

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:00 p.m. JANUARY 5, 2021
REORGANIZATION VIRTUAL (ZOOM) MEETING

Municipal Clerk Kimberly A. Campellone 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 Mainland Journal, a meeting notice setting for the time, date and locations of this meeting.

Pastor Frank Brown gave the Invocation

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE:

Thomas Kurtz, Ward I, term commencing 1/1/2021, term expiring 12/31/2023, Oath of Office administered by City Clerk Campellone prior to virtual meeting

Jacob Nass, Ward II, term commencing 1/1/2021, term expiring 12/31/2023, Oath of Office administered by City Clerk Campellone prior to virtual meeting

Roger Giberson, Council-At-Large, term commencing 1/1/2021, term expiring 12/31/2024, Oath of Office administered by City Clerk Campellone prior to virtual meeting

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Steven Allgeyer, Doris Bugdon, Roger Giberson, Stanley Kozlowski, Thomas Kurtz, Jacob Nass, Donna Riegel

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: none

MAYOR: Gary B. Giberson (absent)

MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC, Municipal Clerk

ATTORNEY: Raymond Went, Esq.

NOMINATION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded by Councilmember Allgeyer and carried, to nominate Stanley Kozlowski for Council President.

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Giberson, Kurtz, Nass, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Oath of Office for one-year term administered to Stanley Kozlowski by City Clerk Campellone

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE:

On the motion of Councilmember Riegel, seconded by Councilmember Kurtz and carried, to nominate Doris Bugdon as Council President Pro Tempore

YES: Allgeyer, Giberson, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Nass, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE FOR PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE:

Oath of Office for one-year term will be administered to Doris Bugdon by City Clerk Campellone the following day

MAYOR'S STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS:

Mayor Giberson was absent from this meeting. He will give his State of the City Address at a later date.

RESOLUTION

No. 1-2021 Approving Temporary Budget for 2021

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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

No. 2-2021 Authorization of Cash Management Plan

No. 3-2021 Authorization of Petty Cash Fund in the amount of \$100.00

No. 4-2021 Designation of Authorization of Signatures

No. 5-2021 Fixing the Rate of Interest to be Charged on Delinquent Taxes and Setting the Grace Period

No. 6-2021 Annual Appointments

No. 7-2021 Appointment of PACO namely Kimberly Campellone

No. 8-2021 Appointment of City Solicitor Namely Raymond Went, Esq.

No. 9-2021 Appointment of Auditor Namely Leon Costello, RMA

No. 10-2021 Appointment of Municipal Engineer Namely Matthew Doran

No. 11-2021 Appointment of Municipal Prosecutor Namely William Reynolds, Esq.

- No. 12-2021 Appointment of Bond Counsel Namely Joel Fleishman, Esq.
- No. 13-2021 Appointment of Conflict Municipal Attorney Namely Joseph McGroarty, Esq.
- No. 14-2021 Appointment of Public Defender Namely Frank Lentz, Esq.
- No. 15-2021 Appointment of Animal Control Officer namely George Garbaravage
- No. 16-2021 Establishing Rules of Order
- No. 17-2021 Establishing Charges for Municipal Public Records
- No. 18-2021 Designation of Official Newspaper AC Press
- No. 19-2021 Designation of Secondary Newspaper The Mainland Journal
- No. 20-2021 Designation of Shelter for Stray Animals
- No. 21-2021 Authorization to Perform Aerial Applications for Mosquito Control
- No. 22-2021 Authorizing Maintenance Contract with Edmunds & Assoc. Inc.
- No. 23-2021 Authorizing Tax Assessor to Act as Agent and to File Petition(s) of Appeals to Increase Tax Assessment
- No. 24-2021 Authorizing Tax Assessor to Act as Agent and to File Petition(s) of Appeals to Decrease Tax Assessment
- No. 25-2021 Appointment of Court Bailiff Namely Gary Oliver
- No. 26-2021 Approving Discharge of Fireworks
- No. 27-2021 Appointment of Emergency Management Coordinator
- No. 29-2021 Appointment of Risk Management Consultant Namely John D'Agostino
- No. 30-2021 Appointing Fund Commissioner
- No. 31-2021 Appointment of Planning Board Solicitor Namely Joseph McGroarty, Esq.
- No. 32-2021 Volunteer Tuition Credit Program
- No. 33-2021 Authorizing Cancellation of Certain Taxes with Delinquent and Credit Balances Under Five Dollars
- No. 34-2021 Authorizing a Tax Sale Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-19
- No. 35-2021 Governing Body Certification Pursuant to P.L. 2017, C. 183 of Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"
- No. 36-2021 Resolution Indicating the Schedule of Regular City Council Meetings for the Year 2021
- No. 37-2021 Authorizing an Agreement with Electronic Recyclers International
- No. 38-2021 Authorizing an Agreement with Deer Carcass Removal Service
- No. 39-2021 Appointment of Alternate Public Defender Namely James Grimley
- No. 43-2021 Appointment of Municipal Court Judge *Namely Howard Freed*

Resolution No. 28-2021 (Appointment of DPW Consultant & Stormwater Management Coordinator namely Bill Montag) was removed from the Consent Agenda and will be discussed at the next City Council Meeting.

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Giberson was absent from this meeting. Mayoral appointments will be made at a later date. Per Attorney Went, all appointments from 2020 can continue until the Mayor makes his appointments.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Council President Kozlowski stated that there will be a few adjustments to committees. He will speak to each Councilmember. A new list will be distributed to Council by the end of the week.

Comments from Mayor and City Council:

Councilmember Bugdon stated that considering everything going on with COVID-19, she would like to thank the City Employees for the fantastic job they have done. It has been wonderful to be able to continue our meetings over zoom. She knows we will continue to be diligent in our assessment and working with our residents to be very frugal with our budget.

Council President thanked Council for their vote of confidence. He looks forward to 2021 being a better year. He wished everyone good luck.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Attorney Ray Went thanked Council President Kozlowski and members of Council for entrusting him and his law firm of Nehmad, Davis & Goldstein. They take great pride in representing the City of Port Republic and will continue to work very hard for the City.

Pastor Frank Brown thanked Council for their willingness to serve and their continued support of Port Community Church. As the pastor, he is humbled and very grateful.

Michael Turner Jr., 115 Indian Cabin Road, congratulated Council President Kozlowski on his presidency. Mr. Turner thanked all of Council for their hard work. He stated that there are quite a few things going on in town and he admits he has not been able to attend any meetings since they started being virtual. The telephone poles going in look like they're moving along quickly. He does not have any concerns about this, but he is curious if there is a timeline. He also asked about the status of the Pomona Road project. Clerk Campellone responded that the pole project is expected to be completed by June 2021. The Pomona Avenue project did go out to bid, but there was an issue with the lowest bidder. The project was awarded to the second lowest bidder, Arawak Paving. They should be starting the project shortly. Clerk Campellone has not received an update about the bridge. The last update she received was that the County would be going out to bid on December 15, 2020. Mr. Turner thanked City Council for the

update. He also stated that he has been witnessing a fluctuation in the water height recently Mill Pond and he wanted to bring this to Council's attention. The dam is about 250 years old and it is a large part of our community. Council President Kozlowski stated that Council does share his concern. They will be doing some committee work in January and there has been some preliminary work done to lay out a plan to address the dam. This will be discussed further at future meetings this year.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, seconded of Councilmember Bugdon and carried to adjourn at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone
Municipal Clerk