

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 P.M. MAY 10, 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, Jacob Nass, Donna Riegel

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Roger Giberson, Thomas Kurtz

MAYOR: Monica Giberson

DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK: Brandy M. Blevin, RMC

ATTORNEY: Michael Lario, 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 APRIL 12, 2022, CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Nass

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Kurtz

ABSTAIN: Riegel

MOTION TO APPROVE APRIL 12, 2022, EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES:

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Nass

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Kurtz

ABSTAIN: Riegel

MOTION TO APPROVE MAY 2022 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:

A Trooper from the New Jersey State Police was in attendance and reported that the New Jersey State Police are prepared to assist in the upcoming Jersey Genesis Triathlon scheduled for May 14th.

Council President Kozlowski reported that there have been noise complaints on Mill Bridge Court and speeding complaints on Central Avenue.

Administrative/Personnel:

Tax Collector submitted a report for April 2022, showing a total received amount of \$137,063.39.

City Clerk's Office submitted a report for April 2022, showing a total amount received of \$8,257.68.

Chief Financial Officer submitted a report for March 2022, showing an ending balance of \$1,464,264.06

Public Works:

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

- Took delivery on a new Kubota tractor. This tractor is replacing a 1983 Case tractor.
- Painted & sealed the ramp at the transfer station.
- Continued tree trimming throughout town.
- Monitored and lowered the dam as needed.
- 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.

Additionally, the City has received a letter from resident Ken Wilson regarding repair of the floating dock at the boat ramp. Public Works Consultant Bill Montag will work with Clerk Campellone to get the necessary repairs made.

Recreation:

Councilmember Bugdon reported she has hired the lifeguards and beach badge attendant for the beach. Everything is ready to go for the Jersey Genesis Triathlon on Saturday, May 14th.

Fire and Ambulance:

Chief John Yochim reported that during the last storm a tree went down on Chestnut Neck Road. They have received a grant and were able to purchase two new portable radios. The Roast Beef Dinner will be on Saturday, May 21st.

Board of School Estimates:

Mayor Giberson reported that new two School Board Members have been appointed: Kevin Wessler, Jr. and Katheryn Cox. Kevin will hopefully be sworn in next week and Katheryn will be sworn in in June. The roof at the school is in very bad condition. Shingles are blowing off and there are issues with leaking. They need to move forward with the roofing project soon.

Planning Board:

Councilmember Riegel reported that the Planning Board met on Monday, May 9th. Two variances were granted for the Adams Subdivision on Clarks Landing Road. The Livestock Ordinance Committee has been working on the proposed ordinance. The Committee will be meeting again, and they are hopeful that they can present recommendations to City Council at the June meeting.

Code Enforcement/Construction:

Construction Official Kevin Cain submitted a report for the month of April 2022. A total of 17 inspections were done, and the following permits were issued:

- 6 Alterations
- 1 New
- 1 Addition
- 5 Zoning Permits
- *Total of 13*

Code Enforcement Issues:

- N/A – 39 Main Street resolved. Survey verified and there is no encroachment into easement

Senior Services / Clean Communities:

Councilmember Bugdon reported that she has received a couple returns, a request and a donation.

Councilmember Bugdon announced that she cancelled the City-Wide Clean Up that was scheduled for Saturday May 7th. She will not be scheduling another clean up until Fall of this year. Colin Ruckert, a boy scout from Troop 21, will be working on his eagle scout project. He will be doing a lot of city road clean ups and she can give him money from the Clean Communities funding to help him with his eagle scout project. His project will be to refurbish the concession stand at the ballfield.

Marijuana Legalization & Licensing:

No report

Heritage Society:

Councilmember Riegel reported that they had a meeting on Monday, May 9th to review the booklet for the 385th founding anniversary. Everything is going very well and the celebration will be tremendous.

Liquor Licensing:

Councilmember Kozlowski stated that they will need to contact the attorney to find out how a referendum question can be posed at the November 2022 election, if they chose to move forward.

Construction:

City Engineer Matt Doran gave updates on the following projects:

- ADA Parking and Beach Access Mats – The City was awarded CDBG grant monies for this project in the amount of \$45,000.00 Our next step will be to go out to bid for the project.
- Wilson Avenue Paving Project – We have received approval from the State and we will be going out to bid for this project soon.

