

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:00 p.m. JANUARY 3, 2023
REORGANIZATION MEETING

Municipal Clerk Kimberly A. Campellone 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 Mainland Journal, a meeting notice setting for the time, date and location of this meeting.

INVOCATION:

Invocation given by Pastor Frank Brown of Port Community Church

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE:

Michael Turner, Ward I, term commencing 11/8/2022, term expiring 12/31/2023 (filing unexpired term)

Oath of Office administered by Deputy City Clerk Brandy Blevin

Eugene Hawn, Ward I, term commencing 1/1/2023, term expiring 12/31/2025

Oath of Office administered by Deputy City Clerk Brandy Blevin

Donna Riegel, Ward II, term commencing 1/1/2023, term expiring 12/31/2025

Oath of Office administered by Deputy City Clerk Brandy Blevin prior to meeting

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Steven Allgeyer, Doris Bugdon, Roger Giberson, Eugene Hawn, Jacob Nass, Donna Riegel, Michael Turner

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

MAYOR: Monica Giberson

MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC, Municipal Clerk

ATTORNEY: William Kaufmann, Esq.

NOMINATION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded by Councilmember Allgeyer and carried, to nominate Roger Giberson for Council President.

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Giberson, Hawn, Nass, Riegel, Turner

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Oath of Office for one-year term administered to Roger Giberson by Deputy City Clerk Brandy Blevin

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE:

On the motion of Council President Giberson, seconded by Councilmember Riegel and carried, to nominate Steven Allgeyer as Council President Pro Tempore

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Giberson, Hawn, Nass, Riegel, Turner

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE FOR PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE:

Oath of Office for one-year term will be administered to Steven Allgeyer by Deputy City Clerk Brandy Blevin

MAYOR'S STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS:

State of the City Address given by Mayor Monica Giberson:

This has been an extremely busy year and we should be very proud of our accomplishments to move our City into the future. State Road 167, by Chestnut Neck Boat Yard was repaved by the State. Wilson Avenue was also repaved with grant money. A Sustainable Jersey Green Team and Creative Team were established this year and received a \$2,000 grant to improve the Harry Bowen Memorial Park and surrounding areas. We have received a grant for over \$400,000 to repave Mill Road as soon as the bridge opens for traffic flow. We have received a grant for ADA improvements to our beach. Also, our boat ramp received much needed repairs, which are now completed.

Moving into 2023 I have been thinking a lot about the people that have been elected to Council to serve the public together. We also have an amazing team in our city employees. Kim and Brandy are very knowledgeable and keep things running so smoothly on a daily basis. Dave and Kyle are the perfect picture of getting things done. There are so many gifts that each one of you have and as a new year starts, I am looking forward to more collaboration. In order for all of these personalities to work together there are 3 things that will help make Port Republic the best it can be.

1. Listening is a gift to the speaker and the listener.
2. Co-labors can disagree. Even if we all don't reach the same solution, we are still a team that needs to work together. We can't move things forward in a positive way if we can't agree on disagreeing.
3. Some problems have lots of good answers. It is easy to believe that our own answer is the only right one. We don't just want good answers, but to find the best answer. Each one of us needs to listen with an open mind and incorporate others' perspectives that will compensate for our own blind spots. Good collaboration requires holding your own ideas with an open hand, not as a demand to be executed but as an offering to a buffet of ideas. It is not about right or wrong, but good and best.

All these principles require a commitment to believe in the best in each one of us. Everyone has something valuable to offer.

There are many projects that still need solutions: the dam, bridge/park area, liquor license, beach storm water drain, the livestock ordinance, repaving the basketball/ tennis courts, the old city garage and the gravel pit. I don't look at any of these projects as daunting at all, but with excitement and realization that it is no accident that we are all in this together.

Happy 2023.

RESOLUTION

No. 1-2023 Approving Temporary Budget for 2023

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Giberson, Hawn, Nass, Riegel, Turner

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Consent Agenda: All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by this City Council and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

RESOLUTIONS

No. 2-2023 Authorization of Cash Management Plan

No. 3-2023 Designation of Authorization of Signatures

No. 4-2023 Authorization of Petty Cash Fund in the amount of \$100.00

No. 5-2023 Establishing Charges for Municipal Public Records

No. 6-2023 Governing Body Certification Pursuant to P.L. 2017, C. 183 of Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"

No. 7-2023 Resolution Indicating the Schedule of Regular City Council Meetings for the Year 2023

No. 8-2023 Establishing Rules of Order

No. 9-2023 Annual Appointments

No. 10-2023 Appointment of Auditor *namely Nancy Sbrolla, CPA, RMA of Ford, Scott & Associates, LLC*

No. 11-2023 Appointment of City Solicitor *namely William Kaufmann, Esq. of Nehmad, Davis & Goldstein, PC*

