

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. AUGUST 14, 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 Riegel and carried to close the workshop portion of the meeting.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Steven Allgeyer, Doris Bugdon, Roger Giberson, Stanley Kozlowski, Thomas Kurtz, Donna Riegel, Kevin Wessler

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None

MAYOR: Gary Giberson

MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC

ATTORNEY: Salvatore Perillo, 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 JULY 10, 2018 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN: Allgeyer

MOTION TO APPROVE AUGUST 2018 BILL LIST

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN: Allgeyer, Bugdon PO #18-00122

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN: Allgeyer, Bugdon PO #18-00122

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Emergency Management:

No report, however Mayor Giberson states he has been getting constant updates for the storm warnings from the County. He alerts the roadcrew of these updates.

Administrative/Personnel:

Councilmember Riegel discussed the change of personnel with the resignation of Jessica Thompson and the resolution listed on this meeting to appoint the new CFO Jenna Kelly.

Public Works:

Councilmember Wessler reported that the problem with the gate at the dump has been resolved. Everything going smoothly.

Recreation:

Council President Bugdon discussed the closing of the beach. Councilmembers were provided with the results of the tests done thus far and there will be more testing to be done. Councilmember Riegel and Mayor Giberson suggested that the Robocall be utilized to keep the residents updated on the status. Councilmember Kurtz suggested that the results of the testing done at the beach be posted for the public. Council President Bugdon discussed tips that were provided to the City to help deterring the geese from frequenting the beach area. Councilman Kozlowski contacted Kerry Plugh with the DEP. They will be in contact to assist the City of this problem. Council President Bugdon reached out to Stuart Farrell to help with this issue along with Tom Kurtz father in law, the City is very diligent in getting this issue resolved. Resident Clint Seltzer and City Councilmember Kozlowski have been issued a permit that will allow them to exercise their dogs to chase the geese.

Councilmember Kurtz spoke about his father in law. He is very knowledgeable in this field and is helping the City to come up with a proactive plan. Councilmember Giberson stated the testing that was done is not localized it is up the whole creek, high counts are from the beach all the way past the bridge. Councilmember Giberson stated there are a number of sources contributing to the contamination. Councilmember Riegel mentioned the hunting of the geese in September. Council President Bugdon stated that the Fish and Wildlife Department will come and inject something into the eggs so that the eggs do not hatch. She also mentioned that Tom Kurtz purchased the fake swans to place around the creek.

Council President Bugdon discussed that the youth who play lacrosse in the community would like to utilize the old container pickup site field as a lacrosse field. Scott Ropeicki who is going for his Eagle Scout badge would like to take on this project and work with the other young men. Councilmember Wessler feels that the field needs work done

prior to them being able to use the field. The young men will work with the Road Department to clean the field and get it ready to be used for practices.

Fire and Ambulance:

Councilmember Wessler stated the Fire Department is working on putting a pole barn up behind the Firehouse.

Board of School Estimates:

No meeting, no report

Planning Board:

No meeting, no report. There may be an upcoming meeting for the job being done by the Fire Department. If not, there will be a meeting in September.

Code Enforcement/Construction:

During the Month of June a total of 14 inspections were done by the Construction Office: Alterations (2) Zoning Permits (1) CO Inspections (2) Total of (5)
Code Enforcement several code enforcement issues are being handled.
During the Month of July 15 Inspections were done by the Construction Office:
Alterations (5) Zoning (2) CO Inspections resale (1) Total of (8)

Senior Services:

Council President Bugdon stated she is continuing to give out equipment. David Burdick, a resident who works with the center of aging through Stockton University, would like to utilize City Hall as a senior center one or two times per month, with between 8 to 20 seniors per session.

On the motion of Councilmember Wessler, seconded of Councilmember Giberson and carried. To allow the seniors to utilize City Hall until the memorandum of understanding comes in. Mayor Giberson questioned who will supervise the seniors. Councilmember Wessler stated it is during the day and City Clerk Kim will be here.

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Building:

Councilmember Wessler stated the problem needs to be addressed with the bathrooms in the building.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer, seconded by Councilmember Giberson and carried to open public portion.

Residents Joe and Donna Martin 5 Mill Street, questioned the status of the bridge closing. Mr. Martins concerns are the last time the bridge was closed there were safety problems with speeding from Riverside Drive to Main Street it was horrific. The speeding is always a problem. There are people riding bicycles, walking, running, kids all around, it is not safe now, let alone when the bridge is shut down. Mr. Martin looked on the NJDOT website and found articles on speed humps. He believes this will be a good idea. The NJDOT designed criteria and municipalities can place them without NJDOT approval. Clarks Landing is another road that is dangerous because of speeders. The speed humps are made of asphalt they are not a ton of money and they are effective. They have them in Chatsworth, they really do work. Councilman Giberson mentioned that the City Council will have the engineer look into this issue. He also mentioned the City Council tried to get a four way stop sign at Main Street and Mill Street but it was not necessary after the County reviewed the data. Mayor Giberson will alert the NJSP of these areas. Mayor Giberson will contact the County to place signage. Mr. Martin questioned has the county allocated money for speed control and traffic control during the construction of the bridge. Councilmember Kozlowski responded that the city requested traffic control at the foot of the bridge coming into Port Republic.

