

**CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC**  
**6:30 p.m. MARCH 12, 2013**  
**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:** Charles Endicott, Doris Bugdon, John Adams, Kevin Wessler, Roger Giberson, Craig Rummler

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** Donna Riegel

**MAYOR:** Gary B. Giberson (late)

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

**ATTORNEY:** Kimberly Procopio, 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 FEBRUARY 12, 2013 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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

**YES:** Adams, Rummler, Giberson, Wessler, Bugdon, Endicott

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Riegel

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 12, 2013 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

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

**YES:** Adams, Rummler, Giberson, Wessler, Bugdon, Endicott

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Riegel

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE MARCH 2013 BILL LIST**

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

**YES:** Adams, Rummler, Giberson, Wessler, Bugdon, Endicott

**NO:**  
**ABSENT:** Riegel  
**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS**

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

**YES:** Adams, Rummler, Giberson, Wessler, Bugdon, Endicott

**NO:**  
**ABSENT:** Riegel  
**ABSTAIN:**

President Rummler advised that South Jersey would not be attending the meeting as originally thought.

**Police/Emergency Management:**

Mayor Giberson's report stated that the paperwork for FEMA has been completed. It is estimated that the City would be receiving in exceed of \$30,000. He further advised that he is working on curbing the disturbance within the city.

**Administrative/Personnel:**

Nothing to report.

**Public Works:**

Jim Milton and Dan Giberson have been busy with the cleaning the park area. The have started piling the bush for the chipping process.

**Recreation:**

Mayor Giberson, Kim Campellone and Councilwoman Bugdon will meet with Mayor Purdy and Beth Stasuk from GTAA regarding several issues. Several baseball teams have applied and will be utilizing the fields seven days a week.

Councilwoman Bugdon also asked that something be done with residents not securing their trash while transporting it to the transfer station.

**Fire and Ambulance:**

Caring House has had several false alarms.

The fire dept. is looking into switching from Galloway Twp. to another town for calls.

**Board of School Estimates:**

Councilman Giberson asked Kim Procopia, Esq. to look into the process of how the school's budget is approved.

The school is currently just under \$0.045; there has been a \$160,000 increase in high school tuition this year due to the number of kids in the district attending Cedar Creek.

Board of school estimates meeting March 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Planning Board:**

No report.

**Code Enforcement:**

No report.

**Construction:**

Seventeen inspections were completed. Permits were issued for six alterations; one addition and four zoning permits, two CO resale inspections; total of twelve. Additionally, there was a court date on March 6<sup>th</sup> for the violation issued for working without a permit on Old New York Road; the final disposition was a \$50 fine.

**Senior Services:**

Councilwoman has been disbursing PTR applications to first time applicants.

**Finance:**

Councilman Adams has not received any word from FEMA regarding the grant application for the generator.

**Building:**

The building committee did meet with contractors interested in bidding the on new city hall project.

The bids were received March 12<sup>th</sup> at noon. Sidd & Assoc. was the lowest bidder at \$924,000, Angelini was second at \$1,079,000, Wilkinson was third at \$1,105,000 and, finally, PEC/RM came in at \$1,141,000.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Anthony Barile 127 Mill St, inquired about the public disturbances referenced during the Police/Emergency Management portion of the meeting and; whether or not there was any litigation between the City and South Jersey Gas.

Tim Hendly 17 River Road, ask what the City is currently doing and whether or not a buyout would occur or be offered for those affect by Sandy.

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Letter dated February 22, 2013 and audit report for calendar year 2012 from Ford-Scott & Associates

*All Correspondence acknowledged.*

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**44-2013 Tonnage Grant Application Resolution**

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

**YES:** Rummler, Giberson, Adams, Bugdon, Wessler, Endicott

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Riegel

**ABSTAIN:**

**45-2013 Amending Resolution 33A-2013 Temporary Budget**

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

**YES:** Rummler, Giberson, Adams, Bugdon, Wessler, Endicott

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Riegel

**ABSTAIN:**

**46-2013 Appointing Borough of Tuckerton as Conflict Agency for Uniform Construction Code Services**

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, seconded by Councilmember Bugdon and carried with a change from "A conflict agency" and not "The conflict agency".

**YES:** Rummler, Giberson, Adams, Bugdon, Wessler, Endicott

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Riegel

**ABSTAIN:**

**47-2013 Granting a raffle license for the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance**

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

**YES:** Rummler, Giberson, Adams, Bugdon, Wessler, Endicott

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Riegel

**ABSTAIN:**

**48-2013 Resolution (Authorizing Bid of Gravel Lease) 3-12-13  
(Tabled)**

**ORDINANCES:**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Boling Cemetery  
*Still in progress.*

Pine Beetles  
*Process to be started shortly.*

Flood Advisory Maps (*Jack Kelly*)  
*Discussed during Open Public Portion.*

Construction Fees (*Jack Kelly*)  
*Conference call to be coordinated to reassess fees.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Block 5 (*Per Mike Fitzgerald*)  
*Jack Kelly, Construction Official, advised council of the status of block 5.*

**PROCLAMATION:**

01-2013 Proclamation Supporting Read Across America

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Anthony Barile 127 Mill St, asked if the forestry (regarding the pine beetles) would be able to mulch the trees enough to decompose and reduce the risk of fire.

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

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

**ES 03-2013 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding:**

1. Gravel Lease
2. City Hall
3. ACE

4. Port Store
5. South Jersey Gas

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

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

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Wessler and carried to adjourn at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kimberly A. Campellone  
Acting Municipal Clerk