

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. JUNE 11, 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, Doris Bugdon, Stanley Kozlowski, Thomas Kurtz, Donna Riegel, Kevin Wessler

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Roger Giberson

MAYOR: Gary Giberson

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 MAY 14, 2019 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES:

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE MAY 14, 2019 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE JUNE 2019 BILL LIST

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 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:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Emergency Management:

Mayor Giberson reported that everything is going well. NJSP are on the ball, emergency management is going well, he has Councilman Kozlowski to back him up. Councilmember Kozlowski gave a report that the tides have risen 5 inches in the past 30 years.

Administrative/Personnel:

Councilman Kozlowski stated no report.

Public Works:

Council President Wessler stated everything is getting done grass is getting cut, plants are planted.

Recreation:

Councilwoman Bugdon stated that Community Day is all set to go.

Fire and Ambulance:

Council President Wessler stated progress.

Board of School Estimates:

Mayor Giberson reported that they just met before the council meeting went over issues that need to be done. Regarding the roof and other issues. Council President Wessler stated that the BOSE was asked to pay for a study for the HVAC system of \$7200.00 with a lead way of \$8,000.00 they would like to speak with Councilmember Giberson for suggestions. Councilmember Riegel questioned what type of study, Council President Wessler stated it is the moisture issue in the school. Mayor Giberson mentioned that units were just purchased. The school may need a whole new system for air conditioner and air quality the moisture problem is above the ceiling and it needs to be resolved. The problem with the system now there is no fresh air circulating. Council President Wessler is looking for a motion for the appropriation.

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

Planning Board:

Councilmember Riegel stated no meeting. Councilmember Riegel noticed last month the planning board wanted City Engineer Matt Doran to update the zoning maps but she does not see anything on the agenda. Councilmember Riegel would like it on the agenda for next month to vote on.

Code Enforcement/Construction:

During the Month of May, a total of 8 inspections were done by the Construction Office: Alterations (4) Demos (0) New (0) Addition (0) Zoning Permits (1) CO Inspections for Resale (1) Total of (6)

One code enforcement issue.

Senior Services:

Councilmember Bugdon explained she is still receiving and giving out physical health aids, Mayor Giberson applauded Councilmember Bugdon for all she does Councilmember Bugdon would like to include Clean Communities on the list of committees. She had a wonderful Clean Community Day 28 volunteers showed up including 6 Stockton students. It was a very successful day, she has three kids for the Clean Team this year.

Building:

No Report

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter dated May 16, 2019 from City Engineer Matthew Doran, Turner-Major Subdivision Holly Creek Road, Moss Mill Road Block 34, Lot 3.02. The original amount of the Letter of Credit is in the amount of \$183, 820.80. The City had concerns regarding the length of time it may take for the final improvements to be constructed at the project site. Matt revised the above estimate to take in to account a possible 10-year time frame. The contingency allowance shall also increase to 20%. He recommends that the stated Letter of Credit, be reduced from \$183,820.80 to \$136,920.00 as outlined in the Engineer's Estimate of Probable Costs. Please note that the original Letter of Credit should not be released until such time that the replacement generator is obtained. *Mike Turner Indian Cabin Road, attending the meeting on behalf of his mother Sandra Turner Main St. Mike stated that the Letter of Credit for the \$183,000.00 that was put in place in the beginning to take care of the issues was only put in place in case Holly creek went under to finish whatever is left per the City Engineer inspection. It was broken down for each piece of property on the road, each time a property is sold. What is happening now he would like to move forward with a local asphalt company to finish off the road it will cost much less than the \$136,00.00 he spoke to City Engineer Matt Doran regarding this. He can not sell the property until the letter of credit is released. Councilmember Riegel questioned how were you able to sell the first piece of property with the letter of credit? Mike replied the bank puts a lien on the entire subdivision as each piece is sold it is reduced. Councilmember Riegel questioned are you selling all the lots he stated 2 are under contract and 1 is patiently waiting.*

Councilmember Riegel asked how many are left Mike stated there are 8 total. Councilmember Allgeyer stated that Mike should wait until all the lots are sold to complete the road it is in the city's best interest.

City Solicitor Ray Went commented if the asphalt company goes out of business tomorrow how will the funds be replaced to the city, the city cannot even have a 24-hour window of exposure, Ray also stated that the city is running into a situation with another subdivision Whispering Woods the city is pulling that letter of credit. These safe guards are in place and to not take risk because the bank is being obtuse with you.

Resident Steven Turner Main St. I have been trying to sell these properties for over 10 years with my father I have friends who are interested. We did not realize there was a lien on the properties until we went to sell, my young friends are very interested to breaking ground, start families and pay taxes in the community anything you can do to help us and not prolong would be greatly appreciated. Council President Wessler stated City Council is more than happy to release as long as you get the work done and inspected by the City ngineer we are responsible for the tax payers we cannot assume anyone's debt.

