

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. MAY 14, 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 Riegel and carried to close the workshop portion of the meeting.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Steven Allgeyer, Stanley Kozlowski, Thomas Kurtz, Donna Riegel, Kevin Wessler

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Doris Bugdon, Roger Giberson

MAYOR: Gary Giberson

DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK: Brandy Blevin

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 MARCH 12, 2019 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES:

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

YES: Allgeyer, Kurtz, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bugdon, Giberson

ABSTAIN: Kozlowski

MOTION TO APPROVE APRIL 9, 2019 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

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

YES: Allgeyer, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT: Bugdon, Giberson

ABSTAIN: Wessler

MOTION TO APPROVE APRIL 9, 2019 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES

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

YES: Allgeyer, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT: Bugdon, Giberson

ABSTAIN: Wessler

MOTION TO APPROVE MAY 2019 BILL LIST

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

YES: Allgeyer, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bugdon, Giberson

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

YES: Allgeyer, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bugdon, Giberson

ABSTAIN:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Emergency Management:

Council President Wessler discussed about the electronic speed signs. Public Works moved one of the signs from Old New York Road to Riverside Drive. Council President Wessler would like to get software to obtain more data regarding speeding, times, etc. Council agreed this would be a good idea.

Council President Wessler went as a representative of the fire company to Galloway Township active shooter drill. He described more about what the drill is and how it works. The Fire Company will be conducting a drill at the school and he spoke with Councilmember Kozlowski about including Emergency Management in the City's drill. Mayor Giberson thanked Council President Wessler for putting this together.

Administrative/Personnel:

No report.

Public Works:

Council President Wessler thinks we may need to purchase 1-2 additional electronic speed signs. There has been a lot of complaints about Main Street. He does not believe there is a speeding issue on this street, if we also have the software we will be able to share the data with the public. Councilmember Allgeyer asked if the signs will

be able to be moved throughout the City as needed. Council President Wessler stated that they could be moved.

Council President Wessler stated that we rented seeders for the areas around City Hall. He would like to look into purchasing one since we spent almost \$1,000.00 in just rentals. A new one cost approximately \$1,800.00.

Recreation:

No report.

Fire and Ambulance:

Council President Wessler stated the fire company was at a scene in Smithville. He commended all the firemen there. It was knocked down quickly and contained to only that one building.

Board of School Estimates:

No report. The next meeting will be on June 11, 2019, prior to the City Council Meeting that evening.

Planning Board:

Councilmember Riegel reported that the Planning Board met last night, May 13th, and approved a 4-lot major subdivision on Chestnut Neck Road. The applicant was Stankus. The Board is also recommending that City Council update the Zoning Maps. Council President Wessler stated that we would need an estimate from Engineer Doran on what it will cost the City. The Zoning Maps were last updated in 1977.

Code Enforcement/Construction:

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

One code enforcement issue.

Senior Services:

No Report

Building:

Council President Wessler said that we need to find a plumber. Councilmember Riegel asked if we had an estimate yet. Council President Wessler responded that we will need them to come out first.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Port Republic Animal Control 1st Quarter Report – 2019

15 animal calls were received, 12 animal control patrols were conducted, 12 cats were captured and taken to the Animal Shelter, 10 investigations were conducted.

Solar Facility at (Brownfield Property Old Landfill and Gravel Mine from Calvert Energy President Brian Quinlan
City Council would like to look further into this and see what their options are.

Letter from Bill Smallwood regarding donation from the City for Insurance Coverage day of Jersey Genesis
Acknowledged

Letter from County Executive Dennis Levinson regarding the Jersey Genesis Triathlon
Acknowledged

Email from Patrick Dillon, Environmental Health Coordinator, regarding Holding Tanks
This email response was regarding the Ordinance (06-2019) the City was going to discuss for the proof of pumping contracts for holding tanks. There are only two in the City. Being that there are only two, City Council does not feel moving forward with the Ordinance would be necessary. Both properties are in Block 5 of the City, by the boatyard.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

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

YES: Allgeyer, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bugdon, Giberson

ABSTAIN: Riegel

55-2019 Authorizing Execution of an Agreement with Electronic Recyclers International, Inc.

