

**CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC**  
**6:30 p.m. June 17, 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, Doris Bugdon, Roger Giberson, Donna Riegel, Craig Rummler, Kevin Wessler

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** John Bonthron

**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 MAY 13, 2014 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Bonthron

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE MAY 13, 2014 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Bonthron

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE JUNE 2014 BILL LIST**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Bonthron

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Bonthron

**ABSTAIN:**

**Presentation from Brittney of ACE in regard to the vegetative maintenance, rebuild and upgrade activities within ACE service**

Matt Simons- Senior Staff Forester with ACE along with staff from the Environmental group and the Vegetative group explained cutting and maintenance.

Al Neuman of ACE reported the purpose of the notice.

The purpose of this request is to authorize ACE to continue to routinely conduct regulated activities within currently established ROWs and electrical substations including vegetative maintenance, utility infrastructure maintenance repair and replacement of existing distribution and transmission facilities, including the upgrade and rebuild of existing infrastructure towers, poles, conductors and associated equipment.

Council President Rummler questioned if there will be expanded clearing on residents property; the answer was technically yes. However, that is not their intention; rights would have to be made with property owners. Mr. Neuman also explained there is a new permit. Permit 21 it is a special permit to rebuild without being confined to a ½ acre of permanent disturbance; that is where additional clearing will happen to place a pole in a different location

Councilmember Giberson is happy to hear that Atlantic City Electric is working along with the Department of Environmental Protection to have the vegetation taking care of.

Mayor Giberson complained about the tree limbs left on Moss Mill Road and English Creek Road.

Councilmember Bugdon complained to Atlantic City Electric in regard to the mess they left at the Chestnut Neck Monument.

ACE stated if there are any concerns please feel free to call Atlantic City Electric representative Ken Mosca.

**Police/Emergency Management:**

Council President Rummler requested Mayor Giberson reach out to the New Jersey State Police in regard to speeding from Sooy's Landing Road to Genoa Avenue. Mayor Giberson stated he will put the complaint in writing to the New Jersey State Police.

**Administrative/Personnel:**

No report.

**Public Works:**

Report attached. Councilmember Giberson reported the Public Works Department is keeping up with their work. Council President Rummler mentioned a gas pump at transfer station. Public Works Supervisor Jim Milton will look into either a 200 or 250 gallon tank for purchase.

**Recreation:**

Councilmember Bugdon mentioned this coming Saturday is Community Day. Councilmember Bugdon stated that the past two weekends down at the beach and park area were a mess. The New Jersey State Police were called out on Saturday. People are swimming at the dog beach, the no swimming signs were stolen, and new signs for the boat ramp and the kayak launch area are being ordered. People were also found barbecuing at firemen's pond road and trash is all over the area during the weekends. Mayor and Council concurred that tickets need to be issued.

**Fire and Ambulance:**

Councilmember Wessler mentioned that the Port Republic Volunteer Fire Department will be at community day on Saturday. The Fire House roof is complete.

**Board of School Estimates:**

Mayor Giberson reported that a concert will be at the school along with an ice cream social. Graduation is set for Friday June 20. At 6:00 pm. nine graduates for 2014. Councilmember Giberson remembered 32 years ago receiving an award from Councilmember Bugdon that is how long she has been involved with city projects.

**Planning Board:**

No Report.

**Code Enforcement:**

No report

**Construction** During the month of May a total of 21 inspections were done by the Construction Office. The following permits were issued 10 alterations, 2 zoning permits for a total of 12 permits being issued.

**Senior Services:**

Councilmember Bugdon reported request for physical health aids are still continuing to come in there are still a number of seniors up in their years not taking advantage of

what they are entitled to receive examples are: (pad) for prescription assistance and help for their heating and air condition bills.

**Finance:**

No update.

**Building:**

Councilmember Giberson stated the building is progressing well, he wanted to thank Mayor Giberson and Councilmember Wessler for all their hard work. Exterior is just about complete doors, will be going on. The cupola looks great. Wilkinson is doing a great job. Everyone is doing quality work. Hopefully by the next City Council meeting we will have a move in date.