- Drainage Pipe Project – Engineer Doran submitted a draft copy of the application. He will set up a meeting with Public Works Consultant Bill Montag to find out his plan and more about the materials he plans on using. After permits are received, they can start the job. The plan is to begin work in September 2022.
- NJDOT 2022/2023 State Aid Program – The State did not award the City with the full amount requested as part of the 2022 State Aid Program to pave Mill Street. They only awarded us \$250,000.00. This means we will have to scale that project back. However, we are approaching the deadline (July 1) to apply for the 2023 State Aid Program. Engineer Doran suggests that the City applies to continue the paving of Mill Street. This can be done as a two-phase project, and we can bid both phases together when the time comes.
- Dam Project – The City now needs to do approximately \$100,000.00 worth of work in regional surveys and water permit work. We are still trying to work with County, State and Federal government for assistance with funding. Engineer Doran stated that it may be possible to obtain funding, however if the City spends the money it is not likely they would be able to be reimbursed. Councilmember Riegel suggested the City look into either the Public Lakes Grant or the Blue and Green Carbon Grant. Councilmember Bugdon suggested we contact resident Stu Farrell for assistance.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Bill Smallwood, 122 Clarks Landing Road, stated that the Jersey Genesis Triathlon is scheduled for Saturday, May 14th. A few roadways in town will have limited traffic for a couple hours. The County has had message boards up so people coming in and out of town know. He spoke with the Troopers, the Sheriffs and Ambulance Squad and they are all prepared for the event. They have over 200 people signed up to participate. Mayor Giberson expressed how appreciative the City is for all Mr. Smallwood does.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

NJDOT Fiscal 2023 State Aid Program (*Deadline is July 1*)
Acknowledged

Letter from Crown Castle regarding sublease revenue increase of \$66.79 per month making it a total of \$970.21 per month
Acknowledged

Email from Craig Stambaugh Stockton 14th Annual GLJ Legacy Ride on Saturday, June 4th between 8:15 am – 8:25 am (150 Riders)
Acknowledged

RESOLUTIONS:

57-2022 Authorizing Joining Pinelands Municipal Council for Restoration of Full Funding of Pilot Payments Under the Garden State Preservation Trust
On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Allgeyer and carried.

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Nass, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Kurtz

ABSTAIN:

58-2022 Award of Contract to ACE Outdoor Power for the Purchase of a Kubota Tractor
On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer, seconded of Councilmember Bugdon and carried.

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Nass, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Kurtz

ABSTAIN:

59-2022 Authorizing Amended Agreement Between the County of Atlantic and the City of
Port Republic Regarding a Surface Course Mill and Overlay to Portions of Mill
Street in Port Republic in Conjunction with the County's Planned Improvements
of PR-07 (Nacote Creek Bridge) **Agreement extended for a 15-month period –
will now expire on 9/1/2023)*

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Nass, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Kurtz

ABSTAIN:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Dam Update

Previously discussed

Old Garage Update

No update

Storm Drain Update

Previously discussed

School Board Referendum Joint Legal Action-Docket No. ATL-L-3914-21

*This will be discussed during Executive Session. They will be reviewing an amendment
presented to make the interpretive statement clearer.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Jersey Genesis Triathlon – May 14th

Firemen's Dinner – Saturday, May 21st 3:30 pm – 7:30 pm (drive thru only – cash or credit)

Community Day/Parade – Saturday, June 18th (rain date June 25th)

*Mayor Giberson stated that they will be having a meeting on Friday, May 13th at 2:00 pm. A Fire
Marshal has been hired to inspect the food trucks the day of the event. the souvenir booklet
was completed today and should be going to print tomorrow. The Heritage Society partnered
with Stockton University to complete this booklet. They worked with students in a class called
Partnering with Community Leaders. Another book will be reprinted called Sketches of Port
Republic. These booklets, along with souvenir Christmas ornaments will be for sale.
Additionally, John Demario will be donating 100 t-shirts that can be sold and all profits can go to*

the Heritage Society. So far, the Heritage Society has raised \$4,200.00. This will be utilized to pay for any expenses incurred with the parade, the booklets, the bands that are participating, etc.

MAYOR'S REPORT / PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Giberson wishes to thank the Fire Company. A resident passed away this past week and many volunteers from the Fire Company helped to move a ramp from the house to another house in town for a resident in need.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ES 5-2022 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 7:35 pm.

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilmember Riegel moved, seconded of Councilmember Bugdon and carried to close executive session at 7:39 pm.

On the motion of Councilmember Nass, seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried to accept the proposed amendment to the interpretive statement as submitted by the School Board.

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Kozlowski, Nass, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Kurtz

ABSTAIN:

Councilmember Nass shared with Council that the cracks in the tennis and basketball courts have gotten worse. As part of his son's eagle scout project, they will be putting in caulk. However, the condition is worsening, and this may not work. He also added that the City should be looking into our contract with Crown Castle. He feels we are missing out on money as the going rate is \$800-\$900 per carrier per tower.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Allgeyer and carried to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC

Municipal Clerk