

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m.. October 11, 2011
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 Rummler, seconded by Councilmember Bugdon, and carried to close the workshop portion of the meeting.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Donna Riegel, Doris Bugdon, Roger Giberson, (late) Kevin Wessler, Robert Haviland, Craig Rummler

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Charles Endicott

MAYOR: Gary B. Giberson

ACTING MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly A. Campellone

ATTORNEY: Keith Davis, Esq.

Council President Craig Rummler 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 that 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 locations of this meeting.

Council President Rummler stated Mayor & Council will noticed that the minutes are missing due to the fact there was a problem with one of the tapes. He requested to send the tapes out to be transcribed for the last two or three meetings. Mayor and Council will have all the minutes by the next council meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE OCTOBER 2011 BILL LIST

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, seconded of Councilmember Haviland and carried.

YES: Riegel, Bugdon, Giberson, Haviland, Rummler

NO:

ABSENT: Endicott, Wessler

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, seconded of Councilmember Haviland and carried.

YES: Riegel, Bugdon, Giberson, Haviland, Rummler

NO:

ABSENT: Endicott, Wessler

ABSTAIN:

A special presentation by John D'Agostino and Natalie Bruno representing the D'Agostino Insurance agency concerning the Statewide Insurance Fund 2012.

John handed out information from the Statewide Insurance Fund, on the agenda there are resolutions to join the Statewide Insurance Fund. John stated that the Atlantic County Jif stipulated that the City had to notify them by October 1, 2011 to renew JIF started the process back in June requesting the City complete the renewal by August 15, 2011 the City asked for an extension because they were unsure whether there would be a competitive price and coverage's through any other options John went out to many markets and some insurance companies did express an interest but would not write property in Atlantic County once again in a position to have coverage under one plan or piece meal it together. John does not recommend having the City do something like that, it is not a good policy with the excess liability the one option is the state wide insurance fund and that is the one the city chose. John notified the Atlantic County JIF in advance which is not a requirement, that the city is not desirous to renew a three year term with them. Atlantic County JIF then sent a letter that they were never notified in writing specifically from the City technically Lucy Samuelsen, City Clerk sent John D'Agostino a email requesting he forward the email. . It was not necessary in his opinion there are just making things more difficult because the city decided to go elsewhere.

The Statewide Insurance Fund is very similar in coverage's there are several notable differences all in favor of the Statewide. The Fire Department every year will have to receive a accurate replacement price on their fire truck, all being said it is the best decision for Port Republic to go with State wide Insurance Fund.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Police/Emergency Management:

Mayor Giberson mentioned that Police and Emergency Management are progressing.

Administrative/Personnel:

City Council President Rummler advised everyone that City Clerk Lucy Samuelsen took a position in Somers Point and that Kimberly Campellone is now the Acting City Clerk, Gina Simon is the Deputy City Clerk comes with a lot of credit and degrees, and we also have a new Court Administrator Laura Golden. Council President welcomed everyone.

Public Works:

Councilmember Giberson stated that business as usual a few things are going on at the transfer station. Council President questioned if the Public Works committee will look into the tractor. Councilmember Haviland stated that the pallets have been removed, Jim Milton removed everything. Council President Rummler mentioned that the scouts will walk through the property to clean up.

Recreation:

City Councilwoman Bugdon reported that everything is running smoothly, parties are still going on at the Pavilion and that the City will celebrate Veterans Day on Saturday November 12, 2011 beginning at 1:00 pm. Dolph Hoch requested an area to erect a

monument there is a stone in its place the gentlemen from sign me up signs is placing the plaque on the stone and it will be dedicated on Saturday November 12, 2011 along with 12 bricks.

Fire and Ambulance:

Fire House Dinner Saturday October 15, 2011 from 3:30 to 7:30pm.

Board of School Estimates:

Mayor Giberson stated he had no report.

Planning Board:

No meeting.

Code Enforcement:

No report.

