

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. September 11, 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: John Adams, Kevin Wessler, Roger Giberson, Craig Rummler, Donna Riegel

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Charles Endicott, Doris Bugdon

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, 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 AUGUST 14, 2012 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

YES: Adams, Rummler, Wessler, Riegel, Giberson

NO:

ABSENT: Bugdon, Endicott

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE AUGUST 14, 2012 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES

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

YES: Adams, Rummler, Wessler, Riegel, Giberson

NO:

ABSENT: Bugdon, Endicott

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE September 2012 BILL LIST

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

YES: Adams, Rummler, Wessler, Riegel, Giberson

NO:

ABSENT: Bugdon, Endicott
ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

YES: Adams, Rummler, Wessler, Riegel, Giberson

NO:

ABSENT: Bugdon, Endicott

ABSTAIN:

Police/Emergency Management:

No report from State Police.

As President of the Conference of Mayors, Mayor Giberson advised that this year, two additional classes of troopers will be added. Furthermore, he is looking into obtaining Kindles for the students at the Port Republic School. He is also asked the legislatures to look into the issues experienced with OPRA.

The emergency management paperwork from the June 30th storm has been completed and submitted to FEMA.

Administrative/Personnel:

Nothing new to report.

Public Works:

The boat ramp has been temporarily mended. It is slated to be repaired on Saturday, September 15th depending on the tide. Danny Giberson has been brought in an extra day to help with Public Works.

Recreation:

Report submitted by Councilmember Bugdon: It was a very successful summer. The beach was closed for three days due to heavy rains. The Clean Team finished up on August 31th. They worked well and did a really good job.

The Regatta Duct Tape Boat race will be at the beach Saturday, September 15th.

To alleviate the load on Public Works, Councilman Giberson suggests establishing other means for overseeing the Clean Team next year.

Fire and Ambulance:

Fire Department will be in Galloway Township on September 11th for the 911 ceremony. The fire department should have the issue with the tax ID number resolved by the end of the week.

Board of School Estimates:

Number of students per grade at Port Republic School:

Kindergarten: 16; 2 Choice School
1st grade: 12; 1 Choice School
2nd grade: 12; 1 Choice School
3rd grade: 17; 1 Choice School
4th grade: 8; 1 Choice School
5th grade: 15; 1 Choice School
6th grade: 20; 0 Choice School
7th grade: 10; 1 Choice School
8th grade: 12; 0 Choice School

One hundred thirty students total for the 2012-2013 school year.

Planning Board:

No meeting.

Code Enforcement:

A letter will be going out to the house located across the street from the fire department regarding the grass.

Construction:

Seven alterations: four were new and three were updates; one zoning permit and one CO inspection/resale permit for a total of nine.

Senior Services:

No report.

Finance:

No report.

Building:

John Pedersen, Architect is looking into the suggestions from the last meeting to help in reducing the costs associated with the new city hall. Based on the second opinion from the geotech, there may be the possibility that the pilings will not be needed for the construction of the new building – John will be providing a report in the near future. Furthermore, the monitoring wells have been removed.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Billy Smallwood stated that the Half Ironman went off smoothly. The troopers and sheriffs helped with traffic; traffic delays were reported in the Current. Sponsorship was raised and combined with the donation, Billy is expecting close to \$11,000 for the park.

Kathy Cox, 123 Moss Mill Rd. addressed council regarding the typographical errors on the agenda.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter dated September 6, 2012 from the 9th District Senator Connors, Assemblyman Rumpf and Assemblywoman Gove concerning the GSP full interchange Parkway Exit 40 (Route 30 connection)

Letter from NJDEP no idling pledge.

Letter dated August 13, 2012 from William Nuhn of Aqua-tex Soil Reuse Pile

Letter dated August 16, 2012 from William Nuhn of Aqua-tex Soil Compaction

Invoice stating Monitoring Well abandonment close out at old City Hall location on August 10, 2012

Fax sent on September 10 2012 Doran Engineering Municipal Aid & Bike way Program
Agreed to apply for street reconstruction

All Correspondence acknowledged.

RESOLUTIONS:

69-2012 Authorizing the City to Execute Deed of Restriction and Easement to State of New Jersey for the Property Known as Block 36 Lots 1 & 2

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

YES: Rummler, Wessler, Giberson, Adams, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT: Bugdon, Endicott

ABSTAIN:

74-2012 Supporting Full Interchange on Garden State Parkway and U.S. Route 30

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, seconded by Councilmember Rummler and carried.

YES: Rummler, Giberson, Riegel

NO: Wessler, Adams

ABSENT: Bugdon, Endicott
ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES:

05-2012 Salary & Wages (Tabled)
(First Reading Intro)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Update on Endicott Acquisition: *Closing took place on the Endicott property.*

Mayor Giberson is working on a project to restore the Makia Smith Graveyard (located across the temporary trailer).

Kevin Zelinski of Remington, Vernick & Walberg Engineers regarding Ward Map
(Waiting on response from Board of Elections their meeting was Aug 21)
No Action.

Pinelands Ordinance Meeting (awaiting update from Keith Davis, Esq.)
Keith Davis, Esq. advised that Nancy Wittenberg is working to get the landfill shutdown. In addition, Nancy stated to Keith that the forestry ordinance is not intended to hamper homeowner's ability to cut trees down on their property for personal use but to prevent wholesale clear cutting in the Pinelands area beyond one acre in size.

Construction Fees
No Action.

Boling Cemetery
Ongoing.

Southern Pine Beetle Grants and Community Forestry SPB (Waiting for Planning Bd to meet in Oct.)
No Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Best Practices Checklist CY 2012/Best Practices Inventory
Acknowledged

Transfer Station (Council President Craig Rummler)
Businesses should not be using the transfer station to dump trash. Councilman Giberson suggested that businesses provide proof that they have a contract for their trash removal.

GSP Clarks Landing Road Expansion (*Council President Craig Rummler*)
It has been confirmed with the engineer for the expansion project that the widening will be on the inside, not outside of the bridge.

PROCLAMATION

None

Mayor Giberson took a moment to remember 911.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Open executive session on the motion of Councilmember Giberson, seconded by Councilmember Wessler and carried.

ES 09-2012 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding:

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
4. New City Hall
5. Percoskie Acq.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson seconded of Councilmember Wessler and carried to adjourn Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, seconded of Councilmember Wessler and carried to adjourn at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kimberly A. Campellone
Acting Municipal Clerk