET system was installed in City Hall last week.

Emmell's Landfill update; the plume is not contained they are looking at 2027 for it to be contained. They are injecting conductors in the ground to reduce the contamination.

NEW BUSINESS:

PROCLAMATION:

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Bob Haviland stated what about the location of the old fire house, for the Post Office.

Councilmember Giberson reported that the school funds do run with a surplus of \$280,000.00 they cannot carry that much surplus they can only carry \$200,000.00 the \$80,000.00 they have to budget, they will pull \$50,000.00 out of the \$80,000.00. The County only felt comfortable with them pulling \$25,000.00. The BOSE we will press them as hard as they can so we will not have to raise taxes. Since the City stepped it up

they really want the school to do the same. Councilmember Wessler would like the City to purchase an I Pad or Kindle for everyone on City Council at next year's budget.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ES **03-2018** Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

1. N/A

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Wessler seconded of Councilmember Giberson and carried to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC Municipal Clerk