Construction:

5 permit 5 alterations 1 new permit 1 resale 1 fence permit court appearance for 123

Central ave

Mayor and City Council acknowledged Jack Kelly's report.

Senior Services:

Councilmember Bugdon stated a couple of donations walkers etc., have come in our seniors are utilizing, even non residents from church have been coming in and being utilized.

Finance:

Councilmember Riegel stated no report. Council President did mention that Ken Moore will be in City Hall conducting a brief audit due to the change in personnel.

Building:

Councilmember Roger Giberson mentioned that later in the evening the City will have a resolution to pass to recommend our architect J.W. Pedersen there is a building committee meeting on Wednesday evening with City Attorney Kris Facenda, J.W. Pedersen and the Building Committee. After that meeting the building committee can start working with the Architect. Councilman Giberson also mentioned he reached out to Mike Bell From Aqua-tex and found out he longer works there, he was put in touch with another employee from the company to discuss the water situation. Aqua-tex took a water sample in September it came back clean he took the second sample a few days ago. Once they receive the third sample he will file it with the DEP and wait for a letter (No Further Action Required). Sometime in the middle of November we should expect a letter from Aqua-tex then fill out paper work send to the DEP the DEP will review. The City will wait for a letter from the DEP, (No Further Action Required) the turnaround time varies for the letters to come back from two weeks to a couple of months. We will need Mayor Gary makes a couple of phone calls and everyone to stay on top of this situation. We will need that letter to be able to proceed with the development of City Hall.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

Councilmember Giberson moved, seconded of Councilmember Bugdon and carried to open for public portion.

Resident Bill Smallwood mentioned a couple of issues concerning next year's race dates the Jersey Genesis will be held on Saturday June 2, 2012 and the Half Iron Shoreman will be held on Saturday September 8, 2012.

The Half Iron race brought in approximately \$9,000.00 to the City. The Port Republic Volunteer Fire Department received \$1,000.00 and the Boy Scouts received \$1,000.00 donations from the race. Mayor Giberson thanked Bill Smallwood for all his hard work and volunteer time during the race events.

Bill also mentioned the tennis courts being resurfaced. Brett Hart, will do the work the estimated cost will be around \$20,000.00. He has a few people looking into open space and grant money. Mayor Giberson mentioned that he will look into Open Space money there are several Mayors that have complained that monies are placed into Open Space Funds and there is nothing to purchase.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

Hearing nothing further the public, Councilmember Giberson moved, and seconded of Councilmember Bugdon and carried to close the public portion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayor and City council acknowledged all correspondence.

RESOLUTIONS:

86-2011 Resolution to Join the Statewide Insurance Fund effective for 3 years from January 1, 2012 terminating January 1, 2015 Council President Rummler explained to City Councilmember Wessler that the Fire Department will receive a replacement value for their Fire Trucks.

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, seconded of City Councilmember Wessler and carried.

YES: Riegel, Bugdon, Giberson, Wessler, Haviland, Rummler

NO:

ABSENT: Endicott

ABSTAIN:

87-2011 Resolution Appointing D'Agostino Agency as its local Risk Management Consultant

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of City Councilmember Giberson and carried.

88-2011 Statewide Insurance Fund Indemnity and Trust Agreement

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, seconded of City Councilmember Bugdon and carried.

89-2011 2012 Fund year Statewide Insurance Fund Risk Management Consultant's Agreement
On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, seconded of City Councilmember Bugdon and carried.

90-2011 Executive Session

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of City Councilmember Riegel and carried.

YES: Riegel, Bugdon, Giberson, Wessler, Haviland, Rummler

NO:

ABSENT: Endicott

ABSTAIN:

91-2011 Appointing Kimberly Campellone as Acting City Clerk and Registrar of Vital Statistic & Appointing Gina Simon as Deputy Municipal Clerk

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, seconded of City Councilmember Bugdon and carried.

