

**CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC**  
**6:30 P.M. APRIL 12, 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 Bugdon and carried to close the workshop portion of the meeting.

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:** Steven Allgeyer, Doris Bugdon, Stanley Kozlowski, Thomas Kurtz

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** Roger Giberson, Jacob Nass, Donna Riegel

**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 MARCH 1, 2022, BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES:**

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

**YES:** Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Giberson, Nass, Riegel

**ABSTAIN:** Kurtz

**MOTION TO APPROVE MARCH 8, 2022, CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:**

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

**YES:** Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Kurtz

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Giberson, Nass, Riegel

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE MARCH 8, 2022, EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES:**

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

**YES:** Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Kurtz

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Giberson, Nass, Riegel

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE APRIL 2022 BILL LIST**

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

**YES:** Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Kurtz

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Giberson, Nass, Riegel

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS**

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

**YES:** Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Kurtz

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Giberson, Nass, Riegel

**ABSTAIN:**

**ORDINANCES:**

*Public Hearing/Adoption*

02-2022 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank

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

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

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

**YES:** Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Kurtz

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Giberson, Nass, Riegel

**ABSTAIN:**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

51-2022 Concurring Resolution of the Board of School Estimates

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

**YES:** Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Kurtz

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Giberson, Nass, Riegel

**ABSTAIN:**

52-2022 Resolution Authorizing the Budget be Read by Title Only

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

**YES:** Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Kurtz

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Giberson, Nass, Riegel

**ABSTAIN:**

**BUDGET 2022:**

*Public Hearing/Adoption*

53-2022 Resolution Approving the Final Adoption of the 2022 Municipal Budget

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

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

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

**YES:** Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Kurtz

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Giberson, Nass, Riegel

**ABSTAIN:**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Police/Emergency Management:**

No report

#### **Administrative/Personnel:**

Tax Collector submitted a report for March 2022, showing a total received amount of \$41,078.20.

City Clerk's Office submitted a report for March 2022, showing a total amount received of \$8,860.06.

Chief Financial Officer submitted a report for February 2022, showing an ending balance of \$1,623,913.04

#### **Public Works:**

Council President Kozlowski read the March 2022 Public Works Council Report:

- Continued tree trimming throughout town
- Cleaned storm drains on as needed basis
- Monitored and lowered the dam as needed
- Both employees attended safety seminar given by Statewide Insurance
- Made repairs to the boardwalk nature path in the park
- Worked with B&J Recycling to remove brush pile at the City dump
- Hoping to receive the new dump truck from Beyers Ford in May 2022

#### **Recreation:**

No report

#### **Fire and Ambulance:**

Chief John Yochim reported that the Fire Department received a call to investigate a fence that was placed along Knowles Lane. Chief Yochim feels that Knowles Lane is now too narrow, and a fire truck would not fit with the fence at its current location. Councilmember Allgeyer added that this is a dangerous situation. Clerk Campellone added that Code Enforcement Officer Kevin Cain sent a letter to the property owner on Monday, April 11th giving the property owner 14-days to correct the code violation. If the code violation is not corrected within the allotted time, the city will take further action.

#### **Board of School Estimates:**

Mayor Giberson reported that soon they will be meeting regarding the L.E.A.P. Grant which is a grant they obtained to help them gather information for financial ways to make the school work. The school has hired a new interim superintendent who will start on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Planning Board:**

Council President Kozlowski reported that the Planning Board Meeting which was scheduled for Monday, April 11, 2022, was postponed due to not having a quorum.

**Code Enforcement/Construction:**

Construction Official Kevin Cain submitted reports for the months of February and March. During the month of February, a total of 17 inspections were done, and the following permits were issued:

- 5 Alterations
- 1 Demo
- 5 Zoning Permits
- *Total of 11*

During the month of March, a total of 28 inspections were done, and the following permits were issued:

- 6 Alterations
- 1 New
- 1 Addition
- 8 Zoning Permits
- 3 CO Inspections - Resale
- *Total of 19*

**Senior Services / Clean Communities:**

Councilmember Bugdon reported that she has received donations of equipment but has not received any requests.

Councilmember Bugdon announced that she postponed the City-Wide Clean Up that was scheduled for Saturday April 9, 2022. The event has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 7, 2022.

**Marijuana Legalization & Licensing:**

No report

**Heritage Society:**

Mayor Giberson reported that there have been about 12 people who have consistently come to the Heritage Society Meetings. They are all very interested in all the things going on in Port Republic.

**Liquor Licensing:**

If Council chooses to move forward with a liquor license in town they will need to work towards having a referendum question placed on the ballot in the November election.