No. 12-2023 Appointment of Conflict Municipal Attorney *namely Joseph McGroarty, Esq. of Fitzgerald McGroarty*

No. 13-2023 Appointment of Labor Attorney *namely Stephanie Farrell, Esq. of Nehmad, Davis & Goldstein, PC*

No. 14-2023 Appointment of Planning Board Solicitor *namely Joseph McGroarty, Esq. of Fitzgerald McGroarty*

No. 15-2023 Appointment of Bond Counsel *namely Joel Fleishman, Esq. of Fleishman Daniels Law Offices, LLC*

No. 16-2023 Appointment of Municipal Engineer *namely Matthew Doran of Doran Engineering, PA*

No. 17-2023 Appointment of Risk Management Consultant *namely John D'Agostino*

No. 18-2023 Appointing Fund Commissioner *namely Monica Giberson*

No. 19-2023 Appointment of Public Safety Director *namely Scott Winneberger*

No. 20-2023 Appointment of DPW Consultant & Stormwater Management Coordinator *namely Bill Montag*

No. 21-2023 Appointment of PACO *namely Kimberly Campellone*

No. 22-2023 Appointment of Animal Control Officer *namely Christopher Cittadino*

No. 23-2023 Appointment of Cleaner for City Hall *namely Maria Hamill*

No. 24-2023 Authorizing Maintenance Contract with Edmunds & Assoc. Inc.

No. 25-2023 Authorizing an Agreement with Electronic Recyclers International

- No. 26-2023 Authorization to Perform Aerial Applications for Mosquito Control
- No. 27-2023 Authorizing an Agreement with Deer Carcass Removal Service
- No. 28-2023 Authorizing a Cooperative Service Agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture
- No. 29-2023 Fixing the Rate of Interest to be Charged on Delinquent Taxes and Setting the Grace Period
- No. 30-2023 Authorizing Cancellation of Certain Taxes with Delinquent and Credit Balances Under Five Dollars
- No. 31-2023 Authorizing a Tax Sale Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-19
- No. 32-2023 Authorizing Tax Assessor to Act as Agent and to File Petition(s) of Appeals to Increase Tax Assessment
- No. 33-2023 Authorizing Tax Assessor to Act as Agent and to File Petition(s) of Appeals to Decrease Tax Assessment
- No. 34-2023 Designation of Official Newspaper - *The Press of Atlantic City*
- No. 35-2023 Designation of Secondary Newspaper - *The Hammonton Gazette*
- No. 36-2023 Designation of Shelter for Stray Animals – *The Humane Society of Atlantic County*
- No. 37-2023 Volunteer Tuition Credit Program
- No. 38-2023 Approving Discharge of Fireworks

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

YES: Allgeyer, Giberson, Hawn, Nass, Riegel, Turner

NO: Bugdon (Resolution 16-2023)

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Giberson made the following appointments:

- Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator: Stanley Kozlowski
- Deputies to the Public Safety Director: Ron Garbutt and Michael Mahieu
- City Council Liaison to the Planning Board 1-Year Appointment: Donna Riegel

It was confirmed that the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator and Deputies to the Public Safety Director are volunteer positions, and they will not be paid positions.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Council President Giberson stated that he would like to opportunity to discuss committee assignments with councilmembers. Councilmember Riegel stated that she would like to see a revenue committee created. She also feels we have too many committees at this time, and they need to be streamlined. Council President Giberson agreed.

Comments from Mayor and City Council:

Councilmember Riegel wanted to reinstate what Mayor Giberson stated in her address.

Councilmember Bugdon also wanted to reinstate what Mayor Giberson stated in her address. She also said that she knows how hard City Councilmembers all work to keep the taxes as low as possible, and she assures they will do that this year.

Councilmember Turner stated he looks forward to working with Council in 2023 and bringing his life experiences and skill sets to helping better the community.

Councilmember Hawn stated he looks forward to being on Council as well.

Councilmember Nass looks forward to getting things done and is looking forward to seeing what they can all do as a team to take back control of the City's utility arrangement with South Jersey Gas. He also thanked the State Police for some in city stops that were made.

Council President Giberson expressed that he looks forward to working with the newest members of City Council, along with all of Council. He also looks forward to working with Clerk Campellone, Deputy City Clerk Blevin, the rest of the city employees as well as our solicitor team to make Port the best place to live in the whole United States of America.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Chevy Gilliam, 270 Chestnut Neck Road, questioned when the livestock ordinance would be reintroduced. He was advised that Council would most likely be introducing the ordinance at the February 14, 2023, City Council Meeting. They are still working on it. Mr. Gilliam thanked Council for taking this issue on.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer, seconded of Councilmember Bugdon and carried to adjourn at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone
Municipal Clerk