

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. May 13, 2014
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Adequate notice of this meeting was given as required by the Open Public Meeting act. On the motion of Council President Rummler, Seconded by Councilmember Bugdon and carried to close the workshop meeting portion of the meeting.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: John Adams, John Bonthron, Doris Bugdon, Donna Riegel, Craig Rummler, Kevin Wessler

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Roger Giberson

MAYOR: Gary B. Giberson

MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC

ATTORNEY: Kimberly Procopio, Esq.

Council President 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 11, 2014 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE APRIL 8, 2014 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE APRIL 8, 2014 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES

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

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

NO:
ABSENT: Giberson
ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE MAY 2014 BILL LIST

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

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

NO:
ABSENT: Giberson,
ABSTAIN: Bugdon #00122 & 00560

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

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

NO:
ABSENT: Giberson,
ABSTAIN: Bugdon # 00122 & 00560 Riegel # 14-00209

Police/Emergency Management:

No Police report.

Mayor Giberson is showing the NJSP the New City Hall he is attending monthly emergency management meetings at the Canale center. All the paperwork for the Hazard Mitigation is complete. Council President Rummler mentioned a lot of state police activity Clarks Landing Road and Pomona Road. Mayor Giberson stated the NJSP are also present at the Port School.

The sheriff department has 11 new sheriff deputies on the roster, Mayor Giberson would like to have signs for county roads stating they are radar controlled.

Administrative/Personnel:

No report. Personnel committee will meet. Gina Simon in school for her QPA.

Public Works:

Report Attached. Jimmy and Danny placed two cables at the transfer station entrance and exit. Council President Rummler stated for Public Works Supervisor Jim Milton to reach out to Bill Smallwood in regard to the race. Councilmember John Adams questioned when the Atlantic City Electric Company will put the new gate up at the transfer station. Mayor Giberson explained they were supposed to start already. Atlantic City Electric wanted to move gate; Mayor stated, "No".

Recreation:

Councilmember Doris Bugdon questioned if everyone has seen the putting green area down at the park the paver pads have been complete along with the gardens. Resident Chuck Swedierk did this as a volunteer. Resident Janet Longo did a wonderful

transformation in the garden. PRAF put in the sprinkler system, please go and check out it completely enhances the area. City council will send a letter to thank Janet and Chuck for all their hard work. A plaque was placed down in the area it is being dedicated to the Smallwood's for their time and dedication to the Jersey Genesis Triathlon.

Beach will open Saturday May 24th there are two life guards and one beach badge attendant; three clean team kids are coming back with one new member. Community Day is set for June 21, 2014. On Community Day the singing group Suite Inspirations will perform at the same original price. Pyrotecnico is doing the fireworks. Boyscout Pack 21 will have hot popcorn and pretzels to sell. PTS will sell glow sticks and the Port Republic Volunteer Fire Company will have their food concession. Councilmember Bugdon questioned Clerk Campellone is everything if set for the fireworks, Clerk Campellone stated all documentation and paperwork has been submitted to the State.

Fire and Ambulance:

Councilmember Wessler mentioned this weekend is the fire house dinner. The roof to the fire house is just about finished. Call out the other night mutual aid in New Gretna house burn.

Board of School Estimates:

Mayor Giberson received a call from Senator Van Drew's office, in regard to school choice, Dr. McGinley School Superintendent will report back to the Mayor on the meeting.

Planning Board:

No Report.

Code Enforcement:

Code Enforcement Officer still working on Pomona Avenue; has a contact person, summons will go out.

Construction

For the month of April: total of inspections 29 were done; the following permits were issued: three alterations, and one demo, one for a new single family home CO inspection for a total of 7. One Zoning and 1 CO for resale. Council President Rummier questioned if Construction Official Kelly is working on the new fees?

Senior Services:

Doris Bugdon reported that the Municipal Alliance funded the senior tea, this year's theme was Mayhem on Maui 20 people attended. Lynn Loper Municipal Alliance Coordinator participated by supplying handouts. Councilmember Donna Riegel supplied the tea she stated the ladies had a super time. Doris shared the thank you notes she has received. To date 9 pieces of physical health aids on loan 2 pieces on long term loan. Just acquired a new 3 piece walker, in need of light weight wheel chair,

Medicare has stopped paying monies for the health aids, Doris is receiving calls from Galloway and Egg Harbor City; this is becoming a great asset to our residents. Mayor and Council thanked Doris for all her hard work. Council President Rummeler looking into purchasing a shed for all the equipment.

