

**PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES**

November 12, 2018

On the above date at the Port Republic City Hall, 143 Main Street, Port Republic, New Jersey, Planning Board Chairman Barry Horas called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and made a statement in compliance with Sunshine Law.

Roll Call

Members Present: Kathy Brady, Gail Haviland, Robert Haviland, Barry Horas, Nick Lampe, Bill Montag, and Council Representative Donna Riegel

Attorney: Mike Fitzgerald
Board Secretary: Vicki Cantell

Absent: Mayor Gary Giberson, Kevin Cain and Brad Hooper

Minutes – Mrs. Haviland noted a mistake on the minutes wherein she was listed as making a motion to pay the bills when it was Mr. Haviland. On the motion of Mrs. Riegel, second of Mrs. Haviland and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of February 12, 2018 with the correction noted above.

City Council Report – Mrs. Riegel informed the Board that the 610-bridge construction would begin in July of 2019. The county has agreed to paving Mill Street in anticipation of the increased traffic.

She also noted that the DEP has taken over the water testing of Nacote Creek due to the high counts and the need to trace the origins of contaminants.

There was a short discussion of the potential passing of marijuana/growing/usage and its potential impact of tax benefits to towns. Until the legislation is passed there is no way of knowing what or if any thing needs to be done to ensure benefits for the city.

OLD BUSINESS - Block 22, Lot 18, The Port Republic Fire Company resolution was reviewed and unanimously approved by members eligible to vote, Mr. Haviland, Mrs. Haviland, Mr. Montag and Mrs. Riegel.

NEW BUSINESS –The Pinelands Commission has requested the City amend our local land use ordinance so it would agree with changes the Commission has made. Mr. Fitzgerald explained the changes and how local residents would be impacted. While only the western part of Port would be affected the changes would ease restrictions for those in that area allowing some buildings to by-pass Pinelands and go directly to the Building Official for permits.

On the motion of Mrs. Haviland, second of Mr. Lamp and carried with a unanimous roll call vote to inform City Council that the proposed ordinance is consistent with the City's Master Plan and recommend approval.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – There was no comment

CORRESPONDENCE – none

BILLS – On the motion of Mrs. Haviland, second of Mr. Lampe and carried by unanimous vote to recommend City Council pay the secretary.

ADJOURNMENT – On the motion of Mrs. Reigel, second of Mrs. Haviland and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Vicki L. Cantell
Board Secretary