

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. AUGUST 11, 2020
REGULAR VIRTUAL (ZOOM) 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 Kozlowski and carried to close the workshop portion of the meeting.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Steven Allgeyer, Doris Bugdon, Stanley Kozlowski, Thomas Kurtz, Kevin Wessler

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Roger Giberson, Donna Riegel

MAYOR: Gary B. 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 JULY 14, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE AUGUST 2020 BILL LIST

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Emergency Management

Mayor Giberson reported that he will be meeting with Clerk Campellone and Councilmember Kozlowski to complete paperwork for reimbursement for Tropical Storm Isaias which hit the area on Tuesday, August 4th. He is working on scheduling a meeting with the New Jersey State Police to go over reporting.

Administrative/Personnel:

No report

Public Works:

Mayor Giberson reported that he is working with the Public Works Laborers and is having regular meetings with them.

Discussion ensued regarding the status of the Freightliner Dump Truck which is still at Clegg's Garage for repairs. Council agrees that they want to spend the money to get the truck running and back on the road for the City. Councilmember Bugdon suggested that Public Works Employee Kyle Ayers obtain his CDL License. Council President Wessler stated that Kyle is already working on that.

On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer, seconded of Councilmember Bugdon and carried to approve spending an additional \$2,200.00 to fix the Freightliner Dump Truck.

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kurtz, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Riegel

ABSTAIN: Kozlowski

Council President Wessler advised Council that when the Mayor signed his Executive Order taking over Public Works and its budget, he reached out to City Solicitor Ray Went, Attorney Went told him that only the Mayor explicitly could run Public Works and only he could ok bills etc.,. He just wanted to make everyone aware.

Attorney Went explained that the power rests with the Mayor. If the Mayor chooses to delegate or defer any of that power, he can do so. Council President Wessler asked Attorney Went for clarification, that the Mayor can appoint someone else to run Public Works and its budget. Attorney Went stated that is correct.

Recreation:

Councilmember Bugdon reported that the City received two requests. One request is from Port School to utilize Harry Bowen Field and its surrounding area to create an outdoor learning environment for students of Port Republic School during scheduled school days when appropriate. Locations for this request include Harry Bowen Field, Pavilion(s), Picnic Area and Port Republic Beach. Councilmember Bugdon is asking for Council's vote on this request.

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Kozlowski and carried to give Port School permission to utilize Harry Bowen Park and the surrounding areas.

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

The second request is from Sandra Hickerson, New Jersey 2A Sanctuary Board Member, regarding the National Constitution Day for Saturday, September 19th from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The request is for the pavilion and the public area. They are expecting about 200 people and would be open to the public. The application included a letter the applicant wanted to distribute to the public which did not include anything about social distancing, masks, etc. Councilmember Bugdon denied this application for safety reasons and advised the applicant of her decision. She asked the applicant if she would consider coming back to the City next September for this event. The applicant agreed.

Fire and Ambulance:

No report

Board of School Estimates:

No report

Planning Board:

No report

Construction Department / Code Enforcement:

During the Month of July, a total of 5 inspections were done by the Construction Office: Alterations (2) Demos (0) New (0) Additions (0) Zoning Permits (5) CO Inspections for Resale (0) Total of (7)

Kevin Cain is working on a Code Enforcement issues at the following locations:

- 55 Main Street
- 59 Riverside Drive
- 316 Clarks Landing Road

Senior Services/Clean Communities:

Councilmember Bugdon reported that she has continued to receive requests for physical health aides and several items have been returned.

Building:

No report

CORRESPONDENCE:

Audit (Management Letter 2019)

Councilmember Bugdon feels that it was an excellent report and she is happy there were no issues.

Letter from Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levinson Regarding the Exploration of the Feasibility of a Countywide Municipal Court System

Mayor Giberson stated that he likes the system we currently have. When it comes time for him to express his opinion, that is the opinion he will give. He wants to keep our court in Port Republic.

Consent Agenda: All matters listed under Consent Agenda, are considered to be routine by this City Council and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

RESOLUTIONS:

67-2020 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of the Indemnity & Trust Agreement Between the City of Port Republic and Statewide Insurance Fund

68-2020 Governing Body Certification of the Annual Audit

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES – 1ST READING/INTRODUCTION

06-2020 Ordinance Regarding Unfit Dwelling and Other Buildings

This ordinance will be postponed until the Planning Board can review and give their recommendation and opinion.

08-2020 Ordinance Limiting the Number of Telecommunications Towers in the City

Attorney Went explained that there is a blank space in the current Ordinance which will be the amount/maximum. He suggests that Council consult with their professionals to find out what that number should be. Council President Wessler is under the impression that we would be limiting it to the number of towers we currently have. The number will be determined and added to the Ordinance before Public Hearing scheduled for September 8, 2020.

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES – 2nd READING/INTRODUCTION

07-2020 Bamboo 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 Allgeyer and carried.

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: *No unfinished business*

NEW BUSINESS:

Request from Port School to Utilize the Park Area

This was discussed and voted on under the Committee Report for Recreation.

Fall 2020 Newsletter Information Needed

Acknowledged

Councilmember Bugdon mentioned that there are several teenagers that are starting trouble in town. They have broken into a property and they have turned off the electric and stacked the tables in the pavilion area. She would like for the State Police to monitor the situation.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Giberson proclaimed to be kind to one another.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

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ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Allgeyer and carried to adjourn at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC Municipal Clerk