

**CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC**  
**6:30 p.m. JANUARY 2, 2014**  
**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 Bonthron, Doris Bugdon, Craig Rummler, John Adams, Kevin Wessler

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** Donna Riegel, Roger Giberson

**MAYOR:** Gary B. Giberson

**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 DECEMBER 10, 2013 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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

**YES:** Bonthron, Bugdon, Rummler, Adams, Wessler

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Riegel, Giberson

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE DECEMBER 10, 2013 EXECUTIVE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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

**YES:** Bonthron, Bugdon, Rummler, Adams, Wessler

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Riegel, Giberson

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE JANUARY 2014 BILL LIST**

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

**YES:** Bonthron, Bugdon, Rummler, Adams, Wessler

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Riegel, Giberson  
**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS**

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

**YES:** Bonthron, Bugdon, Rummler, Adams, Wessler

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Riegel, Giberson

**ABSTAIN:**

**Police/Emergency Management:**

No Report/Progress.

**Administrative/Personnel:**

The tax collector's computer is now working. Congratulations to Kimberly Campellone, RMC and Gina Simon, CMFO for passing their state exams.

**Public Works:**

James Milton was hospitalized in December at the same time that Dan Giberson was on vacation. Council President thanked his son, Chris Rummler, who was able to fill in and spent 20 to 25 hours making sure that the equipment was ready for the snow. Additionally he came in to compact the trash to keep the debris from flying away.

Furthermore, Council President has noticed that residents have been dumping their trash while the gate is open while the electric company is working. Mayor Giberson was advised that the electric company is waiting to finish the substation before replacing the fence.

**Recreation:**

Councilwoman Bugdon reported an electrical outlet will be installed near the Christmas tree to accommodate the tree lights. Additionally, LED lights will replace the current tree lights. Flag poles also require new lighting.

**Fire and Ambulance:**

Councilman Wessler reported one accident on Route 9 bridge and another on the Garden State Parkway; 6 new air packets and 12 new bottles have been ordered.

Additionally, the roof needs to be replaced at a of cost of a metal roof will be \$16,000

President Rummler commented on the engineer's report provided by Brad Hooper regarding the old garage and believes that it does not provide a clear outline that the building could be repaired.

**Board of School Estimates:**

No Report.

**Planning Board:**

No Report.

**Code Enforcement:**

Kimberly Campellone stated she is in the progress of writing a letter to a resident who dumped paint at the transfer station.

**Construction:**

No Report.

**Senior Services:**

Donations continue to come in.

**Finance:**

No report.

**Building:**

Mayor Giberson continues to take pictures of the progression of the new city hall. Additionally he would love to invite everyone back who worked on the building for coffee and donuts once the building is completed.

Councilman Wessler stated that everything is moving well. Wood will be delivered depending on the upcoming storm.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Kathy Cox, 123 Moss Mill Rd., asked if the fire dept. decides that it is no longer interested in the old garage due to the cost asked if the building could be sold. Kim Procopio, Esq. advised that the lot is nonconforming and per the municipal engineer's report the building cannot be repaired. From a liability perspective it is not advisable to allow people in the building simply based on the municipal engineer's report.

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**RESOLUTIONS:**

None

**ORDINANCES:**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Garden State Parkway (Craig Rummler)

*President Rummler attended the Garden State Parkway extension meeting, he did mention his concerns at the meeting primarily about the increase traffic noise from the parkway.*

Revaluation Map Standards property breakdown (from Bill Johnson)

*To be discussed at the next meeting.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Gate at Transfer Station

*Discussed above.*

Transfer Station Rules and Regulations

*Rules and Regulations needs to be revised; to be discussed at the next meeting.*

Recreation Invoices

*Galloway Twp. Recreation has submitted a several invoices totaling \$47,943.44 in past due bills despite the agreement reached last year that Port Republic would pay a flat fee of \$10,000 per year beginning in 2014. Mayor Giberson reached out to Mayor Don Purdy regarding the invoices. He advised Mayor Giberson that he would look into and get back to him. However, Mayor Giberson has not yet heard back.*

*Kim Procopio, Esq. suggested that Mayor Giberson ask Mayor Don Purdy to have Galloway Twp. pass a resolution establishing that all future payments will be \$10,000 per year and that it is resolved by agreement that there are no passed due monies.*

**PROCLAMATION:**

Be kind to one another.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

ES 01-2014 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

*No Business.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Wessler and carried to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kimberly A. Campellone  
Municipal Clerk