

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. JULY 13, 2021
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL 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, Jacob Nass, Donna Riegel

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Roger Giberson, Thomas Kurtz

ACTING MAYOR: Stanley Kozlowski

DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK: Brandy M. Blevin, 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 JUNE 15, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Nass

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Kurtz

ABSTAIN: Riegel

MOTION TO APPROVE JUNE 15, 2021 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES:

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Nass

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Kurtz

ABSTAIN: Riegel

MOTION TO APPROVE JULY 2021 BILL LIST

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Nass, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Kurtz

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Nass, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Kurtz

ABSTAIN:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Emergency Management:

Council President Kozlowski reported that their first in-person emergency management meeting will be on Thursday, July 15, 2021. He will be attending with Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Winneberger.

Administrative/Personnel:

Council President Kozlowski reported that we have collected \$51,715.79 during the month of June. The Clerk's Office collected a total of \$9,482.16 during the month of June.

Public Works:

Council President Kozlowski reported that there is a resolution presented to Council tonight to hire David Eisenhard as the Public Works Supervisor.

Councilmember Riegel suggested that the brush pile be taken care of. Councilmember Allgeyer will follow up.

Recreation:

Councilmember Bugdon reported that everything is going well and we are putting the final touches on everything for Community Day and the fireworks.

Fire and Ambulance:

Councilmember Allgeyer reported that Chief Yochim stated that everything is going well.

Board of School Estimates:

Council President Kozlowski reported that as of last month's meeting, they were supposed to have had financial meetings. They were postponed. They are awaiting reports to come from consultants with ideas to help fund the school.

Planning Board:

No report

Construction Department / Code Enforcement:

During the Month of June, a total of 12 inspections were done by the Construction Office: Alterations (6) Demos (0) New (2) Additions (1) Zoning Permits (3) CO Inspections for Resale (1) Total of (11)

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

Senior Services/Clean Communities:

Councilmember Bugdon reported that she is still receiving requests for equipment, and she is also receiving a few donations. Her Clean Team has been doing a good job.

Marijuana Legalization & Licensing:

Council President Kozlowski reported that we will be having the second reading and voting on the adoption of the ordinance which will ban the public consumption of cannabis in public areas.

Historical:

Councilmember Riegel reported that she met with a structural engineer and after a visual inspection, he is of the opinion that we would be able to support and reinforce the existing structure so that the existing structure can be save. He states that this would require building a frame, either on the exterior or on the interior to support the roof structure. The exterior frame would consist of steel and masonry; however, he believes an interior frame could be constructed of dimensional lumber. This would be less expensive and would allow us to preserve more of the architectural look of the existing interior. The existing exterior block could then be sealed and waterproofed. Councilmember Riegel will work on obtaining a formal estimate. Council President Kozlowski responded that once we have a formal estimate, we can look at the budget and grant opportunities that may be available to us.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Michael Trupkiewics, 58 Pomona Avenue, moved to Port Republic in November 2020. He has a child who will be going into first grade. He doesn't know the situation with the school and why we are looking for money to be raised for the school. Council President Kozlowski explained that annually we have to go through a budget process. There have been some financial restraints the last few years, largely because the State has reduced their funding of individual schools. Council President Kozlowski explained that we are a Type I school district and therefore the City is more involved in the budgeting process as opposed to a Type II school district.

Paul Smisek, 111 Moss Mill Road, asked if Council knew off hand the average cost for pupil K-8 and how we compare to larger districts. Council President Kozlowski responded that he does have numbers, but he does not know them off the top of his head. Mr. Smisek added that he assumes based off of our number of staff, we would

be a little more efficient there but less activity. Council President Kozlowski stated he is not one to not be transparent, but this is a fairly involved question. He added that whether a classroom has 8 kids or 18 kids, you still have to have the lights on and have a teacher.

Al Kinkade, 38 Old New York Road, shared with Council that as you approach the top of the ramp and to the bulk side there are screws, nails, etc. there that need to be cleaned up. Council President Kozlowski responded that the issue will be taken care of. He added that Deputy City Clerk Brandy Blevin will be dispatch for Public Works and she will create work orders and ensure they get to Public Works.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Port Republic Animal Control 2nd Quarter Report 2021
Acknowledged

RESOLUTIONS:

63-2021 Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Payment of CO Inspection Fee
(*Daniel Goldfard / \$100.00*)

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Nass, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Kurtz

ABSTAIN:

64-2021 Appointment of Supervisor in the Department of Public Works (*David Eisenhard*)

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Nass, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Kurtz

ABSTAIN:

