

## **CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 11, 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, Eugene Hawn, Jeffrey Ropiecki, Michael Turner

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** Donna Riegel

**MAYOR:** Monica Giberson

**MUNICIPAL CLERK:** Brandy M. Blevin, RMC

**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 JANUARY 7, 2025, CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:**

On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer, seconded of Councilmember Turner and carried to approve the January 7, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes.

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

NO:

ABSENT: Riegel

ABSTAIN:

**MOTION TO APPROVE JANUARY 28, 2025, BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES:**

On the motion of Councilmember Turner, seconded of Councilmember Crawford and carried to approve the January 28, 2025, Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes.

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

NO:

ABSENT: Riegel

ABSTAIN:

**MOTION TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 2025 BILL LIST:**

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Riegel

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, Hawn, Ropiecki, Turner

NO:

ABSENT: Riegel

ABSTAIN:

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Police/Emergency Management:**

No report

**Administrative/Personnel:**

received monthly reports from the Municipal Clerk and Tax Collector.

The Municipal Clerk's report for January 2025 showed a total amount received of \$15,946.12.

The Tax Collector's January 2025 report showed a total amount received of \$639,631.07.

**Public Works:**

Councilmember Allgeyer reported that Public Works would like to change the hours of the Transfer Station to Wednesdays 3 pm until 6 pm and Saturdays 8:30 am until 4 pm. Mayor and Council approved the changing of the hours. The new hours will begin on March 1<sup>st</sup> to give time to inform the residents.

Councilmember Turner suggested that we look into new signage at Public Works that shows the new hours and also states only residents are allowed.

**Recreation:**

Councilmember Turner reported that he received a request to move some picnic tables to the area around the pirate ship playground. Public Works will take care of this.

**Fire and Ambulance:**

None

**Planning Board:**

No report

**Construction/Code Enforcement:**

Construction Official Richard Stevens submitted reports for the months of December 2024 and January 2025.

During the month of December, a total of 9 inspections were done, and the following permits were issued:

- 4 Alterations
- 0 Demos
- 1 New

- 0 Additions
- 1 Zoning Permit
- 2 CO Inspections for Resale
- Total of 8

The following code enforcement issues were notated:

- 68 Mill Street – fence in the right of way – unabated.

During the month of January, a total of 7 inspections were done, and the following permits were issued:

- 1 Alteration
- 0 Demos
- 1 New
- 1 Addition
- 2 Zoning Permits
- 1 CO Inspection for Resale
- Total of 6

The following code enforcement issues were notated:

- 68 Mill Road – fence in the right of way – abated 1/15/2025.

**Land Use:**

No report

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION:**

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

**CLOSE TO PUBLIC PORTION:**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Application for Purchase of City-Owned Property (Block 1, Lot 10 – 380 Clarks Landing Road)

*This application will be reviewed by the Land Use Committee and they will report back to Mayor and Council.*

**RESOLUTIONS:**

40-2025 Participant’s Resolution Leap Implementation Grant (*shared services agreement is for the County to purchase three highway digital message boards and make them available to the participating units*)

41-2025 Participant’s Resolution Leap Implementation Grant (*shared services agreement is for the county to purchase three speed feedback signs and make them available to the participating units*)

- 42-2025 Authorizing to Apply Applications for FY 2024 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program Grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (*funding for the dam*)
- 43-2025 Resolution of Support from Local Governing Body Authorizing the FY 2025 Local Recreation Improvement Grant (LRIG) Application funded by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
- 44-2025 Participant’s Resolution Leap Implementation Grant (*shared services agreement is to acquire and implement a geospatial data solution offering crucial support with current and clear aerial imagery views of Atlantic County land and improvements for each participating agency for purposes including but not limited: tax assessment valuation, civil planning, emergency management & public safety which will benefit the residents of all participating local units*)
- 45-2025 Work Change Order #2 – Final - NJDOT Municipal Aid FY2022 – Reconstruction of Mill Street
- 46-2025 Work Change Order #2 – Final - NJDOT Municipal Aid FY2023 – Reconstruction of Mill Street

On the motion of Councilmember Crawford, seconded of Councilmember Allgeyer and carried to adopt Resolutions 40-2025 through 46-2025.

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

NO:

ABSENT: Riegel

ABSTAIN:

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

- 02-2025 An Ordinance Establishing the Salaries and Wages of Certain Officials, Officers and Employees of the City of Port Republic

On the motion of Councilmember Turner, seconded of Councilmember Crawford and carried to introduce Ordinance 02-2025.

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

NO:

ABSENT: Riegel

ABSTAIN:

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

- 01-2025 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40:4-45:14)

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

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

On the motion of Councilmember Crawford, seconded of Councilmember Allgeyer and carried to adopt Ordinance 01-2025.

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Giberson, Hawn, Ropiecki, Turner

NO:

ABSENT: Riegel

ABSTAIN:

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Vacation of Right-of-Way Referred to as Clarks Mill Pond Road

*Attorney Kaufmann will look further into this and report back to Mayor and Council.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**MAYORS REPORT/PROCLAMATIONS:**

No report/proclamations

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION:**

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

**CLOSE TO PUBLIC PORTION:**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

ES 2-2025 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding:

1. N/A

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer, seconded of Councilmember Crawford and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandy M. Blevin, RMC  
Municipal Clerk