

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. NOVEMBER 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 Councilmember Wessler, seconded by Councilmember Kozlowski and carried to close the workshop portion of the meeting.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Steven Allgeyer, Stanley Kozlowski, Thomas Kurtz, Donna Riegel, Kevin Wessler

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Doris Bugdon, Roger Giberson

MAYOR: Gary Giberson

MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC

ATTORNEY: Ray Went, Esq.

Councilman Kevin Wessler 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 OCTOBER 9, 2018 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

YES: Allgeyer, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bugdon, Giberson

ABSTAIN: Riegel

MOTION TO APPROVE NOVEMBER 2018 BILL LIST

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

YES: Allgeyer, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bugdon, Giberson

ABSTAIN: Kurtz PO #18-00515

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

YES: Allgeyer, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bugdon, Giberson
ABSTAIN: Kurtz PO #18-00515

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Emergency Management:

Mayor Giberson stated all is well with the State Police. They are happy, as are we.

Administrative/Personnel:

No report

Public Works:

Councilmember Wessler stated progress. Everything is going as expected. The Public Works Department is getting ready for the Winter. The Salt Dog and the truck both need service and are getting ready in case there is snow soon. Councilmember Wessler thinks we really need to look at our vehicle situation. He is thinking of getting a small dump truck and getting rid of the Ford that they purchased a few years ago. The reason being that the Ford is not a 4-wheel drive and cannot be utilized with the Salt Dog. Plus, when getting coldpatch they will not have to bring the big truck out. He will bring it up again at budget time to see if something can be worked out.

Recreation:

No report

Fire and Ambulance:

Fire Chief Yochim stated that everything is going well. The Port Republic Fire Department Dinner was a little slow this year. The Thursday prior there was an “explosion/vibration” throughout town. A resident was working with a torch he set it down next to a spark fluid can or something similar. He did not realize, and it caused the explosion. Luckily no one was hurt.

Board of School Estimates:

Mayor Giberson stated that the Board of School Estimates met before our meeting this evening. The meeting was to discuss the future plans for the school’s maintenance and badly needed projects and how to pay for them. The meeting went well and was productive.

Planning Board:

Councilmember Riegel stated that the Planning Board met last night and there were two items discussed. The first was the resolution for the fire house’s pole barn and that was unanimously approved. The other was the Pinelands Ordinance. The Planning Board found that it is consistent with the City’s Master Plan and they recommend it go to Council. That ordinance is on this evening’s Agenda.

Code Enforcement/Construction:

During the Month of October, a total of 13 inspections were done by the Construction Office: Alterations (4) New (3) Addition (1) Zoning Permits (4) CO Inspections (1)
Total of (13)

Senior Services:

No report

Building:

Councilmember Wessler stated he has been playing phone tag with the architect in regard to getting the plans to have the septic fixed at City Hall. Mayor Giberson stated he would help Councilmember Wessler if needed.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Resident Bob Haviland spoke regarding the Pinelands Commission, and the Ordinance that is on the agenda tonight. As the Planning Board, they approved the change in the Ordinance be forwarded to Council. About 10 years ago Craig Rummier, Matt Doran and himself went up there to see if they could get the old city dump approved to close it. They had a good meeting with the professionals up there. He had presented it to the "powers to be" and they did not vote in favor of it. With the new Ordinance being presented they spoke with the Planning Board Attorney (Mike Fitzgerald) last night. The attorney stated that the rules have changed and that more decisions can be made at the local level that previously had to be made at the Pinelands level. Mr. Haviland thinks it may be an appropriate time to approach them again to approve the closing of the Old Dump. Tiffany Cuivello, (Planner) has been doing a lot of work regarding Pinelands for Galloway Township. If the City could get City Engineer Matt Doran and Tiffany to go up there together, and again present that same thing they did 10 years ago, Mr. Haviland thinks we have a good chance of getting this taken care of. Bob stated that the Old Dump was closed back in the 70s and it has been 40 years. Councilmember Riegel mentioned that we do not have to be in compliance with this until March so we have time to talk to them before. Mayor Giberson asked if Mr. Haviland, Councilmember Riegel or the Planning Board Attorney could put something in writing, so we have something to make the proposal. Councilmember Riegel said they may even come here. Mayor Giberson thinks that may even be better.

Kacy Ropiecki from Troop 77 explained that for his Eagle Scout project he would like to make trail heads for Riverside Drive for the bikers and everyone. He would like to make them throughout the trail. He has been working with Gerry Creighton from JORBA, they have everything sketched out and he would like Council's approval. Councilmember Riegel asked if he knew how many trailheads it would be. He does not know how many it would be yet. Councilmember Wessler asked if he was going to make sure that the

trailheads are off the trails so that no one runs into them or anything. Mayor and City Council agreed and approved the project, and wished him luck.

Bob Haviland questioned if the City currently has maps to hand out to the public so they can take advantage of where the trails are. Municipal Clerk Campellone said there are maps online but she does not have them in her Office. Councilmember Riegel asked if the maps can be added to the City's webpage and Municipal Clerk Campellone said they could.