65-2021 Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Deposit Fees Submitted for the Purpose of Utilizing the Pavilion at Harry Bowen Park (*Hegarty / \$75 Friel / \$50 Fascia & Bender / \$50*)

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Nass, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Kurtz

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES – Adoption / 2nd Reading:

04-2021 Adding Chapter 71 of the Port Republic Municipal Code to Prohibit the Smoking of Marijuana in Public Places

2nd Reading / Adoption

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

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YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Nass, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Kurtz

ABSTAIN:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council President Kozlowski reported that they did receive Engineer Doran's revision of the lease for the gravel mine site. It will be reviewed. Councilmember Riegel added that Ocean City has an area where they have dredging spoils from years ago and they need them out of there so they can bring in new spoils from the windmill project. She knows that previously there were concerns of the dredging spoils and their smell, but this would be completely different. She believes this would be at least half of the volume we need. Council President Kozlowski explained that if there is no objection from City Council, the plan is to use Engineer Doran's comments (after a review from Attorney Went) and put the project out for public bid.

NEW BUSINESS:

Land Sales Emails from Matt Doran

Council President Kozlowski explained that a project that Deputy Clerk Blevin, City Clerk Campellone, Engineer Doran and Zoning Officer Cain have been working on has been taking some miscellaneous city-owned properties and looking to repurpose or sell them. We are currently looking at a property on Shell Landing Road, Riverside Drive and two landlocked properties on Delkar Avenue. We may not be able to do anything with Delkar Avenue at this time, but we are looking to move forward with the auctions of Shell Landing Road and Riverside Drive. We are looking to have a resolution ready at the August City Council Meeting.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Joe Martin, 5 Mill Street, questioned when solar speed signs will be placed. Council President Kozlowski replied that we have two signs right now and the plan is to replace the one on Riverside Drive and place one on Mill Street. This should be done in the next couple of weeks.

Council President Kozlowski added that the County will be installing a all way stop at Riverside Drive and Pitney Road. He hopes this is something that will stay.

Jamie Jarrin, 345 Riverside Drive, asked for more information on the land that will be auctioned on Riverside Drive. Council President Kozlowski responded that we would give her a copy after the meeting tonight.

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.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Councilmember Allgeyer asked if the paperwork provided by the Board of Education had been given to the parents. He feels if they had it, it could help with many questions that they have. Nikki Giberson responded that the papers are on their website and also in their manual. She added that on July 21st there will be a regular school board meeting followed by a community session where people can come and communicate their concerns. Discussion continued between Councilmember Allgeyer and Nikki Giberson regarding the issues with parents in the community and the school board.

Council President Kozlowski advised that he does have extra copies of the paperwork from the school board that specifically addresses complaints and how to go about addressing them. He also explained that the minutes from the last City Council Meeting were approved tonight by Council. They will be on the website tomorrow and can be made available tonight if anyone wishes. Council President Kozlowski strongly encouraged the parents to attend the school board meeting on July 21st.

John Stetser, 333 Delkar Avenue, asked if parents can copy Council on their emails to the school. Nikki Giberson responded that they should copy the school board members so they can hold the correct person accountable. Mr. Stetser responded to Nikki that they do appreciate her but with 4-year terms and some members being on the board for 21 years, it is stale. It is not her shutting them down, it is other people. Mr. Stetser thanked Council for everything they have done.

Michael Trupkiewics, 58 Pomona Avenue, asked if there is a shortened version of what is going on with the school. Council President Kozlowski stated there is not, but minutes from the last meeting will be made available on the website and can be

requested by City Hall. He furthermore added that there is another side to this story that we have not heard yet.

Craig Sabath, 173 Chestnut Neck Road, stated that during the last board of education meeting he had asked where he could find information on the curriculum. He was never told where he could find the information. He has no clue what his daughter's education this year will be when he sends her to school. Council President Kozlowski responded that this is the perfect example of what needs to be brought up at the July 21st Board of Education Meeting. We have to give the school board the opportunity to respond.

Michael Trupkiewics, 58 Pomona Avenue, asked what the number of residents versus number of out of towners for the beach badge sales. Deputy Clerk Blevin explained that there is no difference in price, and anyone can purchase a badge. Mr. Trupkiewics asked if they knew how many people bought them. Deputy Clerk Blevin explained that this year we are asking purchasers if they are residents are not, so we have been keeping track, but she does not have those numbers. Mr. Trupkiewics asked why we cannot charge the out of towners more for their badges. Attorney Went explained that it is illegal. No matter where you reside public access must be granted to all beaches and you cannot discriminate because of where someone lives.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Allgeyer and carried to adjourn at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC
Municipal Clerk