

## **CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JUNE 3, 2025 – 6:30 pm**

Adequate notice of this meeting was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act. On the motion of Council President Giberson, seconded by Councilmember Allgeyer and carried to close the workshop portion of the meeting.

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:** Steven Allgeyer, David Crawford, Roger Giberson, Michael Turner

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** Eugene Hawn, Donna Riegel, Jeffrey Ropiecki

**MAYOR:** Monica Giberson

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK:** Lisa M. Morris

**ATTORNEY:** William J. Kaufmann, Esq.

Council President Giberson 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 Hammonton Gazette, a meeting notice setting for the time, date, and location of this meeting.

### **MOTION TO APPROVE MAY 13, 2025, CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:**

On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer, seconded of Councilmember Crawford and carried to approve the May 13, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes.

YES: Allgeyer, Crawford, Giberson, Turner

NO:

ABSENT: Hawn, Riegel, Ropiecki

ABSTAIN:

### **MOTION TO APPROVE JUNE 2025 BILL LIST:**

On the motion of Councilmember Crawford, seconded of Councilmember Allgeyer and carried to approve the June 2025 Bill List.

YES: Allgeyer, Crawford, Giberson, Turner

NO:

ABSENT: Hawn, Riegel, Ropiecki

ABSTAIN:

### **MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS:**

On the motion of Councilmember Crawford, seconded of Councilmember Allgeyer and carried to pay all signed bills.

YES: Allgeyer, Crawford, Giberson, Turner

NO:

ABSENT: Hawn, Riegel, Ropiecki

ABSTAIN:

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

No report.

### **Administrative/Personnel:**

Mayor and Council received monthly reports from the Municipal Clerk.

The Municipal Clerk's report for May 2025 showed a total amount received of \$13,307.32.

### **Public Works:**

Councilmember Allgeyer reported that things are running smooth and the Jersey Genesis Triathlon went well.

### **Recreation:**

Councilmember Turner reported that he has been in contact with Swift & Sons and the tennis, basketball and pickleball courts project is moving along.

### **Fire and Ambulance:**

Council President Giberson reported that the Fire House Dinner on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> was excellent. He thanked the department for their hard work and dedication.

### **Planning Board:**

No report.

### **Construction/Code Enforcement:**

Construction Official Pat Naticchione submitted reports for the month of April and May.

During the month of April, a total of 8 inspections were done, and the following permits were issued:

- 5 Alterations
- 0 Demos
- 1 New
- 0 Additions
- 0 Zoning Permits
- 0 CO Inspection for Rental
- Total of 6

The following code enforcement issues were notated:

- N/A

During the month of May, a total of 10 inspections were done, and the following permits were issued:

- 1 Alterations
- 0 Demos
- 0 New
- 0 Additions
- 0 Zoning Permits
- 1 CO Inspection for Rental

- Total of 2

The following code enforcement issues were notated:

- 4 – sent violation notices to 3

**Land Use:**

No report, they will discuss the status of the Redevelopment later on in the meeting.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION:**

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

Bill Smallwood, 122 Clarks Landing Road, thanked Mayor and Council for allowing him to put on the Jersey Genesis Triathlon race again this year. Everything went well and ran smoothly. He added that the Public Works Department has done a great job with maintaining the park area and around town.

**CLOSE TO PUBLIC PORTION:**

Hearing nothing more from the public, on the motion of Councilmember Crawford seconded of Councilmember Allgeyer and carried to close the public portion.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**RESOLUTIONS:**

62-2025 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget of the City of Port Republic to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948) Regarding FY2025 Clean Communities Grant

On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer, seconded of Councilmember Ropiecki and carried to adopt Resolution 62-2025.

YES: Allgeyer, Crawford, Giberson, Turner

NO:

ABSENT: Hawn, Riegel, Ropiecki

ABSTAIN:

63-2025 Authorizing Payment of School Tax Levy to Port Republic School

On the motion of Councilmember Crawford, seconded of Councilmember Allgeyer and carried to adopt Resolution 63-2025.

YES: Allgeyer, Crawford, Giberson, Turner

NO:

ABSENT: Haw, Riegel, Ropiecki

ABSTAIN:

64-2025 Appointment of Electrical Inspector & Electrical Subcode Official, *namely Michael Nicholas*

On the motion of Councilmember Crawford, seconded of Councilmember Allgeyer and carried to adopt Resolution 64-2025.

YES: Allgeyer, Crawford, Giberson, Turner

NO:

ABSENT: Hawn, Riegel, Ropiecki

ABSTAIN:

65-2025 Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for a Portion of Pomona Avenue (Phase II)

On the motion of Councilmember Crawford, seconded of Councilmember Allgeyer and carried to adopt Resolution 65-2025.

YES: Allgeyer, Crawford, Giberson, Turner

NO:

ABSENT: Hawn, Riegel, Ropiecki

ABSTAIN:

66-2025 Correcting Resolution 60-2025 Regarding Appointment of Construction Official, Building Subcode Official, Building Inspector, Zoning Officer, Fire Inspector and Fire Subcode Official

On the motion of Councilmember Crawford, seconded of Councilmember Allgeyer and carried to adopt Resolution 66-2025.

YES: Allgeyer, Crawford, Giberson, Turner

NO:

ABSENT: Hawn, Riegel, Ropiecki

ABSTAIN:

**ORDINANCES – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING/INTRODUCTION:**

None

**ORDINANCES – 2<sup>nd</sup> READING/ADOPTION:**

03-2025 Vacating Clark's Mill Road Between Upper Pomona Avenue and English Creek-Port Republic Road (a.k.a. County Route 575)

On the motion of Councilmember Crawford, seconded by Councilmember Allgeyer and carried to open for public hearing.

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

On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer, seconded of Councilmember Crawford and carried to adopt Ordinance 03-2025.

YES: Allgeyer, Crawford, Giberson, Turner

NO:

ABSENT: Hawn, Riegel, Ropiecki

ABSTAIN:

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 400 English Creek Road (Block 24, Lot 34) Redevelopment Area

*Council President Giberson shared that a letter was received from Mobile Dredging & Video Pipe, Inc. stating that they were unable to get the necessary testing done of the material they were planning on sending to our location. At this time, they are no longer interested in moving forward. The letter was received this afternoon, so we will try to contact them to find out if they are no longer interested or if they are seeking an extension of time.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Citywide Community Yard Sale – Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>
- Port Community Day – Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> (rain date June 28<sup>th</sup>)

**MAYORS REPORT/PROCLAMTIONS:**

Mayor Giberson reported the following:

- Seasonal employees have been hired and are eager to get to work.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION:**

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

**CLOSE TO PUBLIC PORTION:**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

ES 6-2025 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding:

1. N/A

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Councilmember Crawford, seconded of Councilmember Allgeyer and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandy M. Blevin, RMC  
Municipal Clerk