

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. MARCH 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, Stanley Kozlowski, Thomas Kurtz, Jacob Nass

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Roger Giberson, Donna Riegel

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 FEBRUARY 9, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Nass

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE MARCH 2021 BILL LIST

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Nass

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Nass

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Riegel
ABSTAIN:

Council President Kozlowski announced that the April 13, 2021 City Council Meeting will be conducted at City Hall and not held virtually.

BUDGET 2021

First Reading/Introduction

ORDINANCE 01-2021 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank

First Reading/Introduction

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Nass

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

RESOLUTION 44-2021 Self Examination of Budget Resolution

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Nass

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

RESOLUTION 45-2021 Resolution Authorizing the Budget be Read by Title Only

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Nass

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

RESOLUTION 46-2021 Resolution Authorizing Introduction of the 2021 Municipal Budget

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Nass

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

The budget hearing will be on April 13, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Emergency Management:

Council President Kozlowski read the report received from Station Commander Charlee-Jo Steet for the month of February. The report reads as follows, "I was able to review station activity from February and Port Republic was very quiet for the month of February! Tuckerton Troopers handled two investigations (stolen property and harassment), stemming from reports from residents. There were two medical assist calls in which Troopers responded. There were no motor vehicle crashes. Troopers also stopped numerous vehicles within Port Republic, throughout the entire month."

Administrative/Personnel:

Council President Kozlowski reported that all employee reviews have been completed for 2020. Enclosed within Council's packets are reports from the CFO, Clerk and Tax Collector for review. These reports will also be made available to the public.

Public Works:

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

- Cleaned swale from Mill Bridge Court to Nacote Creek
- Plowed & salted throughout the town during small snow and ice events
- Continuing to monitor dam levels – raising and lowering sluice gates as needed
- Retrofitted v-box salter to newly obtained F250 (county truck) Repaired by Heavy Equipment Mechanic Chris DiStefano
- Receiving quotes for new mower

Recreation:

Councilmember Bugdon reported that the date for Community date has been changed from June 19, 2021 to August 14, 2021.

Fire and Ambulance:

Councilmember Allgeyer stated that a meeting was held with the Fire Department to discuss the future and their needs. Within the next 5 years they will likely need a new tanker truck. The cost being about \$650,000. The Fire Department received a grant for COVID UV lights. They asked for an increase for their contribution from the City for their gear from \$7,500 to \$10,000. They did get a special washer and dryer for their gear. They received those from Absecon Fire House. They have a plan to get 3 sets of new gear every year.

Chief Yochim advised Councilmember Allgeyer that the prescribed burn was done today across from the Gunning Club, along Riverside Drive and around Clarks Mill Stream.

Council President Kozlowski added that the Fire Department does an amazing job with what they have. With COVID they were hurt by not being able to hold their regular dinners.

Mayor Giberson would like to research conducting a prescribed burn in the area of Riverside Drive and Pitney Road. Councilmember Kurtz added that the two areas that were done were where the Port Republic Trail Systems run. He thanked the Forest Fire Service and Clerk Campellone and would like to assist in creating a rotating plan to suppress fire on all City properties.

Board of School Estimates:

Mayor Giberson reported that the School of Board Estimates approved the school's budget with a tax increase of 6 cents.

Planning Board:

No Report

Construction Department / Code Enforcement:

During the Month of February, a total of 7 inspections were done by the Construction Office: Alterations (1) Demos (0) New (1) Addition (0) Zoning Permits (2) CO Inspections for Resale (3) Total of (7)

There are no code enforcement issues for the month of February.

Senior Services/Clean Communities:

Councilmember Bugdon reported that she has received a few calls from residents that had not received their PTR2 Forms. She has given them the contact numbers for them to call to receive them.

Atlantic County Surrogate Jim Curcio will be providing living will paperwork packets at our Community Day event in August. Councilmember Bugdon urges residents to contact Atlantic County at 609-645-5877 to receive the paperwork needed for a living will.

Regarding Clean Communities, Councilmember Bugdon reported that she has had three applicants. She is still looking for a fourth applicant. Due to the increased amount of people walking their animals in our parks and recreational areas, we are seeing a high amount of animal feces not being picked up. With Clean Communities grant monies, Councilmember Bugdon would like for the City to purchase signs that read "clean up after your dog" and several dog clean-up bag dispensers.

Marijuana Legalization & Licensing

Councilmember Kurtz reported that he will be scheduling a meeting for the Committee to look over the latest legislation. The deadline to pass any local legislation regarding marijuana must be done within a year of when Governor Murphy signed the State's legislation.

Historical:

No report

CORRESPONDENCE:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

47-2021 Resolution Cancelling Funded Appropriation Balance Under a Certain Capitol Ordinance Previously Adopted for the Purchase of a Medium Duty Dump Truck

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Nass

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

48-2021 Resolution Amending Resolution 26-2021 Approving Discharge of Fireworks (Change of Date from June 19, 2021 to August 14, 2021)

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Nass

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

49-2021 Emergency Temporary Appropriations 2021

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Nass

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES:

02-2021 Capitol Ordinance Providing for the Purchase of New Public Works Equipment (Amount \$16,573.50)

1st Reading/Introduction

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Kurtz, Nass

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Giberson proclaimed March the month that we recognize our Auditor, Nancy Sbrolla.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Pastor Frank Brown, 56 Pomona Avenue, thanked Mayor and Council for the support given to Port Community Church over the past year. They have signed an agreement to purchase the church building that should be official by the end of the month. He also thanked the community for their continued support.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer, seconded of Councilmember Bugdon and carried to adjourn at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC
Municipal Clerk