

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. SEPTEMBER 11, 2018
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Giberson requested a moment of silence in honor of all the fallen victims of 9/11

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, Stanley Kozlowski, Thomas Kurtz, Donna Riegel, Kevin Wessler

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: 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 AUGUST 14, 2018 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE AUGUST 14, 2018 EXECUTIVE MINUTES

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE SEPTEMBER 2018 BILL LIST

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

YES: Bugdon, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN: Bugdon 00122

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

YES: Bugdon, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN: Bugdon 00122

Public information meeting final design for the replacement of Nacote Creek Bridge (PR-07)

Before the presentation began Councilmember Donna Riegel recused herself.

Doug DiMeo, Supervising Engineer, Atlantic County introduced the following people:

Ranae L. Fehr Atlantic County, Supervising Administrative Analyst
Stephen Formey, Michael Baker International, Environmental Scientist
Aragaw Akalu, Michael Baker International, P.E. Structural Engineer
Anthony Daino, Michael Baker International Senior Civil Engineer

Joseph Romano, with Michael Baker International Associate Vice President Chief Bridge Engineer, Northeast Region.

Presentation Overview:

- Project Introduction
- Bridge History and Existing Condition
- Project Purpose and Need
- Proposed Improvement
- Bridge Alternatives Study
- Preferred Alternative
- Design Considerations
- Construction Staging and Access
- Environmental Considerations
- Construction Schedule

Project Introduction:

- Owner: Atlantic County

- Project Location:
- City of Port Republic
- Old New York Road (CR 610) over Nacote Creek
- Serves as the primary connection for vehicles between the City of Port Republic and points South and East

Bridge History and Existing Condition:

- 1904-Original construction – Single swing-span truss bridge
- 1952 – Timber approach spans constructed 23 spans (12 north, 11 south)
- 1970's – last time the swing span was operated
- 2005-2006 – Bridge Closed due to failure of the truss bottom chord (Through - girders installed to replace the truss structural functions)

- **Existing Bridge Condition:**

- Superstructure and substructure-Serious conditions (Condition Rating = 3 for both)
- Bridge posted for 3 tons, the lowest level of load posting
- Available lane reduced to one serving two way traffic (Safety concern)
- Severe Superstructure Deterioration
- Heavy corrosion (pack rust) with severe section loss
- Pitting and section loss to the top and bottom flanges
- Section loss and holes in the webs
- Severe Substructure Deterioration
- Loss of masonry and mortar pointing at the rest pier
- Medium to wide random cracks with efflorescence
- Severe rusting of the steel jacket at the pivot pier

Project Purpose and Need:

- Improve the existing critical condition of the bridge
- Improve load carrying capacity to meet current standards
- Eliminate geometric deficiencies of the bridge
- Improves safety of the traveling public
- Extend the service life of the bridge
- New bridge design service life=75 years Min.
- Expected service life extension through rehabilitation=10 years Max

Proposed Improvement:

Proposed improvements to meet purpose and need include:

- Replacement of the Nacote Creek Bridge
- Project proposes widening the bridge to provide:
 - 24' Standard Lane Width (currently 18')
 - 5' Shoulders (Bike Compatible)
 - 5'Sidewalk on west
- Milling and resurfacing of approach roadways
- Drainage improvements

Bridge Alternatives Study:

- No Build
- Routine Repair; Bridge to remain in service
- Does not meet purpose and need

Rehabilitation of Existing Bridge:

- Comprehensive rehabilitation of deteriorated members
- It improves the existing conditions
- It does not meet purpose and need
- No significant improvement in bridge capacity and service life
- Significant cost while not meeting purpose and need (Not prudent use of public funds)

Bridge Alternatives Study:

- Bridge Replacement
- Alignment and profile similar to the existing bridge
- Widen to the west
- Steel and concrete alternatives evaluated
- Meets purpose and needs

Preferred Alternative:

- Bridge Replacement
- Steel Alternative Advantages: Light weight, shallow depth, less expensive, aesthetics
- Six Spans (60 ft. to 85 ft. span lengths)
- Total Bridge Length = 440ft.
- Typical Section
- (2) 12 ft. lanes, (2) 5ft. Shoulders, (1) 5ft. sidewalk, 4-bar Steel Railings.
- Drilled shaft foundations (Reduced environmental impacts, does not require extensive cofferdam, scour resistance, drilled shaft spoils removed from site.

