

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. DECEMBER 11, 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: Doris Bugdon, Roger Giberson, Stanley Kozlowski, Thomas Kurtz, Donna Riegel, Kevin Wessler

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Steven Allgeyer

MAYOR: Gary Giberson

MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC

ATTORNEY: Ray Went, Esq.

Council President 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 NOVEMBER 13, 2018 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Allgeyer

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE NOVEMBER 13, 2018 EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES:

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Allgeyer

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE DECEMBER 2018 BILL LIST

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Allgeyer

ABSTAIN: Bugdon PO#18- 00122

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Allgeyer

ABSTAIN: Bugdon PO #18-00122

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Emergency Management:

Mayor Giberson is requesting the number of tickets issued from the court fro the next meeting.

Administrative/Personnel:

Councilmember Riegel stated no report, and that the City received all the paperwork back for the professionals.

Public Works:

Councilmember Wessler reported the city had its first snow and the city was ready for it. The Public Works Department will be installing the solar speed limit signs. The tree lighting went off great, a big thank you to Jay Guenther for helping Jimmy with the lights at the top of the tree. Councilmember Riegel questioned if the tree is dying? Councilmember Wessler mentioned to Clerk Campellone to purchase additional trees. Council President Bugdon mentioned to call the Arborist to spray the tree. Council President Bugdon, thanked Councilmember Wessler for placing wood around the pavilion it really helped. Council President commended the Public Works Department for a job well done, and thanked Councilmember Kurtz for allowing his daughter Judith to light the Christmas tree.

Recreation:

No report

Fire and Ambulance:

Fire Chief Yochim reported that the Pole Barn was delivered, and they will begin building it in the upcoming days.

Board of School Estimates:

No meeting.

Planning Board:

No meeting, but Councilmember Riegel wanted to remind Council of the Pinelands Ordinance they need to discuss again. Councilmember Giberson stated that we had always held off on passing this Ordinance with trying to get the transfer station closed.

That meeting was held last year, and he does not feel that they will approve. He feels if we need to pass the Ordinance, we should just move forward with passing the ordinance. It will be placed on the first meeting of 2019.

Code Enforcement/Construction:

During the Month of November, a total of 5 inspections were done by the Construction Office: Alterations (3) New (1) Addition (1) Zoning Permits (2) CO Inspections (0)
Total of (7)

Senior Services:

No report.

Building:

Councilmember Wessler stated that the issue is still in the hands of John Pedersen and that he should be forwarding information to Clerk Campellone.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Resident Joe Martin questioned if the City had purchased the solar signs yet. Mayor Giberson stated that we have purchased two (2) of them. Councilmember Giberson mentioned that the City had purchased radar guns for the Sheriff's Office a few years back. He suggested that we could reach out to them and request them to help out.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Thank you note from Nikki Giberson
Acknowledged

RESOLUTIONS:

66-2018 Cancelling the 2018 Budget Appropriations with Unexpected Balances

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Allgeyer

ABSTAIN:

67-2018 Dates for Reorganization Meeting and Regular Meetings

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Allgeyer

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES:

04-2018 Prohibiting Fishing on County Route 610 Bridge

Second Reading/Public Hearing/Adoption

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Allgeyer

ABSTAIN:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Port Beach Closures

Councilmember Kozlowski reported that the City met with the State and County Officials the previous day. They gave an update on the work they have done so far. They have continued testing along Nacote Creek and they would like to continue testing throughout the winter in specific locations. They do feel the Creek is shallowing which is decreasing some of the flow of water coming through. They will be requesting to do dye testing in specific areas throughout town. The Geese issue is a big component. The City may need to get some actual "geese police" to help control the issue. Dog wastes continues to be a problem. Council President Bugdon agrees with the issue of the dog waste. She said if it continues we will have to move forward with closing Park Avenue to dogs. The State and County Officials have agreed to have a public meeting to discuss with the public more regarding their findings. Council decided there will be no selling of beach tags for 2019.

NEW BUSINESS:

Permit for Fire House - reimbursement

Councilmember Wessler stated that in the past the City had never charged the Fire Company for any permits, but this time Construction Official Kevin Cain said that the State regulations states that the Fire Company must pay for their own permit.

Councilmember Wessler requested that the City reimburse the Fire Company for the cost of the permit they recently obtained. The cost of the permit was \$676.00. Mayor Giberson would like to use money from his budget to reimburse the Fire Company.

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

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Whispering Woods

Attorney Ray Went reported that he spoke with Frank D'Agostino, the developer of the property. He says that he is marketing the property and that his realtor is getting more activity recently. There is a contractor that is interested in developing all 5 lots.

Alternatively, he may put up a spec house and see how it goes from there. His last alternative, is to pave the road. The concern with paving the road prior to building of the lots, is that when they do decide to build, they will tear up the road. Attorney Went recommends that if he does decide to pave the road, that Engineer Doran reviews it and gives his approval prior. Attorney Went will continue to check in with him in the upcoming months.

Storm water Training

Clerk Campellone explained that we are a Tier A municipality and that it is important to have clean water and healthy habits. The City did pass a pet waste ordinance in 2005 to be in compliance with Storm Water requirements. The Ordinance will be handed out with dog licenses and possibly even sent out in tax bills to raise awareness. Councilmember Wessler would like to see more cameras around the park to help with enforcement issues.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Giberson would like to wish the City of Port Republic a prosperous New Year and a very safe Christmas.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Joe Martin of Mill Street stated that they have a tremendous amount of geese in their yard in the Summer, yet the pond came out clean. He is concerned if this is truly the issue. Mayor Giberson explained that the water is moving in that area. Councilmember Kozlowski explained that the beach is polluted and people cannot swim in that area. Either way, the Geese need to be dealt with.

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 12-2018 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding
1.Port Beach Closure

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Wessler seconded of Council Kozlowski and carried to adjourn at 8:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC Municipal Clerk