

**PLANNING BOARD  
MINUTES**

**March 13, 2017**

On the above date at the Port Republic City Hall, 143 Main Street, Port Republic, New Jersey, Planning Board Chairman Barry Horas called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and made a statement in compliance with Sunshine Law.

**Roll Call**

Members Present: Kevin Cain, Mayor Gary Giberson, Gail Haviland, Robert Haviland, Brad Hooper, Barry Horas, and Council Representative Donna Riegel

Board Secretary Vicki Cantell

Board Attorney: Mike Fitzgerald

Absent: Ginny Laird

**Minutes** – Mrs. Reigel noted that the January minutes state that she volunteered to serve on the 610 Bridge committee and she was not even in attendance. She was informed that the Mayor had volunteered her in her absence, however, she has a conflict and cannot serve. Gail Haviland volunteered in her place. On the motion of Mayor Giberson, second of Mrs. Reigel and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of January 9, 2017 with the correction noted above.

**City Council Report** - Mayor Giberson reported that the proposed replacement 610 bridge would be all concrete, no pilings, be about 35 feet wide but would keep the same height and configuration to keep the approaches the same.

Verizon is apparently rethinking their plans but it was noted that they had a deal pending with Galloway for 12 repeaters on existing poles.

**NEW BUSINESS** - none

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Marienski**, Block 29, Lots 2 & 5 – On the motion of Mrs. Haviland, second of Mayor Giberson and carried by eligible roll call vote to approve the resolution.

**Port Store**- A letter was received asking for an informal meeting with the Board but in a conversation with the secretary Mr. Schroeder, the owner's representing attorney, asked to table the matter as the owner is exploring options such as purchasing the property on the other side of Mill Street.

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**Mike Turner** was in attendance seeking whether the city might have any interest in the Holly Farms development being considered for Green Acres purchase. The area is approximately 85 acres with only one home existing on approximately 30 of those acres which is owned by his partner and located towards the center of the property. Mayor Giberson noted that this property adjoins the French Estate area which would then enlarge an already protected area. It was also noted that this property is adjacent to Moss Mill Road that has access to public utilities and that should another developer become interested COAH requirements could become an issue. On the motion of Bob Haviland, second of Mayor Giberson and carried unanimously to suggest that City Council consider the matter.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – none

**BILLS** – On the motion of, second of Mrs. Reigel and carried by unanimous roll call vote to pay the bills.

**ADJOURNMENT** – On the motion of Mrs. Reigel, second of Mrs. Haviland and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Vicki L. Cantell  
Board Secretary