

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. MARCH 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, Thomas Kurtz, Donna Riegel, Kevin Wessler

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Roger Giberson, Stanley Kozlowski

MAYOR: Gary Giberson, Absent

MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC

ATTORNEY: Ray Went, 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 FEBRUARY 12, 2019 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kurtz, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Kozlowski

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE MARCH 2019 BILL LIST

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kurtz, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Kozlowski

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kurtz, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Kozlowski

ABSTAIN:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Emergency Management:

No report

Administrative/Personnel:

Council President Wessler stated that the Supervisor of Public Works has stepped down. At this time, there will be no Supervisor title. Councilmember Riegel questioned when physicals for the employees are due. Clerk Campellone advised they are due by June 1st.

Public Works:

Council President Wessler has been looking into the small dump truck they have discussed. They are looking at spending approximately \$50,000 - \$65,000. He is working on getting the specs together. He had tried looking for used equipment, but what is available at this time, is not worth it.

The Public Work's Department has been getting ready for Spring. They have been filling pot holes from the Winter. They are also preparing for the upcoming Rabies Clinic.

Recreation:

Councilmember Bugdon stated they have scheduled Community Day for the third Saturday in June. She will be looking for someone to deal with the games for the children.

The last Saturday in April will be the Citywide Clean Community Clean Up Day. She has 3 youths so far for the Clean Team, she needs one more.

Council President Wessler questioned if they have thought of doing a Food Truck Festival. He thinks we should look into other communities who have done it to see how it turned out. Council also feels they should look into the possibility of doing a Movie Night.

Fire and Ambulance:

Council President Wessler discussed the equipment that the Fire House is storing in the City Garage. There was an accident on the Parkway and the JAWS were utilized. They had issues with cutting out the brake pedal, so they will be ordering a special tool needed to do that.

Board of School Estimates:

Councilmember Allgeyer stated that they went over the budget and there were some surprises, other than losing the \$6,000 in aid from the State. There are four special need students. Some items that were a part of the school budget needed to be eliminated to keep it reasonable for the tax payers. We are slightly over 3 cents.

Planning Board:

No meeting

Code Enforcement/Construction:

During the Month of February, a total of 10 inspections were done by the Construction Office: Alterations (7) New (0) Addition (0) Zoning Permits (1) CO Inspections (0)
Total of (1)

Senior Services:

Councilmember Bugdon is still passing out equipment. She has a brown tweed lift chair that is available. She is getting a hospital bed back and is trying to make more space.

Building:

Council President Wessler stated that the City Engineer Matt Doran will be drawing up a plan for the City. He has not contacted John Pedersen again. He believes Matt can do everything, so they can move forward and be done with it.

Councilmember Bugdon has been in contact with Michael Baker from the New Jersey Preservation Society and he has copied many of the city's photos regarding the 610 bridge. They also spent two days in the creek area taking photos. These materials will go into a booklet that is being paid for by the NJ Preservation Society. Some of the booklets will go to Atlantic County, the Atlantic County Historical Society and some will stay in Trenton. She requested that our copies be sent to the City. When it is no longer needed or wanted here, we can then send it to the Galloway Historical Society. She is also looking into moving forward with a City Historical Society or donating the items she currently has to the Galloway Historical Society.

BUDGET HEARING:

Nancy Sbrolla, City Auditor, explained that the budget that is currently being presented has no tax increase for the City itself. Using about the same amount of fund balance that we use every year. There is a little bit of money left for the truck that was being discussed, and the city can do some capital funding for that as well, starting the year off with \$694,000 in the fund balance. Budgeting for \$270,000, which leaves \$424,000. Absolutely will make that back up this year. One more year left on the building to pay it off.

Open to public discussion - On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded by Councilmember Riegel and carried.

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

ORDINANCES 2ND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance 04-2019 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kurtz, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Kozlowski

ABSTAIN:

OPEN TO PUBLIC HEARING:

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

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR:

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

Ordinance 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 Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Allgeyer and carried.

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kurtz, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Kozlowski

ABSTAIN:

OPEN TO PUBLIC HEARING:

On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer seconded by Councilmember Bugdon 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.

RESOLUTIONS:

48-2019 Governing Body Certification of Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commissions "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kurtz, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Kozlowski

ABSTAIN:

49-2019 Amendment to Budget

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kurtz, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Kozlowski

ABSTAIN:

50-2019 Emergency Temporary Appropriation

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kurtz, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Kozlowski

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES – DRAFT

DRAFT 06-2019 Discussion Requiring Proof of Annual(Pumping Contract) of Holding Tanks

Council President Wessler and Councilmember Riegel discussed the changing of the language of the Ordinance to require proof of their annual pumping contract. Council President Wessler said they would get this together for next month.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from the Pinelands Commission regarding the City's Ordinance 01-2019 CMP Standards

Acknowledged

Letter from Pinelands Commission Ed Wengrowski regarding old landfill

Acknowledged

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Beach Closure - no discussion

NEW BUSINESS:

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

PROCLAMATIONS:

None

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Resident Bob Haviland, 316 English Creek Road, is concerned with the condition of the roadways. Council President Wessler said they would look into budgeting for the paving of City streets, possibly one a year. Councilmember Bugdon suggested we reach out to the City Engineer.

Resident Ray Lewis, 53 Clarks Landing Road, questioned if the launch ramp would be open this summer if we again need to close the water due to pollution. Councilmember Wessler explained that we cannot allow the ramp to be open if the waterways are closed due to pollution.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ES 3-2019 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

1. City Hall Building

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC Municipal Clerk