Joe Martin stated that we now have new speed limit signs on Mill Street between Main and Riverside and he thanks Council for that. He did say it does have little to no effect though. People are still doing 40-45 MPH. Councilmembers Wessler and Riegel now said that if they get caught they can't say they don't know. Mayor Giberson asked if it was a special time or all day. Joe Martin said it is all day. Mayor Giberson said he would work on that for him.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Thank you card from Renee DeSalvo for the fruit basket from Mayor & Council on the passing of her father
Acknowledged

Thank you note from Vicki Cantell for the fruit basket
Acknowledged

Replacement of Nacote Creek Bridge (CAFRA Permit)
Acknowledged

Letter from Dennis Levinson to Mayor & Council regarding the Rt. 610 Bridge going out to bid and paving of Mill Street
Acknowledged

RESOLUTIONS:

65-2018 Transfer Resolution

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

YES: Allgeyer, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bugdon, Giberson

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES:

04-2018 Prohibiting Fishing on County Route 610 Bridge

First Reading/Introduction

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

04-2018 Prohibiting Fishing on County Route 610 Bridge

YES: Allgeyer, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bugdon, Giberson

ABSTAIN:

First Reading/Introduction

05-2018 Prohibiting Dogs or Other Pets on Park Avenue

Tabled

If pet owners do not start cleaning up after their animals, this Ordinance will be implemented.

First Reading/Introduction

06-2018 An Ordinance of the City of Port Republic – Marijuana Manufacturing and Sale

Tabled

City Solicitor Ray Went explained the Ordinance for recreational marijuana there is a provision in the law, municipalities have 120 days before it is enacted to pass the law if someone goes to apply for license you cannot deny them. Councilmember Stan Kozlowski mentioned that thirty-six municipalities and two counties, Ocean and Monmouth, already passed an Ordinance to not allow sales of recreational marijuana in their communities. Councilmember Riegel questioned the tax break that the City would receive. Ray stated it would not be a big impact on Port Republic.

Councilmember Kurtz questioned the CBD Oil, that this ordinance would make that illegal. Councilmember Riegel suggested that Council should research this subject.

First Reading/Introduction

07-2018 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 160, Land Use, of the Code of the City of Port Republic Pinelands

Tabled

Councilmember Riegel stated that the City is obligated to have the Comprehensive Management Plan into compliance. At one time it was very stringent. This new ordinance allows residents in the Pinelands zone to not have to go through Pinelands anymore for any alterations on their homes you can go to the local level. If the City does not pass this, the City will lose their power for zoning/planning powers and fees in the pinelands zone.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Port Beach Closures

Municipal Clerk Campellone stated that the DEP has continued sampling after every heavy rain fall, and they are compiling all their data. She is hoping we will have a meeting with them within the next two weeks, we are waiting on them.

LOSAP Length of Service Award for Volunteer Fire Department

Councilmember Wessler explained that the City gives the Fire Department a retirement package, of \$575.00 per year. The requirements are they must participate in 60% of fires, work details and meetings. Councilmember Wessler would like to increase the annual fee to \$950. The City of Port Republic is one of the lowest paying in the County. He is looking to have an incentive to get younger volunteers in our Fire Department. Councilmember Wessler is working with Freeholder Dase to have ACIT offer a basic course as an elective course, this would shorten training time needed. They have a similar program in Gloucester County.

Jenna Kelly, CFO believes that they can budget the money for next year even though it will first need to be approved by the voters at the November General Election. At this time Councilmember Wessler is looking to see if \$950 is an acceptable number for Council. No member of Council has an issue with this amount and moving forward.

Traffic Study:

Councilmember Kozlowski advised that the City did contact the County Traffic Analyst Mr. Ed Newman. They did a study with some of their interns. They came out and surveyed the County roads that go thru town. They are going to install 7 new speed limit signs, 1 State sign will be repaired and then there are the 3 signs Public Works installed on Mill Road. We are continuing to work on the issue of monitoring speed within town. Councilmember Kozlowski asked Mayor Giberson and Councilmember Wessler if we are still looking into the solar powered speed signs. They are still looking into purchasing these, they will cost about \$3,000.00 each.

Councilmember Riegel said that when she met with the County they explained to her that if we do a traffic study for the speed limit on the bridge, they can also find that the speed can be increased, rather than just being reduced. Councilmember Kozlowski explained that there are many factors that go into the speed limits set. Mayor Giberson explained that he does not want the speed limit signs to be changed at all.

NEW BUSINESS:

Best Practices The Best Practice report was submitted to the State with a score of 85%
Municipal Clerk Campellone explained that the Best Practices is in their packet. It is mandatory that it is submitted every year and it needs to be signed off by both the Municipal Clerk and the CFO. Chief Financial Officer Kelly explained that we have to hit so many points, and we did receive enough points for us to continue to receive our State Aid. We are in compliance.

Budget

Chief Financial Officer Jenna Kelly handed out worksheets to each of the Councilmembers to review. Councilmember Wessler explained how the budget process is normally done in Port Republic. Jenna explained you did put money into capital for this year \$20,000.00 (purchase of equipment) and \$30,000.00 (building) you must do a resolution to cancel for this year or you will lose it. Or you must encumber the funds for this year. They will continue to work on this process within the next two months.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Giberson read, "May our great community enjoy Thanksgiving and give thanks to the blessings we enjoy together as residents of the City of Port Republic"

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

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.

Councilmember Kurtz questioned if the city will be able to open up the waterway at Nacote Creek.

Councilmember Kozlowski thanked Eagle Scout Kacey Ropiecki for his dedication.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ES 11-2018 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

1. Stockton University Agreement for University's Use of Outside Facility
2. Volunteer Award
- 3 Agreement with Cape Atlantic

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer seconded of Council Kozlowski and carried to adjourn at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC Municipal Clerk