

**CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC**  
**6:00 P.M. April 27, 2021**  
**SPECIAL 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, Stanley Kozlowski, Thomas Kurtz, Jacob Nass, Donna Riegel

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:**

**ACTING MAYOR:** Stanley Kozlowski

**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.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**54-2021 Authorization of Signatures (for City Checks)**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**55-2021 Resolution to approve Colliers Engineering & Design-Dam Study for \$6,250.00**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**MARIJUANA LEGISLATION:**

Attorney Ray Went explained the deadline to pass this ordinance is August 21, 2021. If municipalities do not take action within 180 days, any class of cannabis establishment or distributor will be permitted to operate in the municipality, and depending on the type of establishment, be considered a permitted use in certain zones. Once a municipality permits cannabis establishment or distributor operation in their community that action remains valid for 5 years. After this 5-year period, a municipality has another 180- day window to prohibit or limit cannabis operations, but this action only applies prospectively. Those who initially opt-out-can opt-in at any time. The City will work in conjunction with the Planning /Zoning Board.

All of Council is in favor to introduce the ordinance at the next City Council Meeting to be held on May 11, 2021.

Attorney Ray Went also brought up the other ordinance that the City should consider passing is to not allow public smoking of cannabis in public areas (beaches, parks, etc.). Council President Kozlowski would like to have Ray draft an ordinance for Port Republic to have ready for either May or June.

**DREDGING:**

A proposal, in the form of a lease, was brought to the City for depositing dredging material to fill in the large hole at the gravel mine site. Two committee meetings, along with a Special Meeting, were held regarding this with City Engineer Matt Doran. The proposal is being reviewed and an appendix will be created to detail more of the specifications the City is looking for. Once the proposal is amended by Engineer Doran, it will be given to City Attorney Went for review. This project will need to go out to bid.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Attorney Went disclosed that a member of the public is from Arawak Paving and his firm represents Arawak Paving.

Councilmember Riegel asked Martin Barrett of Arawak Paving what his intentions would be for the gravel mine property. Mr. Barrett responded that he had emailed a proposal to the City. He is interested in having a modern asphalt plant there. Council President Kozlowski responded that Mr. Barrett's interest in the property is what sparked the idea that there may be other ideas to utilize the property. Prior Mayor Giberson had even suggested previously that the property would be ideal for a solar farm. Council President Kozlowski assured Mr. Barrett that his idea will be entertained. Mr. Barrett explained that he also has other ideas if Mayor and Council are not interested in the asphalt plant. Mr. Barrett asked if it is the goal of the City to ultimately sell the property. Councilmember Giberson responded that it is the end goal. Council President Kozlowski explained that the goal now is to reclaim it, fill in the hole, and sell five 5-acre lots.

**CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:**

Hearing nothing from the public, Councilmember Riegel 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 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC  
Municipal Clerk