

**CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC**  
**6:30 p.m. April 10, 2012**  
**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, John Adams, Craig Rummler

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** Charles Endicott, Roger Giberson, Kevin Wessler

**MAYOR:** Gary B. Giberson

**ACTING MUNICIPAL CLERK:** Kimberly A. Campellone

**ATTORNEY:** Kristopher Facenda, Esq.

**ACTING CFO:** Gina Simon

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, 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 MARCH 13, 2012 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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

**YES:** Riegel, Bugdon, Adams, Rummler

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Endicott, Wessler, Giberson

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE MARCH 13, 2012 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

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

**YES:** Riegel, Bugdon, Adams, Rummler

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Endicott, Wessler, Giberson

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE APRIL 2012 BILL LIST**

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

**YES:** Riegel, Bugdon, Adams, Rummler

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Endicott, Wessler, Giberson

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS**

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

**YES:** Riegel, Bugdon, Adams, Rummler

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Endicott, Wessler, Giberson

**ABSTAIN:** Bugdon Abstains on PO 12-00115

**POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT:**

Activity report provided by the Tuckerton barracks and given by Trooper Scott Teflock – one 911 hang-up, two alarms, a criminal mischief complaint, a domestic dispute, two harassment calls, one hit-and-run accident, three medicals assists, one motor vehicle accident and 23 property checks for the month of March.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

**CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:**

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

**ORDINANCE:**

**02-2012 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (Second Reading/Adoption)**

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

**YES:** Riegel, Bugdon, Adams, Rummler

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Endicott, Wessler, Giberson

**ABSTAIN:**

**RESOLUTION:**

**46-2012 AUTHORIZING THE BUDGET BE READ BY TITLE ONLY**

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

**YES:** Riegel, Bugdon, Adams, Rummler

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Endicott, Wessler, Giberson

**ABSTAIN:**

**2012 BUDGET:**

**ADOPTION OF 2012 BUDGET (Second Reading/Adoption)**

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

**YES:** Riegel, Bugdon, Adams, Rummler

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Endicott, Wessler, Giberson

**ABSTAIN:**

**RESOLUTION: FORMAL EXIT FOR AUDIT**

**43-2012 LOCAL FINACE BOARD REGARDING AUDIT**

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

**YES:** Riegel, Bugdon, Adams, Rummler

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Endicott, Wessler, Giberson

**ABSTAIN:**

**Police/Emergency Management:**

Police activity report provided above.

Letters to be sent to State Police and Sheriff's Department regarding speeding on Pomona and Central Avenues. Mayor Giberson and Councilwomen Bugdon have received several calls regarding interest in the town watch. A meeting is to be planned.

**Administrative/Personnel:**

Acting Municipal Clerk, Kimberly Campellone and Deputy Municipal Clerk, Gina Simon were able to save the City \$400 by printing the newsletters in house and not going out to Staples for printing.

**Public Works:**

The new backhoe is in. The Public Works Department has received training on the new machine. It will get tagged and insured per the recommendation received during training along with the grinder, tracker and other equipment which goes out on the road.

**Recreation:**

Three lifeguards have been hired, ready for Memorial Day weekend. Beach tags go on sale May 1<sup>st</sup>. Clean members have also been hired. Additionally, the six baseball organizations have just started using the ball field.

Billy Smallwood advised that the trees in the park area will be planted in the fall due to the lack of rain. In addition, he requested a pole put out in right field for additional lighting to keep the area lit up for safety – Council approved. Still waiting to hear from gentleman regarding resurfacing the tennis courts.

**Fire and Ambulance:**

No report.

**Board of School Estimates:**

School budget has been passed.

**Planning Board:**

No Meeting.

**Code Enforcement:**

A letter has been sent out to a resident. Also, a letter has been sent out to the Parkway regarding the groves being dug out near the moment by their trucks. Complaints continue to come in regarding the 610 bridge and the speeding through town.

Councilwomen Bugdon would like the County to be advised that trucks and buses continue to over the 610 bridge. She is requesting additional signage that is eye catching, as well as, a flashing light that would advise of the 3 ton weight limit. Council agreed to pass a resolution requesting the County take immediate action.

**Construction:**

Thirteen inspections were done; nine permits: 7 for alterations and two for zoning.

**Senior Services:**

Property reimbursement tax forms have been distributed to residents that qualify. Additional forms are available to anyone that needs them. Councilwomen Bugdon also advised that due to an oversight, the location of the Senior Tea was not included in the newsletter. The Senior Tea is being held at St. Paul's Church.

**Finance:**

No report.

**Building:**

After a meeting with the court and the project manager it was agreed that a door would be put in which would block the public from one of the bathrooms allowing for a private bathroom for the judge and employees. Some additional minor changes were agreed upon in the court office as well. Matt Doran has been working to get some pressure tests done. Everything is proceeding.