Resident Brion Magnani of 1 Old New York Road has concerns regarding the bridge project; he spoke to the County and requested they come over to explain how it will affect his property. He does understand the bridge needs to be replaced, the new concern is the impact of the construction on his property. As of now the County is proposing using his property at 1 Old New York Road as a staging area. He does not understand why they cannot utilize the other side of the bridge. They will start at his driveway and go 30 feet onto his property. They will wipe out everything on his property, all the trees and vegetation. He questioned what alternatives there could be can they work from barges, the county explained the Coast Guard usually does not close waterways. He called the Coast Guard and they stated they were never requested to close this water way and that they do not have the jurisdiction to do so.

Councilmember Giberson stated the no matter what happens Mr. Magnani's and Councilwoman Riegel's property will be impacted; Mayor and City Council will work to make sure it is not a severe impact on resident's property. Councilmember Giberson mentioned it could increase the property values, Councilmember Riegel stated no it will not increase the property value, public transportation will start utilizing the bridge. Councilmember Riegel stated that Councilmember Kozlowski brought up a great idea on the traffic light at the base of the bridge where the three roads come together to slow traffic down. Councilmember Giberson would like to see the city investigate the solar powered signs stating the cars speeds.

Councilmember Allgeyer stated that the County is willing to work with City Council on the Bridge right now, when they talked with them.

Brion Magnani questioned how he should follow up with council on this issue, Councilmember Giberson stated for him to attend the meeting in September., City Council has a Bridge Committee to work out all of these issues before it goes out to bid. Sal Perillo made a suggestion for the residents to send their concerns to the county prior to the meeting in September, they may be able to get the answers at that meeting. They will forward the letter to the City Clerk and she will forward it to the County.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Resignation letters from former CFO Jessica Thompson
Acknowledged

Fresh Water Wetlands Letter of Interpretation: Line Verification Block 20, Lots 7 & 8
Acknowledged Blakes Lane and Clarks Landing Road. 122 Clarks Landing Road.

Resource Extraction Proposal – Notice of CAFRA Individual Permit Application Block 692.01, Lots 12, 13.01 & 13.02 (Galloway Township)
Councilmember Giberson requested to go into Executive Session. City Solicitor Salvatore Perillo stated it is a conflict for his firm, and yes City Council may go into Executive Session to discuss.

Letter from ACUA regarding the collection service amount
1.89% the fees will go up

RESOLUTIONS:

60-2018 Appointment of Chief Financial Officer Jenna Kelly

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

61-2018 Appointment of QPA Jenna Kelly

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Post Office:

Councilmember Kozlowski questioned what the last correspondence with the Postal Service was. City Clerk Kimberly Campellone reached out to John Melusky of the Postal Service via phone call and email and mentioned to him that the city has property they would like to discuss with the Postal Service. Has not heard back from since, it has been two weeks. Councilmember Riegle would like to save the building, she will work on this issue trying to find a grant and get the historic building refurbished.

Councilmember Kurtz spoke with Congressman Frank Pallone Jr. regarding several issues in Port Republic and he put Councilmember Kurtz in touch with his Chief of Staff.

Motorcross:

No update

Route 610 Bridge:

Was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Crown Castle:

City Attorney Sal Perillo explained that one of the antennas is coming off the tower and will reduce the rent asked them to provide the identity and the lease with the tenant, they will provide this to Ray Went. City Clerk Campellone stated the City has received \$16,0000.00 so far this year from the lease.

NEW BUSINESS:

PROCLAMATIONS:

Council President Bugdon explained that Mayor Giberson wrote a proclamation for Boy Scout Troop 21 for their 10th Anniversary, and that she was invited to attend their dinner and presented the proclamation from the Mayor and Council to the Boy Scouts at their dinner. Declared the week of August 13th to the 17th as Boy Scout Troop 21 week.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Councilmember Giberson thanked the residents for their willingness to work with the Mayor and Council on the Construction of the new bridge. Mayor Giberson and Councilmember Wessler stated that the City needs a new bridge.

Councilmember Wessler stated that the City does not own the Fire House or the property it is owned by the Fire Department he wanted to clear up any misunderstandings.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ES **08-2018** Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding
On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer, seconded of Councilmember Allgeyer and carried. And the minutes will be available after approval of city council no action will be taken after Executive Session.

1. Resource Extraction Proposal

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Wessler seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried to adjourn at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC Municipal Clerk