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

YES: Allgeyer, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bugdon, Giberson

ABSTAIN:

56-2019 Authorizing Reduction of Performance Guaranty for Holly Creek Subdivision

Councilmember Allgeyer questioned if there would be a time limit on this new bond amount. Council President Wessler stated he spoke with Engineer Doran and was told that there was extra money put in for a few things and we would have plenty in there to complete this job. There is no time limit on the bond. Council President Wessler explained there is a 10% contingency shown in the Engineer's Cost Estimate. Council

would like to table this issue until they can get further reassurance from Engineer Doran. **Resolution No. 56-2019 is tabled, until the next City Council Meeting.**

ORDINANCES 1st READING/INTRODUCTION

Ordinance 06-2019 **An Ordinance requiring proof of Pumping Contract of Holding Tanks**

Ordinance No. 06-2019 is tabled

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Water Contamination Beach Area Update from USDA – Latest test results from the County and Vineland Lab

The beach levels are well below the criteria. Council President Wessler explained that there was additional testing completed at the two swales near Mill Bridge Court they tested with a bad reading. The DEP said that it is animal, not human or even dog.

Councilmember Kurtz asked if we could post the future testing done by the County for the beach. Council agreed this is a good idea.

NEW BUSINESS:

Donation of Land – Block 11, Lot 35.02 (Bates Lane)

Discussion ensued regarding the property and whether it would be a benefit to the City to take the property. Attorney Went said that the City must check with our insurance carrier to make sure acquiring this property would not be an issue. Several Councilmembers suggested that the property owner could reach out to the adjoining property owners to see if they have any interest in it.

Ordinance for Fire Pits

Council President Wessler explained that the City's Code Enforcement Official is asking City Council if they would like to have an ordinance for fire pits. City Council is not interested in doing an ordinance. This issue is covered under the Forest Fire Service. Council would like to put safety guidelines and information in the newsletter for the public.

PROCLAMATIONS:

05-2019 80th Anniversary Proclamation for Edwin B. Forsythe

Mayor Giberson read the Proclamation into record. A representative from Edwin B. Forsythe received the Proclamation. Mayor Giberson thanked them.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Pastor Frank Brown will no longer be the pastor of St. Paul's United Methodist Church as of June 30th. He thanked the City for their cooperation and relationship with the Church. He hopes there will be more cooperation in the future as there is an opportunity for him to pastor at a new church that is forming. Pastor Brown introduced

Cooperate Trustees Dawn Carty, Eric Stevenson (who was unable to attend) and Michael Randazzo. Michael Randazzo discussed the new Port Community Church. They are in negotiations with the United Methodist Church of New Jersey to purchase the building, the parsonage and the cemetery. Council welcomed them.

Bob Haviland, 316 English Creek Road, stated that the electronic speed sign near his house is working very well with the people coming into town, but people leaving town are still flying out. The hours of concern are in the morning and in the evening. Mayor Giberson will follow up on this.

Joe Martin, 5 Mill Street, mentioned the speeding on his street, kids riding their bikes, people walking, and it does present a hazard on that street, but that is not his primary concern. He believes last Tuesday, May 7th, when he was going to work around 6 am the speed limit sign near them were on the ground and the stop sign at the end of the street was knocked over where a State Trooper was. Since then there was a 35 MPH speed sign on the north side on Riverside Drive that was knocked over. Over the weekend the one on the southside was over. There are no skid marks in front of them. Mayor Giberson will have the Troopers do a nighttime run by.

Al Kinkade, 38 Old New York Road, stated that the last couple weeks there has been a problem with someone doing donuts. A lot of it is being done during daylight hours. He wanted to know if anything is being done about it. Council mentioned that we have a camera right in that area. Mr. Kinkade believes it happened on Easter Monday. Attorney Went suggested that they call the day it happens. Council President Wessler said we would look into the issue.

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 5-2019 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

1. Verizon Tax Appeal
2. Septic Issues

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

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer, seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried to adjourn at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC Municipal Clerk