Resident Bob Haviland adds that the plans are in front of an estimator. A step that is done before it goes out to bid.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Resident Bob Haviland thanked council for getting the speed limits signs up. He has seen a reduction in speeders along English Creek Road.

Resident Kathy Cox presented several questions regarding the budget which were answered.

**CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

*Letter dated December 31, 2011 received in this office March 19, 2012 from Beth Stasuk Deputy Director Galloway Twp. Public Works:*

Letter to be sent.

*Letter Dated March 30, 2012 Green Acres form Greg Langan regarding the Green Acres Program:*

Resident Bob Haviland advised the following: the French estate along Pitney Road and Riverside Drive was acquired by someone and given to the City of Port Republic.

Apparently the people who acquired it did so with Green Acres money. Therefore, the same Green Acres restrictions apply to that tract. The city map that identifies Green Acres lands should also identify that property as Green Acres. In addition it was found during the tour with Greg Langan that the Clarks Mill Pond property was not recorded by Green Acres as being a Green Acres property. That has since been corrected.

*Email from Tax Assessor Bill Johnson Proposed Legislation:*

Resolution tabled until further information is obtained.

*Email from NJDEP Mandatory Remediation time frames to hire a Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) Matt Doran will contact someone and it will cost approximately \$500.00:*  
Correspondence acknowledged.

*Letter dated March 26, 2012 from Matt Doran Final invoice #3 Maintenance Bond:*

Correspondence acknowledged.

*Letter dated March 26, 2012 from Robbie Dollard of Doran Engineering Endorsement of Change Order Form SA-1*

Correspondence acknowledged.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**44-2012 Appointment of MJW Consultant**

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

**YES:** Riegel, Bugdon, Adams, Rummler

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Endicott, Wessler, Giberson

**ABSTAIN:**

**45-2012 Change Order #2 Reconstruction of Church Street**

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

**YES:** Riegel, Adams, Rummler

**NO:** Bugdon  
**ABSENT:** Endicott, Wessler, Giberson  
**ABSTAIN:**

**47-2012 Authorizing the City of Port Republic's Professionals to File and Prosecute an Application For a Use Variance Before the Planning Board for the Property Known as Block 24, Lot 34.**  
(Tabled until after Executive Session)

**48-2012 Resolution Requesting the County Of Atlantic's Review Of The Signage Located Near Or Upon The Route 610 Bridge**  
On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried.  
**YES:** Riegel, Bugdon, Adams, Rummler  
**NO:**  
**ABSENT:** Endicott, Wessler, Giberson  
**ABSTAIN:**

**49-2012 Resolution to support Assembly Bill A1503 & Senate Bill 2904**  
(Tabled)

**50-2012 Calling for the Restoration of Energy Taxes to Municipalities**  
On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried.  
**YES:** Riegel, Bugdon, Adams, Rummler  
**NO:**  
**ABSENT:** Endicott, Wessler, Giberson  
**ABSTAIN:**

**ORDINANCES:**

**01-2012 Tax Map**  
(*First Reading/Introduction*)  
On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried.  
**YES:** Riegel, Bugdon, Adams, Rummler  
**NO:**  
**ABSENT:** Endicott, Wessler, Giberson  
**ABSTAIN:**

**02-2012 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (Second Reading/Public Hearing/Adoption; Introduced before budget)**

**03-2012 Ordinance Authorizing the City of Port Republic to Purchase Property Designated as Block 31, Lots 2, 2.01, 2.02 and 2.03 on the Tax Map of the City of Port Republic (Second Reading/Public Hearing/Adoption)**

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

**YES:** Riegel, Bugdon, Adams, Rummler

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Endicott, Wessler, Giberson

**ABSTAIN:**

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

Not formally opened.

Resident Kathy Cox presented several questions regarding the purchase of the property known as Block 31, Lots 2, 2.01, 2.02 and 2.03 which were answered.

**CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:**

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Construction Fee: Construction Official Jack Kelly is researching the fees.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**04-2012 ACUA Revisions to Solid Waste**

**(Tabled)**

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

**CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. ES 03-2012** Authorization to Enter into Executive Session

Councilmember Bugdon moved and seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried.

1. South Jersey Gas Company Regarding a Franchise Agreement
2. Acquisition of Endicott Property Known as Block 31, Lots 2, 2.01, 2.02 and 2.03
3. Gravel Lease Bid Packet

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried to adjourn Executive Session.

**RESOLUTION:**

**47-2012 Authorizing the City of Port Republic’s Professionals to File and Prosecute an Application For a Use Variance Before the Planning Board for the Property Known as Block 24, Lot 34.**

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

**YES:** Riegel, Bugdon, Adams, Rummler

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Endicott, Wessler, Giberson

**ABSTAIN:**

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kimberly A. Campellone  
Acting Municipal Clerk