Councilmember Adams praised Councilmember Bugdon for the wonderful work she does with the seniors, he believed all municipalities did this for their senior citizens. He found out at the league dinner that majority of municipalities did not do this type of outreach for their seniors. He was very proud of Doris and the community of Port Republic.

Finance:

No update.

Building:

Mayor Giberson reported the roof for the new building is completed; mark calendar for June 3 cupola delivery. There is a hold up on the front and back doors; doors are coming June 15. Biweekly construction meetings continue; Mayor is sending the architect daily pictures. Mayor Giberson found a chandelier at a better price; wrought iron chandeliers will be placed in Council Chambers behind dais and there will be two nautical sconces placed. Colors for the walls have been picked out from the Williamsburg paint samples. Heating and air conditioning now getting ready to be installed and getting ready to drywall; Mike Turner put in a proposal for the Heating and Air Conditioning. Ribbon cutting set for September 23, 2014, Councilmember Bugdon will chair the committee along with Mayor Giberson with Kim and Gina's help. The Atlantic County Freeholders will hold their monthly meeting in the new city hall on the same day. Councilmember Wessler mentioned added expenses for a security system. A proposal was received to run data lines for less than \$4,000.00. A lengthy discussion on security issues ensued.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Tom Darcy represents resident Bill Kurtz, Bill purchased a 10 acre parcel out on Indian Cabin Road, known as the Winchell Property there is an issue with cemetery near the property, he cannot locate a deed. Mr. Darcy gave handouts to Mayor and Council to explain there is no record of conveyance he went back to the 1800's; the complication is there are no boundary lines. Tom Darcy will send Kim Procopio Esq., over the legal description for the property. Kim Procopio will draft a resolution. Mayor and Council concurred that a ten foot boundary line will be sufficient.

Bob Haviland 316 English Creek Road, explained the complications for filing the Financial Disclosure Statements with the new requirements that it must be done online, he expressed his concern with Port Republic being such a small municipality it is an

imposition for those of us who do not handle money why would we need to, he is suggesting to the Mayor reach out to Senator Connors as a small community he is opposed to this process, what if you do not have a computer? Councilmember Bugdon also complained about the procedure that it must be submitted online for members who do not have computers. City Solicitor Kim Procopio stated they use them to cross check for a conflict of interest. Mayor Giberson will look into this with the New Jersey conference of Mayors.

Resident Bill Smallwood of 122 Clarks Landing Road mentioned that the race is two weeks away. He wants to make sure everyone is on the same page. He questioned if Councilman John Bonthron will be in attendance; he questioned Councilwoman Doris Bugdon if both life guards could come in? He also requested if the clean team can come in to help clean up, council did not see a problem; the city has always supplied the insurance for the race, the donation amount is \$1500.00.

Bill Smallwood requested Clerk Kim Campellone reach out to the County for the flashing sign, he reached out to the Sheriff Dept.; the NJSP will not commit unless being paid. The price is \$90.00 with a minimum of four hours, clean team will work between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. PRAF made up post cards for the residents along Riverside Drive. Riverside Drive between Mill and Pomona Road receives heavy traffic. No one will be allowed on Riverside Drive. Council President Craig Rummmler will take care of the barricades. Billy is requesting if Al Kinkade can help out. Billy stated that the race starts at 8:00 am and should be done around 11:00 am and with clean up done around 1:00pm. Mayor Giberson stated it is a great event for the little bit of inconvenience it causes.

Billy Smallwood mentioned a new sidewalk was installed at the beach area and they completed a new entrance into and out of the park for the athletes competing in the triathlon.

Councilmember Wessler mentioned to request 30 orange cones from the county for the Port Bridge.

County Engineer met with Councilmember Doris Bugdon; he is fine with the design for the steps coming up from Main Street at the church. It will happen after Memorial Day sometime.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Bill Smallwood in regard to the 19th Annual Jersey Genesis Triathlon and Bambino Biathlon (Approved)

GSP Hearing Letter
Acknowledged

AC Vegetation and Structural Maintenance
Council President Rummler concerned with the maintenance the utility lines. He wants to reach out to ACE for them to come to the next meeting to explain what they are intending to do.

