

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 6, 2026 – 6:30 pm

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

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Steven Allgeyer, David Crawford, Eugene Hawn, Donna Riegel, Jeffrey Ropiecki, Michael Turner
COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Roger Giberson
MAYOR: Monica Giberson
MUNICIPAL CLERK: Brandy M. Blevin, RMC
ATTORNEY: William J. Kaufmann, Esq.

Council President Pro Tempore Allgeyer called the meeting to order and led 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 forth the time, date, and location of this meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE DECEMBER 9, 2025, CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:
On the motion of Councilmember Crawford, seconded by Councilmember Ropiecki and carried to approve the December 9, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes.
YES: Allgeyer, Crawford, Hawn, Riegel, Ropiecki, Turner
NO:
ABSENT: Giberson
ABSTAIN:

**MOTION TO APPROVE DECEMBER 9, 2025, CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE
MEETING MINUTES:**

On the motion of Councilmember Turner, seconded by Councilmember Crawford and carried to approve the December 9, 2025, City Council Executive Meeting Minutes.
YES: Allgeyer, Crawford, Hawn, Riegel, Ropiecki, Turner
NO:
ABSENT: Giberson
ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE JANUARY 2026 BILL LIST:

On the motion of Councilmember Crawford, seconded by Councilmember Hawn and carried to approve the January 2026 Bill List.
YES: Allgeyer, Crawford, Hawn, Riegel, Ropiecki, Turner
NO:
ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS:

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

YES: Allgeyer, Crawford, Hawn, Riegel, Ropiecki, Turner

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Emergency Management:

No report.

Administrative/Personnel:

Council President Pro Tempore Allgeyer reported that Council received monthly reports from the Municipal Clerk.

The Municipal Clerk's report for December 2025 showed a total amount received of \$5,353.51.

Public Works:

Council President Pro Tempore Allgeyer reported that the department has been working on tree trimming along Indian Cabin Road. They have also been working on equipment.

It was brought up to Council President Pro Tempore that the guys have been picking up trash along County roadways and they have also been salting County roadways during storms. Mayor Giberson explained that it was agreed that they would salt County roadways, after doing all City roadways. This is for the safety of our residents.

Mayor Giberson shared that the new trash compactor was installed and is now working well.

Recreation:

No report.

Fire and Ambulance:

Councilmember Hawn reported that December was a slow month. Everything is going well.

Planning Board:

Councilmember Riegel reported that the Planning Board Reorganization Meeting will be held on Monday, January 12th.

Construction/Code Enforcement:

Construction Official Pat Naticchione submitted a report for the month of December 2025.

During the month of December, a total of 24 inspections were done, and the following permits were issued:

- 6 Alterations
- 0 Demo
- 0 New
- 2 Additions (garages)
- 1 Zoning Permit
- 2 CO Inspections / Resale
- Total of 11

The following code enforcement issues were noted:

- 840 Chestnut Neck Road – checking progress
- 177 Chestnut Neck Road – reinspection (still not abated)

Land Use:

No report.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION:

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

Bob Haviland, 316 English Creek Road, supports the suggestion of having a sound system installed so the audience can hear better. He added that there may possibly be ADA funding for this.

Joe Martin, 5 Mill Street, suggested that the City place signs advising people not to walk on the ice on Mill Pond. Council President Pro Tempore stated this would be looked into.

CLOSE TO PUBLIC PORTION:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

37-2026 Self-Examination of Budget Resolution

On the motion of Councilmember Crawford, seconded by Councilmember Hawn and carried to adopt Resolution 37-2026.

YES: Allgeyer, Crawford, Hawn, Riegel, Ropiecki, Turner

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

38-2026 Resolution of Support from Local Governing Body Authorizing the FY2026 Local Recreation Improvement Grant (LRIG) Application Funded by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

On the motion of Councilmember Crawford, seconded by Councilmember Riegel and carried to adopt Resolution 38-2026.

YES: Allgeyer, Crawford, Hawn, Riegel, Ropiecki, Turner

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES – 1ST READING/INTRODUCTION:

01-2026 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45:14)

On the motion of Councilmember Riegel, seconded by Councilmember Crawford and carried to introduce Ordinance 01-2026.

YES: Allgeyer, Crawford, Hawn, Riegel, Ropiecki, Turner

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES – 2ND READING/ADOPTION:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Set Date for January Budget Workshop – Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 6:00 pm

MAYORS REPORT/PROCLAMATIONS:

No report/proclamations.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION:

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

Bob Haviland, 316 English Creek Road, shared that across from the old cemetery there is an old iron wheel. He asked that Public Works pick it up when they are in the area. Councilmember Turner shared that it is the kids in the area that are playing, but he will ask them to remove it.

CLOSE TO PUBLIC PORTION:

Hearing nothing more from the public, Councilmember Crawford moved, seconded by Councilmember Riegel and carried to close the public portion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ES 1-2026 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding:

1. N/A

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Crawford, seconded by Councilmember Riegel and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandy M. Blevin, RMC
Municipal Clerk