

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. OCTOBER 13, 2020
REGULAR VIRTUAL (ZOOM) CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Adequate notice of this meeting was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Steven Allgeyer, Doris Bugdon, Roger Giberson (late), Stan Kozlowski, Donna Riegel

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Thomas Kurtz, Kevin Wessler

MAYOR: Gary B. Giberson

MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC

ATTORNEY: Ray Went, Esq.

Councilmember Kozlowski 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 SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Kurtz, Wessler

ABSTAIN: Kozlowski

MOTION TO APPROVE OCTOBER 2020 BILL LIST

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

YES: Allgeyer, Giberson, Kozlowski, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Kurtz, Wessler

ABSTAIN: Bugdon (*PO 20-2045 Clean Communities Coordinator*)

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Kurtz, Wessler

ABSTAIN: Bugdon (*PO 20-2045 Clean Community Coordinato)r*)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Emergency Management

Mayor Giberson stated that everything is working well, the NJSP are patrolling the areas that were mentioned. Trooper Sauchelli spoke to the Station Commander and she has been in contact with Brian London Superintendent of Port Republic School. Sauchelli runs the programs at school he is anticipating opening in January so he can get back into the school during the day.

Administrative/Personnel

Councilmember Kozlowski mentioned that Nancy Sboralla (Auditor) is on the zoom. We will be starting the budget process, and employee evaluation shortly.

Public Works:

Councilman Kozlowski gave the following report: DPW competed preventive maintenance on equipment(Backhoe & Tractor) * Pulled V-box salter out and started preventive maintenance for winter * Broke down the beach for the off-season * Started bi-annual storm drain cleaning of all inlets, swales, and basins, * Continuing to cut & maintain roadways and parks.

Recreation:

Councilmember Bugdon reported lacrosse nets were purchased and need to be placed. In December hopefully we can have the annual tree lighting event.

Fire and Ambulance

Councilman Kozlowski reported through Emergency Management additional shields and N95 masks were obtained through the county.

Board of School Estimates:

No report

Planning Board

No meeting therefore no report

Construction Department / Code Enforcement:

During the Month of September, a total of 13 inspections were done by the Construction Office: Alterations (3) Demos (0) New (0) Additions (0) Zoning Permits (2) CO Inspections for Resale (2) Total of (7)

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

- 55 Mill Street, status: bamboo removed

Senior Services/Clean Communities:

Councilmember Bugdon is concerned about the senior citizens in the community in regard to the Covid-19 pandemic.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Notice to Adjacent Municipalities from Galloway Township Public Hearing October 15, 7:00 pm for the 2020 Master Plan Reexamination Report

Acknowledged

Letter from Matt Doran to Scott Douglass (Dredging of Nacote Creek)

Acknowledged

RESOLUTIONS:

71-2020 Resolution Authorizing an Agreement Between the County of Atlantic and the City of Port Republic Regarding the Atlantic County Radio Network System Upgrades and Participation

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Riegel,

NO:

ABSENT: Kurtz, Gibesron, (*Left due to technical difficulties with zoom*) Wessler

ABSTAIN:

72-2020 A Resolution Supporting Atlantic County Police Departments and the New Jersey State Police

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Riegel,

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Kurtz, Wessler

ABSTAIN:

73-2020 A Resolution Knock Out Opioid Abuse Month

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Riegel,

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Kurtz, Wessler

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES – NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Letter to Mayor Giberson from Nicole Rein USDA Wildlife Biologist Regarding 2020 Service Agreement between USDA & the City of Port Republic
Acknowledged Bugdon applauded them for what they have done.

Route 610 Bridge (update)

County is getting close to go out to bid. Approval within the next few weeks.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trick-or-Treat Hours Saturday, October 31, 2020 between the hours 6:00 pm & 8:00 pm

Bid Opening for Pomona Avenue October 20, 2020 at 10:00 am

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Giberson proclaimed be kind to one another, and stick with the rules to stay safe, wear mask, social distance, wash your hands.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Resident Jacob Nass, 344 Old New York Road is following up with the request from Councilwoman Bugdon, the Scouts are willing and ready to help the community with their annual clean up.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ES 10-2020 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

1. Unfit Building Issue
2. Dredging Block 24, Lot 34
3. Land Purchase Block 24, Lot 34

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer, seconded of Councilmember Bugdon and carried to adjourn at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC Municipal Clerk