- **Design Considerations Bridge Type and Geometry Selection:**

- Span Arrangement (Fewer substructures, facilities Const. next to aerial utilities, Increased Navigation Width, Reduces In-Water Work
- Alignment and profile similar to the existing bridge
- Reduced visual impact from water
- Steel Girders (Similar to the existing main span, can be galvanized/painted to any color, shallow depth (maintains existing under clearance and similar profile)

- **Design Considerations:**

- Pedestrian Accommodation
- Current Condition – No sidewalk and shoulders
- Proposed Condition – 5ft. Sidewalk on west side, 5ft. right and left shoulders (Bike compatible)
- Improves safety

- **Railings:**

- Replace existing guiderail with 4-bar steel railings on curbs
- Similar appearance to existing guiderails, but improved safety (NJDOT Standard Crash Tested)
- Gray Color (Preserve existing appearance)
- Offers an unobstructed view to users
- Allows free flow of water over the bridge during 100 YR. Storm

- **Construction Staging and Access:**

- Bridge closed during construction
- Detour will be implemented

Construction Access:

- Temporary Trestle and/or barges for the bridge removal and construction

- West side of the bridge to avoid impacting aerial utility.
- Navigation will be maintained throughout construction as dictated by the permit.

- **Proposed Detour:**

- Approximately 1.6 miles
- Down Riverside Drive to Mill Street to Main Street

Environmental Considerations:

- Environmental Screening to identify resources and concerns.
- Proposed design aims to minimize and/or mitigate environmental impacts.
- Coordination with permitting agencies.
- 1. USCG Permit-Obtained
- 2. NJSHPO Council Resolution-Obtained
- 3. USACOE Preliminary JD- Obtained
- 4. USACOE NWP #15-Submitted (expected October 2018)
- 5. NJDEP Coastal Zone Permit Application-Submitted
- 6. NJDEP Freshwater Wetlands Application-Submitted

- **Construction Schedule (Tentative)**

- Award April, 2019
- Begin in-water work July 2019
- Approximate Construction Duration: 2 years

Questions & Answers:

Several questions were raised regarding the detour and speeding through town, while the bridge is being replaced. The City is addressing these issues with a traffic study and speed humps on the detour route.

Questions were raised regarding the vibrations from tractor trailers crossing the bridge. Is there a weight limit? The answer is No.

Question asked if boat traffic will be allowed during the building of the bridge. The answer is yes, except during demolition of the existing bridge and the placement of the beams of the new bridge.

Will construction be dependent on weather, will they continue to build during winter? Yes, but there are times (example April 30 – June 30) the contractor cannot construct foundations in the water.

Will the bridge encroach anyone's property? The bridge is within the current right-of-way, but there will be easements. There is a small access "triangle" where there will be temporary easement to allow the contractor access. Very small and temporary impact.

On the walkway side will there be any illumination? No.

What will the speed be? It'll remain the same, 35 mph.

Will there be anything set into place to enforce that speed limit, like blinking lights? The County will work with us, but it really comes down to an enforcement issue and falls under the State Police. Stan Kozlowski mentioned that in his discussions with the County they agreed to do a traffic study to consider some speed and/or traffic restraint there. Mayor Giberson stated he will notify the State Police to enforce the speed limit of the bridge.

Will there be a guardrail between pedestrian walkway and the road? There will not, the speed limit is below the threshold.

Is the detour route suggested or will it be blocked off further down Mill Street? There would be signs accordingly, but it would not block off traffic.

Will the vertical clearance be different than the existing bridge? No.

On the other side of the bridge it frequently floods, will it be addressed? Yes.

Will money be allocated to the City for traffic control? The County is unaware of anything. Mayor Giberson suggested residents contact City Hall for anyone speeding by.

Mayor Giberson asked if the County would consider helping the City of Port Republic to repave Mill Street? The County asked that he put that request in writing to Mr. Levinson.

