

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. APRIL 9, 2019
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Adequate notice of this meeting was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act. On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded by Councilmember Riegel and carried to close the workshop portion of the meeting.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Steven Allgeyer, Doris Bugdon, Roger Giberson, Stanley Kozlowski, Thomas Kurtz, Donna Riegel

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Wessler

MAYOR: Gary Giberson

MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC

ATTORNEY: Ray Went, Esq.

Councilmember 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 MARCH 12, 2019 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES (TABLED):

On the motion of Councilmember Riegel, seconded of Councilmember Allgeyer that the March 12, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes be *tabled* (Page 5 should state *pumping contracts not annual inspections. City Council does not want the residents to incur any more expense to the homeowners.*)

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

NO:

ABSENT: Wessler

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE MARCH 12, 2019 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Giberson, Kurtz, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT: Wessler

ABSTAIN: Kozlowski

MOTION TO APPROVE APRIL 2019 BILL LIST

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Wessler

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Wessler

ABSTAIN:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Emergency Management:

Mayor Giberson reported the New Jersey State Police along with the Municipal Court are doing an excellent job.

Administrative/Personnel:

No report

Public Works:

No report

Recreation:

Councilwoman Bugdon stated Public Works Department has been making preparations for the ball field. Lifeguards and Clean Team kids have been hired for the Summer.

Fire and Ambulance:

No report

Board of School Estimates:

Mayor Giberson stated the budget was passed at 3 cents.

Planning Board:

No report

Code Enforcement/Construction:

During the Month of March, a total of 10 inspections were done by the Construction Office: Alterations (1) Demos (0) New (0) Addition (0) Zoning Permits (0) CO Inspections for Resale (1) Total of (2)

Code enforcement 43 Pomona Avenue – tree limbs in the right of way.

Senior Services:

Councilwoman Bugdon reported that physical health aides are still going out, not many coming back. The city's Tax Collector has been filling out PTR forms for the residents.

Clean Communities:

Councilwoman Bugdon mentioned the city will have their annual Citywide Clean Up on Saturday, April 27th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. She has not received many responses, Councilmember Bugdon asked the rest of the Council to offer a hand. This program is part of the grant the city receives, Councilmember Bugdon would like to continue receive this grant. Resident Bob Haviland will go around town to pick up the trash bags, Councilmember Allgeyer offered his assistance if he is available.

Building:

No report

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from residents Jim and Beverly Schroeder regarding the Environmental Park in Port Republic

Councilmember Riegel suggested a thank you letter be sent to Mr. & Mrs. Schroeder. Councilmember Giberson stated he spoke with Council President Wessler and he mentioned to open the Park back up Councilmember Giberson also mentioned he would contact the Schroeders via phone.

Letter from Greg Langan Compliance Inspector for Green Acres

Acknowledged Councilmember Giberson thanked Council President Wessler and the Public Works Department on a job well done in taking care of the issues from the prior inspection.

Casa Payroll Information

Acknowledged - Regarding the new minimum wage at \$8.85 the clean team will be paid the hourly rate.

Letter from Superior Court of New Jersey regarding 2019 Budget

Acknowledged

RESOLUTIONS:

51-2019 Concurring Resolution

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Wessler

ABSTAIN:

52-2019 Resolution Approving Final Adoption of the 2019 City Of Port Republic Municipal Budget - *Be it resolved the City Council of the City of Port Republic County of Atlantic that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purpose stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of: \$588,139.00 for Municipal purposes.*

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Wessler

ABSTAIN:

53-2019 Resolution Authorizing an Agreement Between the County of Atlantic and the City of Port Republic Regarding a surface course mill and overlay to portions of Mill street in Port Republic in conjunction with the County's planned improvements of PR-07 Nacote Creek Bridge (*Discussion ensued to see if the county will lay a temporary layer over Mill Street at this time. City Solicitor Went stated the city may be able to keep this agreement and add a addendum.*) **Resolution No. 53-2019 be tabled.** (*Until Mayor Giberson reaches out to County Executive Levinson*)

54-2019 Resolution Supporting Assembly Bill A4037 Expanding the Permitted Duties of Junior Firefighters

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Wessler

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES 1st READING/INTRODUCTION (TABLED)

Ordinance 06-2019 Ordinance Requiring Proof of Annual Inspection of Holding Tanks *Councilmember Riegel stated she requested a proof of pumping contract for a holding tank, not annual inspection. Councilmember Giberson questioned does the city know who has holding tanks in the community councilmember Riegel stated the county has a list of homeowners with holding tanks. Ordinance No. 06-2019 is tabled. (Change to Annual pumping contract)*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

CDBG Grant

Clerk Campellone explained that the City was interested in rehabilitating the old garage into the Historic Museum location, however the city is not eligible for the grant. Councilmember Giberson stated if the city is not eligible then the city should look into doing something on their own. Mayor Giberson mentioned the old cemetery, he also recommended contacting the National Historic Trust.

Nacote Creek Bridge Rt 610 Letter from US Army Corps of Engineers

Discussion ensued regarding the letter and packet received along with the historic value of the Route 610 bridge.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trash Bid is up on October 31, 2019 City Clerk Campellone will reach out to Mike Fitzgerald Esq.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Giberson proclaimed April as the Tick Month.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Resident Joe Martin, Mill Road questioned if there was a projected date for the bridge to go out for bid. Clerk Campellone stated the city has not heard anything yet. Mayor Giberson stated that he spoke with Gerry DeRosso, Gerry explained that everything is in order, they are dealing with the DEP regarding fish migration and other environmental concerns.

Mr. Martin also asked if there was any progress in getting more radar speed signs. Clerk Campellone stated we are looking into purchasing more signs.

Resident Bill Smallwood, Clarks Landing Road, asked if the City would still be able to provide one day insurance for the upcoming triathlon. Council agreed they would. Mr. Smallwood requested that Council restrict travel on Riverside Drive for a few hours on the day of the triathlon. Council can not do that with the current detour from the bridge, but they agreed to close at the intersection of Riverside Road and Mill Road. Also, traffic coming from Stockton direction would be detoured onto Moss Mill Road.

Mr. Smallwood also requested that Jimmy, Public Works, could still assist with trash pickup, etc. Council agreed.

Joe Martin mentioned previous discussions of trying to put a four way stop at the intersection of Main Street & Pomona Avenue. He knows it was shut down before being that there is a County roadway involved, but he is wondering if anything is happening

with Main Street. He believes that there have been many bad accidents at that intersection. Discussion ensued amongst Councilmembers. Councilmember Riegel suggested that we do a pedestrian crossing area there to slow down traffic. Attorney Went stated we would still need to get approval from the County.

Mike Keller, 82 Riverside Drive, spoke about the no wake areas of the waterways. He would like to know if the City would place no wake buoys to make sure that everyone knows. Mayor Giberson stated that buoys will be purchased out of his budget.

Bill Smallwood mentioned widening of the gate at the beach. He would like to get Council's approval. Councilmember Bugdon stated she already gave Bill permission because he already spent the money on the gate and it could be utilized. Council thanked Bill.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ES 4-2019 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

1. Contamination of Water

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, seconded by Councilmember Allgeyer and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, seconded of Councilmember Allgeyer and carried to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC Municipal Clerk