YES: Riegel, Bugdon, Giberson, Wessler, Haviland, Rummler

NO:

ABSENT: Endicott

ABSTAIN:

92-2011 Resolution conditionally accepting the written proposal of J.W. Pedersen Architect

On the motion of Councilmember Haviland, seconded of City Councilmember Giberson and carried.

93-2011 Authorization of Signatures

On the motion of Councilmember Wessler, seconded of City Councilmember Giberson and carried.

YES: Riegel, Bugdon, Giberson, Wessler, Haviland, Rummler

NO:

ABSENT: Endicott

ABSTAIN:

94-2011 Appointment of Special Municipal Prosecutor (Mark Nehmad)

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of City Councilmember Giberson and carried.

95-2011 Appointment of Court Administrator namely Laura Golden

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of City Councilmember Wessler and carried.

YES: Riegel, Bugdon, Giberson, Wessler, Haviland, Rummler

NO:

ABSENT: Endicott

ABSTAIN:

*(tabled)***96-2011** Adopting Rules and Regulations for the Dog Exercise Area

97-2011 Authorizing Swartz & Co. to Determine Status of Financial Records

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, seconded of City Councilmember Bugdon and carried.

98-2011 Resolution Authorizing the City of Port Republic to enter into an Interlocal Agreement between the Atlantic County Utilities Authority to provide Roll off Container Service

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of City Councilmember Riegel and carried.

ORDINANCES:

04-2011 Ordinance Establishing Position of Deputy Municipal Clerk

Councilmember Haviland questioned how could we have a line item in the budget without the Ordinance being on the books.

On the motion of Councilmember Haviland, seconded of City Councilmember Bugdon and carried.

Introduction/First Reading

YES: Riegel, Bugdon, Giberson, Wessler, Haviland, Rummler

NO:

ABSENT: Endicott

ABSTAIN:

05-2011 Ordinance Creating and Establishing Dog Exercising Area

Introducton/ First Reading

Councilmember Wessler questioned why the City must pass a Ordinance to establish a Dog Exercising Area and who will enforce the law. City Attorney Keith Davis stated that once it is on the books the City will be able to enforce.

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, seconded of City Councilmember Wessler and carried.

YES: Riegel, Bugdon, Giberson, Wessler, Haviland, Rummler

NO:

ABSENT: Endicott

ABSTAIN:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Concerning the Construction Debris Councilmember Giberson questioned that Kris Facenda is looking into this issue with our prior Ordinance.

Mayor Giberson gave his report on the proposed solar project and green energy he will have updated information from the NJDEP. Mayor Giberson has a meeting this week with Cindy Randazzo and will have a report in the future.

Councilmember Giberson mentioned the Mining Project, he spoke with resident Clarence Hanselman for his expertise and suggestions, Councilmember Giberson will organize a meeting to have this project move forward.

Councilmember Bugdon stated she will reach out to Matt Doran's office to get this project moving forward. Councilmember Haviland had an update he noticed new paint on the street.

NEW BUSINESS:

OPEN TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

Councilmember Haviland moved, seconded of Councilmember Wessler and carried to open for public portion.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Gary Giberson for the record stated past City Clerk Lucy Samuelson did a fantastic and dedicated job for the seventeen years she was employed by the City of Port Republic, Council President Rummler concurred,

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

Hearing nothing further the public, Councilmember Haviland moved, seconded of Councilmember Wessler and carried to close the public portion.

RESOLUTION NO. 90-2011 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session

Councilmember Wessler moved and seconded of Councilmember Haviland and carried.

- South Jersey Gas Company Regarding Franchise Agreement
- Proposal for Green Acres Preliminary Assessment Endicott Property English Creek-Port Republic Road & Riverside Drive Block 31, Lots 2, 2.01, 2.02 and 2.03
- Percoskie Acq
- State vs. Gensel

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilmember Bugdon motioned to adjourn Executive Session, seconded by Councilmember Haviland and carried.

On the motion of Councilmember Haviland, seconded of Councilmember Wessler and carried to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone
Acting Municipal Clerk