Is there a way the speed limit can be reduced to 25 mph on the bridge? Mayor Giberson says he thinks that we can, there has been a law within the last 10 years that allows the City to govern the speeds on roadways within their Cities.

Will the preparation/demolition/construction impact any of the public areas within the City? The County states that access will be provided but there could be critical times where the contractor must do demo/construction so boat traffic and similar cannot be allowed through that area.

Are there any plans to widen the roadway on the residential side with the wider bridge? The County responded no, it will taper back within 75-100 ft (northerly side) and it will taper back immediately (southernly side).

Will fishing be allowed on the bridge and will the County or City dictate that? If the City wishes to prohibit fishing, they should pass an ordinance and pass it onto the County for concurrence. There is currently no ordinance from the City, but the County had put the signs currently there.

Resident would like to know if there are any engineering studies that might affect the structure of her home. The County responded that the contractor would have to do a vibration monitoring to make sure it is within the confines. Resident responded that she is not so much concerned with the construction, but with the large vehicles passing her house. The County stated they have found vibration studies online that they use.

There are markings on Old New York Road passed the bridge. Also, someone was doing an elevation survey. The County responded that those markings are not regarding the bridge project, they are unaware of anything.

Resident Brion Mangoni questioned the illustration that the County showed for the easement access onto his property. The drawing he was shown before was different and the portion of his property that was being used was much larger. The County stated this drawing was the most up to date. Brion asked if he could have that in writing. Brion then explained how he had contacted the Coast Guard and they told him that no requests had been made to close the waterway and that they could in fact close it during the duration of the project. They could not accept the request from him but could from the County. The County said that was untrue and that they are in the process of receiving permits now and that Coast Guard dictates the scope of work that can and cannot be done.

The Mayor discussed the history of the bridge.

Resident wants to know what the steps are from here. The response is that they are still in the process of waiting for a few permits. They expect to get them in early 2019. Shortly after that the contract documents will be deemed complete and they will be turned over to the County.

Resident Jill Yochim stated that she knows change is hard and that the detours can be a pain, but the Community will benefit. We need these accessways and emergency vehicles access. She thanked them and is happy the project is moving forward.

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Bridge cannot have a weight limit placed on it and we cannot say what types of vehicles can go over it.

Nothing will be changing on the southernly end portion of the bridge.

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The County explained that while there are no changes in the intersection coming up to the bridge, they will be working on drainage.

What will the surface of the bridge be? It will be a concrete surface.

Will there be grooves that make sound when you go across it? For traction they have transfer saw cutting, they also have diamond grinding. They can look into a way to minimize noise.

Will the construction impact the properties along the bridge? Visually you will see equipment and work being done. There will be a small area where the equipment needs to get from the road into an area where he needs to build. Can this be done by water? County responds that it can, but the contractor needs to be able to float and the waterway here is very low. The contractor does not have to build the trestle, but he is permitted to if he needs.

Are they permitted to dredge? No.

What is the financial situation, where is the money coming from and what is the estimated cost? The estimated cost is around 13 million. They currently have 2.7 million in 2017 local bridge fund and they are also looking at some of their annual transportation program funding which is also from NJDOT local aid. They are looking into State funds, and County funds. They expect to have what they need when it is ready to bid.

Mayor Giberson asked if there is a bill for federal money to be proposed for construction. He would like to help the County look into getting federal funding. The County says there are some issues. There are many steps to follow and they would have to begin again. It's a lot of paperwork and a tough process to follow. At this point it would be very hard to get that funding. They had looked into federal funding for bridges and they found the State likes to keep that money for themselves.

Mayor Giberson thanked the County representatives who came and asked for cards to keep in touch.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Emergency Management:

Mayor Giberson reported getting ready for the big storm that is on the way. Tidal flooding, wind damage, etc., Mayor would like to thank Councilmember Kevin Wessler for getting Public works ready for the storm. The NJSP are active and ready to serve. Any residents who have a complaint regarding speeding please call city hall.

Administrative/Personnel:

No report.

Public Works:

Councilmember Wessler reported everything going good, guys are cleaning the drains, planting around city hall. Doing maintenance on the trucks.

