

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. APRIL 14, 2020
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, Roger Giberson, Stanley Kozlowski, Thomas Kurtz, Donna Riegel, Kevin Wessler

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

MAYOR: Gary B. Giberson - Absent

DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK: Brandy M. 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 10, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE APRIL 2020 BILL LIST

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

BUDGET 2020

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE 03-2020 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank

Public Hearing/Adoption

On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer, to open public portion seconded of Councilmember Giberson and carried.

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, to close public portion seconded of Councilmember Bugdon and carried.

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Giberson and carried to adopt ordinance.

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 53-2020 Concurring Resolution of Board of School Estimates
On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, seconded of Councilmember Bugdon and carried.

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RESOLUTION 54-2020 Self Examination of Budget
On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, seconded of Councilmember Bugdon and carried.

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RESOLUTION 55-2020 Resolution Approving the Final Adoption of the 2020 Municipal Budget

Public Hearing/Adoption

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, to open public portion seconded of Councilmember Allgeyer and carried.

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, to close public portion seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried.

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Giberson and carried to adopt ordinance.

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Emergency Management:

Councilmember Kozlowski reported that he has been copying all Councilmembers and the Clerk on all Executive Orders that have been coming out. All playgrounds have been closed to be consistent with the Executive Orders.

They have received their first shipment of masks and cleaning equipment for the Fire Department. He expects more to come in from the State and the County.

Due to the storm, the Mayor declared an emergency yesterday around 1:30 pm that lasted until early this morning. Councilmember Kozlowski is aware of one area of major damage that occurred by the old Port Store. A tree fell, took down some poles and the transformer. The area is being worked on.

Administrative/Personnel:

The City has hired a new Public Works Employee, Kyle Ayers.

Public Works:

No report

Recreation:

Councilmember Bugdon reported that the City-Wide Cleanup, scheduled for April 18th, has been cancelled. The sale of beach tags, which normally starts on May 1st, is also being cancelled. The Beach area is not open at this time and will be opened once park areas can be opened again. We will continue to monitor the situation with COVID-19 and will advise later if Community Day, scheduled for June 20th, can still be held.

Fire and Ambulance:

Councilmember Allgeyer reported that the last he spoke with Chief Yochim, Galloway was communicating well with Port Republic. Galloway was going to be giving our Fire Department gloves. Chief Yochim was going to be ordering more supplies. He believes they have already ordered shields and masks.

Board of School Estimates:

Council President Wessler reported that part of the roof of the school was damaged in the storm that occurred yesterday, April 13th.

Planning Board:

No report

Construction Department / Code Enforcement:

During the Month of March, a total of 5 inspections were done by the Construction Office: Alterations (2) Demos (0) New (0) Addition (0) Zoning Permits (1) CO Inspections for Resale (0) Total of (3)

Kevin Cain is working on two ongoing complaints.

Senior Services/Clean Communities:

Councilmember Bugdon reported there are four volunteers within the community that are willing to assist Port Republic seniors and disabled residents in getting their groceries and prescriptions. As Senior Chair, she will be the contact person.

Building:

No report

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

56-2020 Resolution Authorizing Refund from Developer's Escrow Account for Holly Creek

Council President Wessler explained that this is to refund the money in the escrow account, which is used to pay the professionals. This account is separate from the maintenance fund, which will still be kept with the City.

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES:

04-2020 Salary Ordinance

Public Hearing/Adoption

On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer, to open public portion seconded of Councilmember Bugdon and carried.

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, to close public portion seconded of Councilmember Giberson and carried.

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN: Riegel

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Beginning in May, the meeting workshops will begin at 6:15 pm, with a meeting start time of 6:30 pm

Council President Wessler stated that the other unfinished business we have is that the Mayor vetoed Ordinance 02-2020 which was intended to buy a new truck. He asked Council how they would like to handle this. Councilmember Allgeyer said that he thinks the City really needs the truck.

Attorney Went explained that last month Council approved Ordinance 02-2020 and the Mayor later vetoed that approval by refusing to sign the Ordinance. City Council has the option to override the Mayo's veto, which required two thirds vote from the Council.

Councilmember Riegel asked the reason why the Mayor vetoed the Ordinance. Attorney Went explained that he understood it to be because the Mayor does not believe the expense is worth it. Deputy Clerk Blevin agreed.

CFO Jenna Kelly explained that the Ordinance that was vetoed was a Capital Ordinance to put the money in the budget to purchase the truck. Councilmember Bugdon asked if it was over \$90,000.00. CFO Kelly and Councilmember Giberson agreed.

Councilmember Bugdon suggested the City go out to bid.

On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer, seconded of Councilmember Giberson and carried to override the Mayor's veto of Ordinance 02-2020 and approve the purchase of a truck for Public Works.

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN: Riegel

NEW BUSINESS:

Attorney Went reiterated that Council will be reorganizing the time of the work sessions to start at 6:15 pm, which will last 15 minutes, and the meeting will start at 6:30 pm.

Councilmember Bugdon thanked the Port Church for having music on Easter Sunday. Residents were parked out in the parking lot. It was a beautiful community event.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer, seconded of Councilmember Kozlowski and carried to adjourn at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC Municipal Clerk