

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. February 12, 2019
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 Wessler, seconded by Councilmember Bugdon 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, Absent

MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC

ATTORNEY: Michael J. Lario, Jr. Esq.,

Council President 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 JANUARY 8, 2019 REORGANIZATION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE JANUARY 8, 2019 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE JANUARY 29, 2019, SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING/BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN: Riegel, Kurtz

MOTION TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 2019 BILL LIST

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

2019 BUDGET:

Ordinance 04-2019 *First Reading/Introduction* Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank

Councilmember Kozlowski asked for an explanation, Auditor Nancy Sboralla explained The adoption of the COLA ordinance allows for an increase of in CAP appropriations by 3.5% instead of the automatic 2%. Additionally, it allows for banking of unused CAP for up to two years.

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Resolution 46-2019 Authorizing the Budget to be read by Title Only

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Resolution 47-2019 Authorizing Introduction of the 2019 Municipal Budget
On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Allgeyer and carried.

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

PRESENTATION BY NJDEP WATER CONTAMINATION-BEACH CLOSURE:

Presentation by Robert Schuster of the NJDEP Marine Water Monitoring

Port Republic Bathing Beach Microbial Source Tracking Study

*Programs

- National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP)
- Barnegat Bay Sampling Initiative
- Non-Point Source (NPS) Pollution Studies and Microbial Source Tracking (MST)
- Continuous Real-time Water Quality Monitoring
- Ecosystem Monitoring: Ambient Nutrient Monitoring Program, National Coastal Condition Assessment (NCCA), and Ocean Benthic Index Development

*Why are we here?

- In 2018 The Port Republic Beach was closed for most of the summer due to high E. Coli levels at the beach. This never happened before.
- The City of Port Republic requested assistance from the DEP.
- This was referred to Marine Water Monitoring, we have a long history of performing microbial source tracking studies across the State.
- Show study results of bacteria source locations.
- Describe conditions observed in 2018.
- Discuss recommendations to rectify and alleviate bacterial pollution.

*MST Sampling Conducted

- We designed sampling at potential sources and sample prior to rain and during rain events.
- Sampling locations are added if needed.
- We have a laboratory to perform the standard bacteria tests and advanced tests to determine the sources, human, domestic animal and wildlife.
- Four storm water sampling events were conducted in 2018.
- After sampling events meeting were held with the City.

*Results

- Some areas are routinely high for E. Coli.
- Advanced test shows a mix of wildlife, domestic animals, human
- 2018 was the wettest year on record for New Jersey, exceeded the average annual rainfall in September
- Water tables high, ground saturated
- Increase in runoff from rain events, potential impacts to old septic/cesspool systems.
- Sampled all the way from the Route 9 bridge down to Nacote Creek getting very high levels off the runoff from the ball field, and along the stream at Park Avenue.

*Recommendations

- Scheduled public meeting, help from the public is needed to solve pollution problems
- Need to test septic systems for issues and ensure proper pump out and maintenance. Atlantic County Health Department conducted dye testing of the septic systems at the School and Municipal Building (working properly)
- Find a solution to reduce the bird population at the beach and the field. Canada Goose-1.5 lbs./day (681 grams) at 128,000 fecal coliforms/gram, approx. 87,000,000 fecal coliforms/day.
- Ensure the clean up of dog waste. Average of all size dogs-0.5 lbs/day (227 grams), 23,000,000 fecal coliforms/gram, 5,221,000,000 fecal coliforms/day.
- No feeding wildlife
- Rake beach everyday and remove waste from beach area.

Comments:

Resident Joe Martin questioned the results for Mill Pond, Robert stated that the results for the pond came back perfect.

Council President Wessler stated that after the City had their meeting with the DEP that testing should be done for all the homes along the stream from Park Ave to Clarks Landing Rd, it would be the individual homeowner's responsibility to fix their septic if it is compromised, the City investigated grants for the homeowners, there is a grant depending on income levels. The city contracted with the USDA for geese control. The city attorney will draft a letter to residents to test their septic systems.

Councilwoman Bugdon stated the city is closing off the Environmental Park, due to people not picking up after their dogs.

Councilwoman Riegel questioned would dredging help the contamination problem, Robert Schuster from The NJDEP stated once they start the tidal monitoring they will have more information regarding if dredging would be helpful. Councilwoman Riegel

questioned was the wrong testing being done? Robert mentioned no they are just testing with different methods.

A comment was made regarding tributaries coming into Mill Pond. Robert stated that they all came back clean.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Emergency Management:

Report regarding Municipal Court operations; Total Charges for 2018 DWI 23, Other, 620, Indictable Offenses 15 D.P & P.D.P Offenses 18 All other Non-Traffic 1. 2019 -Other 2, Indictable Offenses 87, All other non - traffic 3.

Administrative/Personnel:

Councilmember Kozlowski mentioned the Personnel Committee met discussed raises for administrative staff, that was approved in January.

Public Works:

Councilmember Wessler reported roads were clear through the storm events.

Recreation:

Councilmember Bugdon hired two lifeguards for the summer. Connor and Scott are coming back.

Fire and Ambulance:

Chief Yochim reported the concrete floor is in at the pole barn. Still waiting on survey for the fence.

Board of School Estimates:

Councilman Allgeyer stated there are 20 choice students, the state aid was reduced by 8%. The school is expecting to spend a high amount on library books. They would like to make a cap reserve \$10,000 to \$20,000, bus routes going out to bid, they started with an architect. Waiting on the state so they can move forward on their budget.

Planning Board:

No report.

Code Enforcement/Construction:

During the Month of January, a total of 10 inspections were done by the Construction Office: Alterations (1) New (0) Addition (0) Zoning Permits () CO Inspections () Total of (1)

Code Enforcement: 2 issues with code enforcement Trash Status – Spoke with owners, will monitor.

Senior Services:

Councilwoman Bugdon reported she has accepted new donations and is still sending out equipment.

Building:

Councilmember Wessler stated the architect has not returned his calls.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Port Republic Volunteer Fire Department requesting \$25,000.00 and \$7500.00 for equipment. Councilman Kozlowski questioned if the city could receive a balance sheet on expenditures.

Council President Wessler explained the contribution for \$25,000 is for operating expenses, \$7500.00 for personnel protection equipment

RESOLUTIONS:

42-2019 Appointing Stanley Kozlowski as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator
On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried.

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kurtz, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN: Kozlowski

ORDINANCES 2ND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

01-2019 Pinelands Ordinance Amending Chapter 160, Land Use, Of the code of the City of Port Republic

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

OPEN TO PUBLIC HEARING:

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

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR:

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

02-2019 LOSAP An Ordinance Re-Implementing the Emergency Services Volunteer Length of Service Awards Program

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

OPEN TO PUBLIC HEARING:

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

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR:

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

03-2019 Ordinance to Change Age for Fire Department 16 Junior Firefighter and 18 Full Member No Limit Age Maximum

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:

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

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR:

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

ORDINANCES 1ST READING/INTRODUCTION:

05-2019 Ordinance Establishing the Salaries and Wages of Certain Officials, Officers and Employees of the city of Port Republic

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

Councilmember Riegel would like to see the Planning/Zoning Board Secretary title changed to Land Use Secretary Position.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Rabies Clinic-Port Garage-March 23, 2019-11:00 am to 12:30 pm

News Letter Information- Newsletter will be going out in March.

PROCLAMATIONS:

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 Bugdon moved, seconded of Councilmember Giberson and carried to close the public portion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ES 2-2019 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

1. N/A

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon seconded of Council Giberson and carried to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC Municipal Clerk