

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. AUGUST 13, 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 Allgeyer and carried to close the workshop portion of the meeting.

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

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Roger Giberson, Kevin Wessler

MAYOR: Gary Giberson, Absent

MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC

ATTORNEY: Ray Went, Esq.

Councilwoman 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 JULY 9, 2019 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES:

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Wessler

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE JULY 16, 2019 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Wessler

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE JULY 9, 2019 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Wessler

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE AUGUST 2019 BILL LIST

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

YES: Allgeyer, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Wessler

ABSTAIN: Bugdon PO 00122

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

YES: Allgeyer, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Wessler

ABSTAIN: Bugdon PO 19-00122

Open to Public Relating to Agenda Items:

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

All in favor

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.

All in favor

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Emergency Management:

No report.

Administrative/Personnel:

No report.

Public Works:

No report.

Recreation:

Councilwoman Bugdon reported that everything is going well the Clean Team is doing a great job.

Fire and Ambulance:

No report.

Board of School Estimates:

No report.

Planning Board:

Councilmember Riegel stated that the Stankus resolution was unanimously passed at the meeting last night. Also, a minor 2 lot subdivision was on the agenda, but the applicant had the dates wrong and the meeting is postponed to September 9th. Mayor Giberson recommended to the Planning Board that the lot the City owns on Riverside Drive be placed up for sale, the Planning Board endorsed the idea. At last night's Planning Board Meeting the Marine Commercial (Mullica River) District 160-52 was discussed in conjunction with an anticipated variance application regarding building a garage. It was noted that the six existing houses in this zone are not a permitted use. It was explained by Board attorney Mike Fitzgerald that any building in this zone would require a variance. He further explained that should any of these homes be destroyed they have no right to rebuild. They would be required to apply for a variance which is not guaranteed. This fact could potentially cause issues with insurance, mortgages and the selling of these homes. The Board voted to recommend to Council that single-family detached dwelling be added under Uses to protect the properties and owners. There would be no other changes to the zone. *City attorney Ray Went will work on this for an upcoming meeting.*

Code Enforcement/Construction:

During the Month of July, a total of 9 inspections were done by the Construction Office: Alterations (6) Demos (1 - garage) New (1 – pole barn) Additions (0) Zoning Permits (3) CO Inspections for Resale (4) Total of (16)
109 Main Street - high grass

Senior Services/Clean Communities:

No report

Building:

Councilmember Kozlowski gave a report for Council President Wessler. Council President Wessler contacted Kisby Shore to replace toilets.

CORRESPONDENCE:

2018 Audit (Management Letter)
Acknowledged

Letter from Dennis Levinson regarding unsolicited calls from telemarketer's specifically those regarding Social Security Benefits.
Councilwoman Bugdon stated she would like to see the church receive this letter and hand out to the congregation.

Letter from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Environmental Unit-
suspected hazardous substance notification (location: Port General Store)
Acknowledged

RESOLUTIONS:

62-2019 Supportng Senate Bill No. 375 that Provides for an Excused Absence for
Public School Students Who Participate in a Musical Performance at a
Military Funeral, Including Playing “Taps”

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Wessler

ABSTAIN:

63-2019 Governing Body Certification of the Annual Audit

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Wessler

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES:

07-2019 Increasing the Price for Replacement Transfer Station Permits ***Tabled***

*Councilmember Kozlowski would like the Public Works Committee to meet on this
subject to research other municipalities and get an understanding on the way it works.
Unilateral proposal may be premature at this time. Councilmember Allgeyer expressed
his concern that the \$300.00 fee is to high to impose on the residents.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Replacement of County Bridge PR-07 over Nacote Creek – Purchase Offer

Councilmember *Riegel questioned that since she had to recuse herself does this also
mean that the City would have to recuse themselves for a monetary gain, should the
City take zero amount. City Solicitor Ray Went stated that the City will always have to
make money that is how a City sustains itself. Councilmember Riegel stated that she
does not think this is a good idea, she thinks negotiations have to occur.*