Letter dated May 29, 2019 from Matt Doran regarding paving of Pomona Avenue form Main Street to Mill Street. *Acknowledged*

RESOLUTIONS:

56-2019 Authorizing a reduction of performance guaranty for Holly Creek Subdivision from \$183,820.80 to \$136,920.00

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

57-2019 Declaring Quality Properties, LLC and Cornerstone Communities LLC in Default of Letter of Credit for Moss Mills Farms Major Subdivision (fka Whispering Woods)

Frank D'Agostino primary principle of these companies based out of Texas. The city had a letter of credit each year the bank has the option of not renewing they are not renewing this letter of credit, if we don't call it the city would be left trying to get the money. The letter of credit has been reduced to \$74,352.24, expiration is June 24, 2019. Mr. D'Agostino is still interested in doing something with the properties Matt met with his partner Mark Delinger, they are getting prices to finish.

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

58-2019 Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget of the City of Port Republic Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87(Chapter 159, P.L. 1948) Regarding Clean Communities

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

59-2018 Reconstruction of Pomona Ave between Mill Street and Main Street.

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Trash bid any changes with trash bid. None

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilmember Riegel stated that there is a bridge meeting next Tuesday at city hall and there was nothing on the agenda to state that, City Clerk Campellone stated that the city did not receive an invitation it was a consultant meeting for invited individuals. The Army Corp. of Engineers did the advertising and the invitations. Councilmember Riegel mentioned the date and time is June 18th between 10:00 am & 12:00 pm

PROCLAMATIONS:

06-2019 Remembering our fallen soldiers on D Day 75th Anniversary

**75TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY WITH A SALUTE TO WORLD WAR II MILITARY VETERANS
PROCLAMATION 6-2019**

On the 75th Anniversary of D-Day I want to offer a sincere thank

you to all our veterans and their families for their sacrifice and

service to protect our freedoms. I urge all residents in Port

Republic to join me as we honor the courageous service members who risked everything on D-Day when 160,000 American and allied troops landed on the beaches of Normandy and turned the tide of the war and the course of history forever. For those we lost and the veterans who made it home, thank you. We owe you a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid. I remember this day, I also remember all those from Port Republic who served our great country. Let us take a moment to honor all the veterans. Because of them we have the freedom we

have today. May God continue to bless Port Republic.

Veterans Names from Port Republic

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| Ramsford Abbott | Winnie Endicott | Jack Heintz |
| Enoch Adams | Nelson G French | Maurice Loveland |
| Dale I Bourne | Richard D French | Milton G Price |
| David Bourne | Samuel T French | George Mortenson |
| Iva May Bourne | Woody French | Robert Mortenson |
| Alton Bowen | John Guld | William T Smallwood |
| Harry Bowen | Howard Groff | Edward Strickland |
| Howard Cavileer | T Calvin Hickman | Helen Walton |
| William Cavileer | Gus Hickman | Elton B Wilson |
| Claire Champion | Joseph Hickman | James Wilson |
| Robley T Champion | Charles Heintz | Junior (Mike) Wilson |
| Albert (Dutch) Cramer | Oscar Haldorson | Kenneth Wilson |
| John P Cramer | William Huntley | <i>Everyone of them came home.</i> |
| Walter R Cramer | Jack Lashley | |
| James L Daly | Raymond Lashley | |
| Leon Endicott | Earl (Bud) Loveland | |

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Bob Haviland English Creek Rd. repaving of Pomona Ave. last time it was done was an overlay, not a full paving job, a lot of the over lay is peeing off, will this be a complete rebuild, Matt Doran stated yes. Put some sub base in the job, secondly sides of that

road have become over grown. Part of the specs would be to reconstruct some shoulder. Matt will look into this issue. Blakes Lane a lot of overgrown brush between Main St. and Pomona Ave. Council President will investigate this issue.

Bill Smallwood mentioned the race this Saturday June 15th there will be a few delays. The race is between 8:00 am and 10:30 am His son Billy has done a great job with the kids race.

Mayor Giberson stated on behalf of the citizens of Port Republic we congratulate you on everything you have done for the city, you and your whole family.

Al Kincade, Old New York Road questioned posting the water quality at the Life Guard stand and questioned if the results could be posted to the face book page, Clerk Campellone stated yes they will, however to get a interpretation of the results residents will have to reach out to the county.

Ray Went stated that on June 6th it was his Mom's Birthday along with becoming sworn in as President of the Atlantic County Bar Association.

Mike Turner mentioned that over by the old Winchell property stone bridge, the dam is in very bad condition.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ES 6-2019 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding (No Executive Session)

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer, seconded of Councilmember Kozlowski and carried to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC Municipal Clerk