Recreation:

Council President Bugdon reported there will be a Thursday at 10:00 dealing with the NJDEP and the contamination in the creek. The NJDEP did test 12 locations they are going to retest after next week.

Two teams that utilize the ballfield will be painting the dugouts at their own expense.

The clean team did a wonderful job this summer.

Fire and Ambulance:

Chief Yochim reported the Fire Department is looking to buy masks for the airpaks. They received building approval for the pole barn.

Board of School Estimates:

Mayor Giberson reported the enrollment for the Port School, Cedar Creek and the ACIT:

<u>ACIT:</u>	<u>Cedar Creek ;</u>	<u>Port Republic:</u>			
10 th - 2	9 th - 19	K = 14	4 Choice Students	5 = 14	3 Choice
11 th - 2	10 th - 6	1 = 11	4 Choice Students	6 = 10	1 Choice
12 th -1	11 th - 11	2 = 11	2 Choice Students	7 = 7	1 Choice
	12 th - 20	3 = 12	2 Choice Students	8 = 8	2 Choice
		4 = 15	2 Choice Students		

Planning Board:

Councilmember Donna Riegel reported that there was a Planning/Zoning Board Meeting on Monday, September 27th, 2018, regarding a site waiver to construct the Pole Barn at the Fire House, unanimously approved.

Code Enforcement/Construction:

During the Month of June a total of inspections were done by the Construction Office: Alterations (3) Zoning Permits (2) CO Inspections (1) Total of (6) Code Enforcement several code enforcement issues are being handled.

Senior Services:

Council President Bugdon stated she is still dealing with a number of physical health aids coming in and going out.

Building:

No report.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Joe Brady Riverside Drive questioned if there is any word on the Post Office. Nothing at this time

Ray Lewis Clarks Landing Road; he questioned is there anymore information regarding the water problem in Nacote Creek or the Pond. Council President mentioned that the DEP was here taking samples and they will be meeting with a committee this Thursday. It is not just the geese it is more than that. He questioned did they test the borders? Yes, they did.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from County Executive Dennis Levinson regarding Mosquito Control.
Acknowledged

Letter of resignation from the City's Prosecutor Chris Lapari
Acknowledged

RESOLUTIONS:

62-2018 Authorization of Signatures

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Port Beach Closures dealt with issue earlier in meeting. Mayor Giberson spoke up regarding beach badges, may the badges be used for next year, a show of good faith, Council concurred that it is an innovative idea. Ray Went will compose a resolution for next month.

Summary Report from Matt Doran (Resource Extraction Project and Speed Hump Analysis)

Council President Bugdon mentioned that Matt did a fantastic job on the speed humps analysis. Councilmember Kozlowski reported there is a lot to this. Mill Street and Riverside Drive, these streets are good locations there may be more roads to consider. Councilmember Wessler stated you should form a committee: Councilmember Kozlowski, Councilmember Wessler, and Councilmember Kurtz are the Traffic Study Committee. Ray Went suggested calling other towns to see how it worked out for them.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilmember Riegel requested to pass an ordinance no fishing on the Rt 610 bridge. On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer, seconded of Councilmember Kozlowski and carried. All ayes.

Councilmember Wessler requested use of the ball field on December 1 & 2, for a dog trial.

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

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Giberson recognizing September 11th at the meeting tonight, keep those who were involved with 9/11 and whose families were impacted by this tragedy. Keep them in your hearts and prayers.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Nick Lampe 486 Chestnut Neck Road, he was reading an article in the paper, Stockton had gone over to the wrecks and restoring the artifacts. He questioned did they speak with anyone from Port Republic. Mayor Giberson will look into this. Councilmember Kozlowski explained it is a salvage operation.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ES 09-2018 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer, seconded of Councilmember Wessler and carried. And the minutes will be available after approval of city council no action will be taken after Executive Session.

1. Agreement regarding Senior Center with Stockton Center on Successful Aging.
2. Resource Extraction Permit

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer seconded of Councilmember Kozlowski and carried, to close Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Wessler seconded of Council Allgeyer and carried to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC Municipal Clerk