*Councilmember Bugdon is requesting the County to come to a meeting and explain the
need for an easement and the proposed purchase offer. City Solicitor Went recalled
that the County did explain the need for this in previous meetings. Councilmember
Kozlowski feels that it is currently vacant land with a project that is going to benefit the
City. This is a project that the City needs and we’re not making any money off that area
now. It is a staging area that is required, and the taxpayers would end up paying for it
anyhow. It is a limited duration and seems like a reasonable and beneficial offer.*

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Kurtz

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Wessler

ABSTAIN: Riegel

Atlantic City Electric Poles (November Meeting)

They would like to meet with a committee prior to the meeting Councilwoman Bugdon would like to continue to meet with Atlantic City Electric she would like two more councilmembers to be on a committee she requested that Councilmember Kurtz and Councilmember Kozlowski be on the committee to meet with Atlantic City Electric. Mayor Giberson, Councilwoman Bugdon, and Clerk Campellone met previously with Ken Mosca of Atlantic City Electric, they will show the design at the November meeting.

Goose Management Proposals from Animal Stoppers and Geese Police

Mayor and Council decided to go with Geese Police as a as needed basis.

On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer second of Kozlowski to do a week by week contract with Geese Police.

Council President Wessler is requesting \$300.00 more from last month toward Stop the Bleed Bags.

Councilman Kozlowski gave a report in Council President Wessler's absence. One of the most significant ways to help in an active shooter situation is with these packs. To help evacuate casualties, to stop the bleeding and many more issues. Councilwoman Riegel questioned how much we approved last month. Councilmember Kozlowski stated \$1,000.00. He would like to see this approved. It upsets Councilmember Bugdon when we vote on the amount then it is wrong, and they come back and ask for more. Councilwoman Bugdon would like to see that they have the correct amount before we vote.

On the motion of Councilmember Kozlowski, seconded of Councilmember Allgeyer and carried to increase the amount by \$300.00.

YES: Allgeyer, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Riegel

NO: Bugdon

ABSENT: Giberson, Wessler

ABSTAIN:

NEW BUSINESS:

OPRA Requests regarding COAH (Ray Went Esq.)

Ray explained that there is a new law that requires banks to maintain a list of the houses they own that are foreclosed upon that are also affordable housing. That does not apply here in Port Republic, the bank's inhouse counsel attorneys are mass mailing every municipality for their COAH list. We must respond to the request.

Lots at Gravel Site & Riverside Drive (Mayor Discussion)

Councilwoman Riegel stated the Mayor asked the Planning Board if they would be in favor of the City putting the lot on Riverside Drive up for sale. The Planning Board endorsed this issue. The City needs to do a little research before we put the lot up for sale to find out if this is a good time. There is another lot up for sale on Riverside Drive.

Dog Trial Dates 8/23, 8/24, 8/25 Council President Wessler

Councilwoman Bugdon discussed on the 24th of July Council President Wessler filled out the recreation form for his dog trial he wrote August 24th for one day, now he is requesting three days, the Recreation Committee met and discussed he may have it for the two days, August 24th and 25th.

Councilmember Kurtz questioned when the bridge is torn down will the City have the ability to request the turn stone be given to the City. It is a historic stone and has historic value to the town. Councilwoman Bugdon will reach out to her contacts, City Attorney Ray Went will speak with County attorney Tony Pagano regarding this request.

PROCLAMATIONS:

07-2019 Proclamation for Outstanding Service for Travis Betterton for all of his volunteer work cleaning and restoring the headstones in the cemeteries in Port Republic.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Resident Bob Haviland, 316 English Creek, stated that on the Green Acres property on Indian Cabin Road, across from the cemetery, there are two huge pine trees laying over the trails and he would like to see the Public Works Department go over and take care of this. His recommendation is to hook a cable or chain and pull out with the back hoe.

Nick Lampe, 46 Chestnut Neck Road, questioned if everything is good for Saturday's picnic. Councilwoman Bugdon stated yes everything is in order for the picnic. Mr. Lampe expressed concern over the terms of replacement and additional charges regarding the dump stickers.

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 8-2019 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

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