**Construction:**

No report

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Robert Haviland, 316 English Creek Road, spoke to Council regarding the condition of Upper Pomona Avenue. With the new homes built along Indian Cabin Road and the increased traffic, the roadway is starting to crack. Mr. Haviland suggests that the City request the City Engineer to look at the roadway. Mr. Haviland also thanked Council for once again having a port-a-potty placed along Park Avenue.

Scott Summerill, 114 Central Avenue, spoke to Council regarding a speeding issue on Central Avenue. He is concerned this is a public safety issue. He knows in the past there were speed signs and there were discussions of speed bumps. Council President Kozlowski explained that the residents must go to the State Police. At a minimum this creates a record which can help Council with further efforts to combat speeding issues throughout town. Council will place a solar speed sign along Central Avenue to help with the issue. Council Bugdon suggested that Mr. Summerill keep a record of times and days which are the most trouble so he can report that to the State Police.

**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 received the Statewide Insurance Fund Safety and Loss Control Award for 2021, the City was presented with a check for \$300.00 and a certificate

*Acknowledged*

**RESOLUTIONS:**

54-2022 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget of the City of Port Republic Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948) Regarding Recycling Tonnage Grant (*amount \$1,988.67*)

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

**YES:** Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Kurtz

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Giberson, Nass, Riegel

**ABSTAIN:**

55-2022 Appointment of Cleaning Person (*Maria Hamill*)

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

**YES:** Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Kurtz

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Giberson, Nass, Riegel

**ABSTAIN:**

56-2022 Resolution Opposing NJDEP's Proposed Coastal Regulations

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

**YES:** Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Kurtz

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Giberson, Nass, Riegel

**ABSTAIN:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Dam Update

*Council President Kozlowski explained that they had a meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup>. The project is in process. The City is looking for Federal assistance. Congressman VanDrew's Office is looking forward to assisting us after they settle the Lenape Lake Dam Project.*

Old Garage Update

*Council President Kozlowski reported that this project is continuing to progress.*

#### Storm Drain Update

*Council President Kozlowski explained that this project is to divert the waters from across Main Street that end at the beach area. This has been suspected of being a primary source of beach pollution. Public Works Consultant Bill Montag feels this is a project which can be handled by our Public Works Department, rather than going out to bid. Engineer Matt Doran is in the process of receiving approval from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. By handling this project internally, this will save the city a lot of money. The project will not be done until the Fall.*

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

USDA's goose nest and egg work tidal area and Mill Pond – April 6<sup>th</sup>, April 20<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup>, May 18<sup>th</sup>

Beach badge sales begin May 1<sup>st</sup> (May 1<sup>st</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup> tags are \$5 for seasonal, beginning on June 1<sup>st</sup> seasonal badges are \$25)

Jersey Genesis Triathlon – May 14<sup>th</sup>

*Council President Kozlowski shared that he spoke with Mr. Brandenberger from the Galloway Township EMT's. They will be more than happy to assist with the event, but they do have a training event the same day so the assistance will not be as great and they may have to leave if needed.*

Firemen's Dinner – May 21<sup>st</sup>

*Chief Yochim shared that they are preparing for over 800 people since they did sell out at their last dinner.*

Community Day – June 18<sup>th</sup>

*Mayor Giberson shared that the Fire Company will not be preparing food for this year's Community Day Event. They have arranged for five food trucks. The PTS is organizing a kick ball game. The Mott's Creek Pickers band will be playing. And the night will end with fireworks. The City's law firm and the Port Republic School Board's law firm have come together to sponsor the pony rides, so they will be free to the public. There will be a souvenir booklet like ones that have been done in the past. So far, they have sold close to \$2,000.00 worth of ads. She is partnering with Stockton to have it printed there. Stockton will be doing this at a very discounted rate. They have a class named Graphic Design for Partnering with Communities and they will be designing some of the ads as part of their class. The deadline for ads is May 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be a bike parade and dog parade on Community Day as well. Cedar Creek will be leading the parade and she is hoping to get bagpipes to finish the parade. The Fire Department will be in the parade as well as antique cars. Heritage Society would like to request that some historical items be displayed in a case in Council Chambers now that we no longer have court here. Councilmember Bugdon shared how nice this is all coming together.*

#### **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 Bugdon moved, seconded of Councilmember Allgeyer and carried to close the public portion.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

ES 4-2022 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

1. Joint Legal Action (New Jersey Superior Court Docket No. ATL-L-3914-21)

**ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilmember Bugdon moved, seconded of Councilmember Allgeyer and carried to enter into executive session at 7:18 pm.

**CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilmember Allgeyer moved, seconded of Councilmember Kurtz and carried to close executive session at 7:47 pm.

City Council came out of Executive Session and voted unanimously on the Interpretive Statements approval to go on the ballot in November.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Allgeyer and carried to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC  
Municipal Clerk