

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. February 9, 2021
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL VIRTUAL (ZOOM) MEETING

Adequate notice of this meeting was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act. On the motion of Council President Kozlowski, 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, Jacob Nass, Donna Riegel

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

MAYOR: Gary B. Giberson

MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC

ATTORNEY: Ray Went, Esq.

Council President 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 JANUARY 5, 2021 REORGANIZATION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE JANUARY 5, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE JANUARY 12, 2021 CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES:

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

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

NO:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE JANUARY 26, 2021 CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES:

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

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

NO:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 2021 BILL LIST

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

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

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, Nass, Riegel

NO:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Emergency Management:

Council President Kozlowski read the report received from Station Commander Charlee-Jo Steet for the month of January. The report reads as follows, "The following are various calls for service in which Tuckerton Troopers responded to: Domestic violence incident, a property damage complaint, a theft reported (credit card activity), several calls for medical assists, and numerous motor vehicle stops, two of which resulted in arrests for possession of CDS.

Administrative/Personnel:

Council President Kozlowski reported that all employee reviews have been completed and employees were notified of their raises accordingly. Council received financial reports from the Tax Collector (98.79% collection rate) and the City Clerk. Council President Kozlowski is anticipating receiving quarterly financial reports from the CFO in the future.

Public Works:

Councilmember Kozlowski read the January 2021 Public Works Council Report. The report stated the following:

- Continued bi-annual storm drain cleaning of all inlets, swales, and basins
- Continuing to cut & maintain roadways
- Ordered the 2021 Ford F-450 dump truck, with a plow and salt spreader (6-month turnaround)
- Received a donated 2006 Ford F-250 with plow from Atlantic County, this truck replaces the totaled-out GMC 2500
- Plowed & salted throughout the town during Winter Storm Orlena
- Cleaned up debris throughout town and around storm drains after flooding from Winter Storm Orlena
- Opening the dam on two occasions to relieve high water from Mill Pond
- Engineer Matt Doran obtained RFP's for a dam study

Recreation:

Councilmember Bugdon stated that she is hopefully that by our Community Day scheduled in June that conditions will be safe enough to move forward.

Fire and Ambulance:

No report

Board of School Estimates:

No report

Planning Board:

Councilmember Riegel reported that the Planning Board met on Monday, February 8th. Mannis appeared before the Board regarding Block 6, Lot 17. They requested a few variances and a subdivision. The requested was approved by the Board unanimously.

Code Enforcement/Construction:

During the Month of January, a total of 5 inspections were done by the Construction Office: Alterations (3) Demos (0) New (1) Addition (0) Zoning Permits (0) CO Inspections (2) Total of (6)

Senior Services / Clean Communities:

Councilmember Bugdon reported that several pieces of equipment that were loaned out have been returned. She has also received two requests for equipment, and they have been delivered.

Councilmember Bugdon has been in contact with Atlantic County Senior Services regarding COVID-19 vaccines for the seniors within Port Republic. As the State receives more vaccinations, they will be looking into transporting seniors from communities such as ours to be vaccinated. Councilmember Bugdon will continue to keep in touch with the County for updates.

Marijuana Legalization & Licensing:

Councilmember Kurtz reported that Governor Murphy and the lawmakers are continuing to try and make a deal. The deadline was yesterday, February 8th, but it has been extended to February 18th. Once a deal has been made, the Committee can examine the legislation and discuss what it means for Port Republic.

Historical:

Councilmember Riegel reported that prior to the Budget Workshop on January 26th there was a conference call with Grant Writer Jim Rutala, Council President Kozlowski, Mayor Giberson, Clerk Campellone and Councilmember Riegel. For any grants from State or Federal, the City would need to have matching funds. She does not believe we will be eligible for any funding this year as we do not have the matching funds. Councilmember Riegel is hoping that the City will be able to raise funds for historical purposes. Council President Kozlowski suggested that they set up a meeting with the Mayor to discuss the funding situation.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Animal Capture and Control Report 2020

Council President Kozlowski reported that during 2020, there were 47 animal calls.

Letter Dated 1/12/2021 from Shared Services Coordinator Frank D. Formica

Council President Kozlowski explained that Frank Formica has been hired by Atlantic County as the Shared Services Coordinator.

Letter Dated 1/20/2021 from County Executive Dennis Levinson Regarding Countywide Municipal Court (along with sample resolution)

Mayor Giberson opposes the proposal of Atlantic County. He asked Council to stand by him in his opposition and not go forward with a resolution.

On the motion of Council President Kozlowski, seconded of Councilmember Bugdon and carried to not engage in a feasibility study for a shared service with Atlantic County for the Court.

YES: Allgeyer

NO: Bugdon, Giberson, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Nass, Riegel

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RESOLUTIONS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Update of the Route 610 Bridge Project

Council President Kozlowski shared that the bid for the Route 610 Bridge Project has been awarded and construction is expected to begin July 1, 2021. Councilmember Nass asked if we have an expected timeline for the work. Council President Kozlowski responded it is expected to be at least a two-year project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dam Proposal (nothing yet)

Engineer Doran is working on a dam survey.

Dredging of Nacote Creek (updated email from City Engineer Matt Doran)

Council President Kozlowski explained that the State has determined that from the 610 Bridge out to the bay, does not require any dredging. City Council is working on dredging from the 610 Bridge to the dam. Engineer Doran added that he has seen the email correspondence with Jim Rutala and one of the issues stated is the request for funding. This is going to take some time, but it is in the process.

Proposal from Endicott Engineering (Gravel Pit Proposal to Store Dredge Material)

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the proposal submitted from Endicott Engineering. Chuck Endicott will be providing Council with additional documentation regarding the fees proposed that the City will be earning from this project. Mr. Endicott will work on providing the City with a final technical proposal. Engineer Doran will work with the City and review the documentation to be provided to the City to ensure the City's best interest. Council President Kozlowski added that they will keep Attorney Went copied on documents received.

Rabies Clinic Scheduled for Saturday, March 27th at 11:00 am – 12:30 pm at PW Garage

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Giberson stated to be kind to one another.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ES 2-2021 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

1. N/A

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer, seconded of Councilmember Bugdon and carried to adjourn at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC
Municipal Clerk