Thank you letter from Ruth & Gary Blight to Council in regards to Jimmy and Danny for all their hard work during the winter months and to Doris and Kim for being so helpful.
Acknowledged

Thank you from Judge William Cappuccio
Acknowledged

RESOLUTIONS:

44-2014 Authorizing the increase of \$3,000.00 for JW Pedersen
On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Bonthron and carried.

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

45-2014 GovDeals Online Auction

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES:

04-2014 Authorizing a Special Emergency for the Preparation of an Approved Tax Map.
2nd Reading/Public Hearing/Final Adoption

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

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION:

On the motion of Councilmember Riegel seconded by Councilmember Bonthron and carried.

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

Mike Turner Jr. of 150 Indian Cabin Road questioned why it is a special emergency. Council President Rummler explained the situation that the tax maps are old and need to be revised before the City takes on the Revaluation, the city will have 5 years to pay it back.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance 04-2014 on the motion of Councilmember Riegel, seconded by Councilmember Adams and carried.

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCE 05-2014- Capital Ordinance Appropriating Thirty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Seven Dollars (\$38,157)

Introduction/1st Reading

On the motion of Councilmember Riegel seconded by Councilmember Bonthron and carried. As amended.

Councilmember Wessler questioned what this Ordinance is for along with Councilmember Adams, City Clerk and Council President Rummler, responded it is for the purchase of computers for the Port Republic School. Councilmember Adams would like to know how many computers and what they are being used for. Councilmember Wessler questioned are we actually buying the computers or is the school buying? Why are we giving them the money and we are not buying the computers. Kim Procopio suggested to change the Ordinance to approve the expenditures upon receiving an invoice and to approve the Purchase Orders. Vote on the ordinance with a caveat.

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCE 06-2014 COMCAST FRANCHISE RENEWAL PULLED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Old Public Works Garage

Kevin Wessler stated that the fire department does not want the garage.

Councilmember Riegel stated to sell the property. Bugdon stated to give it back to the family who donated the building. Wessler stated it is not structurally sound. After much discussion Mayor and Council decided on forming a committee to look into all options for the Old Public Works Garage. The committee will consist of Councilmember Bonthron, Councilmember Riegel and Councilmember Wessler.

South Jersey Gas

Clerk Campellone has reached out to South Jersey Gas. The number is up to 183 residents who have signed up.

NEW BUSINESS:

School Issue Council President Rummler would like to see this legislative pass and would make it fairer for state aid. He would like for Port Republic to pass a resolution and forward it to the legislatures Port Republic would receive a 56% increase the down side the poorer district would receive less; it will give Port more state aid.

46-2014 Requesting Co-Sponsors for the Fair School Funding Plan for the State of New Jersey

On the motion of Councilmember Council President Rummler seconded of Councilmember Bonthron and carried.

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson,

ABSTAIN:

Historical Society Monies –Councilmember Bugdon holding onto historical society money in the amount of \$3141.05; she would like to hand it over to the City. Councilmember Bugdon will write a check and donate the money to the City for Historical use.

Shared Service grass cutting Port Republic School

Business Administrator Todd D’Anna spoke with Council President Rummler in regards to a shared service with the City for the Public Works crew to cut the school grounds.

New Filing Procedures for the Financial Disclosure Statements 2014

Clerk Campellone mentioned if anyone needs assistance she will be available to help.

Reconstruction of Blakes Lane \$160,000.00

Reach out to Matt Doran what we need to do.

Mayor Giberson is receiving complaints regarding a resident shooting a high powered gun. He would like to see the city could pass a safe gun ordinance, no weapon to be discharged more than a 22 only if they are a legitimate shooting range. Mayor and City Council are working on this issue.

PROCLAMATION:

02-2014 Next Number

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Resident Mike Turner 150 Indian Cabin Road, expressed his concern to get Comcast taking care of in a timely manner. As far as the gun ordinance, this is a neighbor to neighbor dispute, he feels that if it is your own property you should be able to shoot your gun. Mayor and Council agree that you must be considerate of your neighbors.

Mike Turner, would like to see better beach sand on the beach. The sand does not feel good on your feet; he is wondering if there is any money left from Hurricane Sandy for beach sand.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On the motion of Councilmember Riegel, seconded by Councilmember Bonthron to open executive session and carried.

ES 05-2014 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

1. Comcast Franchise Agreement
2. Gravel Mine
3. Municipal Judge Position

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Riegel, seconded of Councilmember Bonthron and carried to adjourn at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC
Municipal Clerk