

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. January 4, 2022
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 Giberson and carried to close the workshop portion of the meeting.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Giberson, Stanley Kozlowski, Jacob Nass, Donna Riegel

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Steven Allgeyer, Doris Bugdon, Thomas Kurtz

MAYOR: Monica 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 DECEMBER 14, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

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

YES: Giberson, Kozlowski, Nass, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kurtz

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE DECEMBER 14, 2021 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES:

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

YES: Giberson, Kozlowski, Nass, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kurtz

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE JANUARY 2022 BILL LIST

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

YES: Giberson, Kozlowski, Nass, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kurtz

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

YES: Giberson, Kozlowski, Nass, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kurtz

ABSTAIN:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Emergency Management:

A Troopers from the NJ State Police in attendance reported that they recently had a graduation so we may be seeing some new faces in town. There was a release on the fatal motor vehicle accident which took place by the Blueberry Campground about a year ago by the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office. Charges have been filed and an arrest has been made in that case.

Administrative/Personnel:

Council President Kozlowski reported that all personnel reviews have been completed. They will schedule a Personnel Committee Meeting within the next week to discuss salary increases.

Council President Kozlowski announced that the City had a 99.02% tax collection rate for 2021.

Public Works:

Council President Kozlowski reported that we now have a spare solar speed limit sign. Four (4) have been placed throughout the City.

Bill Montag, Public Works Consultant, reported that the Public Works crew did a great job yesterday (January 3, 2022) with the snowstorm. They will also be working with the expected snow later this week.

Recreation:

No report

Fire and Ambulance:

No report

Board of School Estimates:

Mayor Giberson reported that the Port Republic School has a new Superintendent who will be serving as an interim. His first day will be January 5, 2022. He will serve while they begin the lengthy process of finding someone to permanently serve in that position.

Planning Board:

Councilmember Riegel thanked Mayor Giberson for her reappointment to serve on the Planning Board. She reported that the reorganization for the Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, January 10, 2022.

Code Enforcement/Construction:

Construction Official Kevin Cain submitted a report for the month of December 2021. During the month of December, a total of 28 inspections were done, and the following permits were issued:

- 6 Alterations
- 5 Demos (oil tank)
- 2 Zoning Permits
- 1 CO Inspection for Resale
- *Total of 14*

Code enforcement Issues:

- 299 Clarks Landing Road – notice to be sent
- 75 Clarks Landing Road – notice to be sent
- 46 Clarks Landing Road – notice to be sent

Senior Services / Clean Communities:

No report

Marijuana Legalization & Licensing:

No report

Historical:

Councilmember Riegel is hopeful that in the next month the Committee will be meeting to review the proposals submitted by Doran Engineering and Endicot Engineering for repairs to the Old Firehouse.

Councilmember Riegel would like to schedule a meeting for Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 6:00 pm for the Port Republic Heritage Society to take place at City Hall.

Liquor Licensing:

No report

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

On the motion of Councilmember Nass, seconded by Councilmember Riegel and carried to open public portion.

The owners of the Chestnut Neck Marina stated that they are interested in the possibility of a liquor license. Councilmember Giberson explained that this is something that needs to be further discussed and put out to the voters in the form of a referendum. We will try to have this placed on the ballot of the 2022 General Election. SOMEONE asked how they could find out the details of the possible license options in the meantime. Council President Kozlowski responded that there is an option for package goods, bar/restaurant or seasonal. They also suggested that the owners reach out to the State ABC for more information.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

38-2022 Appointment of Qualified Purchasing Agent (*Jenna Kelly*)

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

YES: Giberson, Kozlowski, Nass, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kurtz

ABSTAIN:

39-2022 Appointment of Electrical Inspector, Electrical Subcode (*Salvatore Catania*)

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

YES: Giberson, Kozlowski, Nass, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kurtz

ABSTAIN:

40-2022 Appointment of Construction Official, Building Subcode, Building Inspector, Zoning Officer, Plumbing Inspector, Plumbing Subcode, Fire Inspector and Fire Subcode (*Kevin Cain*)

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

YES: Giberson, Kozlowski, Nass, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kurtz

ABSTAIN:

41-2022 Authorizing Requested Leave of Absence Without Pay to James Milton

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

YES: Giberson, Kozlowski, Nass, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kurtz

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

School Board Referendum Litigation, New Jersey Superior Court Docket No. ATL-L-3914-21

Attorney Went explained that this litigation was started last month. Judge Savio has been assigned the case and signed the consent order where the parties are agreeing to collaborate and cooperate on a new question and interpretive statement. He anticipates the question and interpretive statement will be presented to the judge after review and agreement by both City Council and the Port Republic Board of Education. He is hopeful this will be taken care of within the next 60 days, if not sooner.

Councilmember Giberson questioned who will be writing the question and interpretive statement. Attorney Went explained that it will be written by the Board of Education's attorney, Will Donio. Councilmember Giberson urged that Attorney Donio be apprised and includes how the Board of School Estimates currently works and that those details be included in the interpretive statement. Attorney Went responded that he is aware that that information should be and needs to be included.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PROCLAMATIONS:

None

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

On the motion of Councilmember Riegel seconded by Councilmember Nass and carried.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ES 1-2022 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

1. N/A

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Riegel, seconded of Councilmember Giberson and carried to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC
Municipal Clerk