

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. December 13, 2011
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Endicott, Donna Riegel, Doris Bugdon, Robert Haviland, Craig Rummler

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Roger Giberson, Kevin Wessler

MAYOR: Gary B. Giberson

ACTING MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly A. Campellone

ATTORNEY: Kristopher Facenda, Esq.

City 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.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL 19, 2011, CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Reigel and carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 23, 2011 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

MOTION TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 15, 2011 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

MOTION TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 15, 2011 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES

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

MOTION TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 2011 BILL LIST

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

Councilmember Bugdon Abstains from payment of PO # 11-04627 bill is made out to her.

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

YES: Endicott, Riegel, Bugdon (Abstain from # 11-04627) Haviland, Rummmler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Wessler

ABSTAIN:

PRESENTATION FOR BOB HAVILAND

Mayor Giberson recognized all that Councilmember Bob Haviland contributed to this community from his youth to his retirement, from being a member on the Planning Board to the School Board and also City Council. Mayor Giberson stated Councilmember Haviland biggest achievement was the acquisition of the Raring Property, with the Atlantic County Open Space, saving the beautiful properties that Port Republic acquired. The Leek Property, Roehl Property, Bob was instrumental in acquiring all of these properties procured for the City of Port Republic. Mayor Gary had several suggestions to honor Councilmember Haviland; one was to have his picture on a sign Clarks Mill Pond Preserve named the Robert Haviland Clark Mill Pond Preserve.

Councilmember Haviland was not comfortable with this type of recognition. Council President Rummmler suggested perhaps something displayed in the New City Hall. Councilmember Haviland chose to have his picture displayed with a plaque in the new City Hall. Councilmember Haviland stated getting pictures of past Mayors and displaying them in the New City Hall corridors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Police/Emergency Management:

Mayor Giberson responded to the correspondence from Senator Connors Office, the Chief of Police in Galloway would like sponsor a bill to pay the Township of Galloway \$600, 00.00 a year if Galloway Township will police Port Republic. Mayor Gary will not do anything unless the governing body of Port Republic and the governing body of Galloway agree. Mayor Gary will move with caution. Mayor Gary reported that Emergency Management is paid up and completed. Council President Rummmler is concerned about School Buses going over the Rt 610 Bridge.

Administrative/Personnel:

Council President Rummmler reported that everyone is aware of what is going on in Personnel; the Court has changed dramatically the new Court Administrator advised the Deputy Court Administrator to come in at 1:00 pm on court night this was not acceptable to her the Deputy Court Administrator resigned her position immediately.

Effectively we eliminated the Deputy Court Administrator position we have Donna Clark from Northfield come in one night a month to assist with Court at a rate of \$75.00 per session, hopefully this will allow Port Republic to maintain their Court. The second issue is the CFO position when the audit was done the one recommendation was that we need a CFO at least one full day per week, the personnel committee advised the CFO of this, since she has a full time job in Brigantine she was not able to continue her employment with the City of Port Republic. Gina Simon our Deputy City Clerk is working towards her CFO certification. Gina is the Acting Certified Financial Officer. Councilmember Bugdon also mentioned she has her Masters Degree in Business Administration. Mayor Giberson applauded Gina on her hard work.

Public Works:

Council President reported for Councilman Giberson's his report for Public Works; the Public Work Department is looking to purchase a 580 back Hoe with a cab vendor is on state bid list, waiting to find out a price.

Councilmember Giberson is in touch with a representative from Aqua- tex, the City is waiting for the report from the State stating that the site is clean and not contaminated. The contract for the Architect went out yesterday, Monday December 12, 2011 to J.W Pedersen for his signature. Danny Giberson is back working a couple of days a week. Jim Milton is on vacation this week. The trailer is having electrical problems and water problems.

Recreation:

Councilwoman Bugdon reported that the tree lighting was well attended. She cannot say thank you enough for all the people who baked cookies and the nice get together we had at Fred & Ethel's.

Fire and Ambulance:

No report.

Board of School Estimates:

No report

Planning Board:

No report no meeting

Code Enforcement

Construction:

Construction Official, Jack Kelly, submitted the following report: there was 1 inspections 3 alterations 1 resale. There was a court appearance pertaining to the home on Central Ave. the defendant plead not guilty and a January 4, 2012 court appearance is scheduled.

Senior Services:

Councilmember Bugdon stated that the Senior Service program is running smoothly she is still receiving request for medical assistance appliances.

Finance

No report

Building:

No Report

OPEN TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Governing Body acknowledged correspondence dated November 3, 2011 , received from Crown Castle concerning the land lease agreement. Write letter to Crown Castle Mayor is requesting a meeting with them.

Mayor and City Council acknowledged all correspondence.

City Councilmember Haviland reported on the correspondence from the Pinelands Commission referring to the gentleman that came to a city council meeting earlier this year concerning the forestry ordinance, a second letter followed discussing the fact that we have not received approval for the closing of the old landfill which was something that was discussed earlier. His recollection is that we did not need a change in our ordinance the gentleman who was here earlier in the year was supposed to take this information back to the Pinelands Commission. That did not happen. City Attorney Kris Facenda will look into this matter and report back to Mayor and City Council.

RESOLUTIONS:

96-2011 Adopting Rules and Regulations for the Dog Exercise Area

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

103-2011 Transfer Resolution 2011

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

YES: Endicott, Riegel, Bugdon, Haviland, Rummler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Wessler

ABSTAIN:

109-2011 Regular Schedule of City Council Meetings for 2012

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Wessler

ABSTAIN:

110-2011 Designation of Signatures for Court

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

YES: Endicott, Riegel, Bugdon, Haviland, Rummler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Wessler

ABSTAIN:

112-2011 Open Space Funds Extension for Endicott Acquisition

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

ORDINANCES:

06-2011 Ordinances to approve adopt and enact the renumbering of the codified ordinances of the City of Port Republic

First Reading/Introduction

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

YES: Endicott, Riegel, Bugdon, Haviland, Rummler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Wessler

ABSTAIN:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor Giberson will reach out to Mayor Kuehner of Egg Harbor City and report back to City Council in January.

Recreational Trails Program; Mayor Gary will like to work on this project with Bob Haviland and his family to design trails on the Huntley- Roehl property. Mayor Giberson commented on the beauty of Port Republic and how we cannot have vandals destroy what the city and (PRAF) Billy Smallwood have worked so hard for. Councilmember Bugdon reported about the vandalism that is happening around the City. Pinelands by way- the Mayor was delegated to set up a meeting with Dennis Levinson.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council President Rummler spoke on the subject of OPRA how much research goes into this. Mayor Gary commented on the fact that the Mayors Association is working on this there will be changes. Councilmember Endicott responded having the minutes on the website. City Clerk Campellone stated we are in the process of working on this situation. The website was only implemented one month ago eventually everything will go onto the website for the Public to have access.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Gary Giberson everyone have a Healthy Happy and Merry Christmas and may God continue to bless the City of Port Republic and its residents.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

Councilmember Bugdon moved, seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried to open the floor. Mayor Gary Giberson would like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Adams for the interest in the City of Port Republic.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

RESOLUTION NO.111 -2011 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session

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

1. South Jersey Gas Company Regarding a Franchise Agreement
2. The Proposed Land Acquisition of Block 31, Lot 2, Consisting of 19.12 Acres known as the Endicott Property

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilmember Bugdon moved, seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried to adjourn the Executive Session.

Council President Rummler commented on how much he learned from Councilmember Haviland and what an asset Councilmember Haviland has been to the City of Port Republic. Bob will stay on Planning Board and on the Building Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Haviland, seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Acting City Kimberly A. Campellone