Councilmember Bugdon commented that it was a privilege to watch the cupola going up on the New Municipal Building and the Mayor being lifted up in the cage to place the weathervane, when it was all over she felt very emotional. Mayor Giberson stated it was a unique day. Mayor Giberson went over to the Port School to have the school children come over to watch this historic event. He stated to the kids when you ride by in 20 years from now you will remember this historic day.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Resident Bill Smallwood thanked Mayor and Council for allowing the Jersey Genesis event again. They had more people participate than ever before, they made over \$26,000 it takes between \$12,000 to \$13,000 to put the race on. There are several items down at the park that need to be taken care of one is the roof on the pavilion, the electric at the pavilion and the tennis court and basketball courts have to be resurfaced. We can utilize the funds for these projects. It was a great event the fire department stated it was definitely a help having Riverside Drive closed down. Mayor and City Council thanked Bill Smallwood

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Letter dated June 3, 2014 regarding the reconstruction of Blakes Lane.  
*Acknowledged proceed from Main to Pomona.*

Thank you letter dated June 11, 2014 from the Port Republic Athletic Fund for the City's contribution of \$1500.00  
*Acknowledged*

City Solicitor Kim Procopio mentioned her office received a letter from the AOC they will be coming over to Port Republic to review the court in the next few weeks, she will send letter over to Municipal Clerk Kimberly Campellone.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**47-2014** Special Emergency Resolution NJSA 4A:4-53,54,55.1 & 55.13 for the approve tax map

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Bonthron

**ABSTAIN:**

**48-2014** Authorizing the increase of \$1500 JW Pedersen Architectural services

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Bonthron

**ABSTAIN:**

**49-2014** Authorizing Change Order #1 for the contract with R Wilkinson

*(Lightning Protection) Councilman Giberson stated the original contract documents for the base bid was not accepted originally*

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Bonthron

**ABSTAIN:**

**50-2014** Authorizing Change Order #2 for the Contract with R Wilkinson *(Lighting)*

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Wessler and carried. Giberson explained the lighting in council chambers area.

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Bonthron

**ABSTAIN:**

**51-2014** Authorizing Change Order # 3 for the contract with R Wilkinson

*(Cupola Decking) Councilman Giberson explained the original design for the base metal roof perimeter of the cupola and the underlying material were not water tight and a flat rubber roof was needed to prevent a leaking situation. The building committee was not*

*comfortable with the original design. Specifically, the metal seal; the architect, Pedersen, created a different design which allowed for a water tight seal of the cupola.*

*Councilmember Riegel questioned the amount it is almost \$10,000.*

*Councilmember Adams stated we paid the architect \$81,000.00 and that the city should not be charge additional for the redesign. Councilmember Giberson agreed with Councilmember Adams and stated he would address the charge if it were to come through. Councilmember Adams stated that it is a very sophisticated design he is very surprised with this problem. He feels the Architect is killing us with change orders and we must stop it. He feels it is a beautiful building.*

*Councilmember Giberson stated there are some changes to clerk's offices and a redesign of the council chamber area; the building committee will talk with John Pedersen. We have a credit for the fire shutters and other things totaling \$15,000 to \$25,000 that we will get back. We will have an add-on for the data lines and phone lines; this is the first thing we really have a cost for.*

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Bonthron

**ABSTAIN:** Giberson

**52-2014** Authorizing the Execution of a Certificate Acknowledging common boundary line concerning Block 24, lot 19 (with backup documentation) cemetery off of Indian Cabin Road

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Bonthron

**ABSTAIN:**

**ORDINANCES:**

**05-2014** Bond Ordinance Appropriating Thirty-Eight thousand One Hundred Fifty-Seven Dollars (38,157) and authorizing the issuance of thirty six thousand two hundred forty nine dollars (\$36,249) in bonds and notes authorized by the city of port republic in the county of Atlantic New Jersey purchasing computers technology for the Port Republic School.

*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading/Public Hearing/Final Adoption*

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION:**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Bonthron

**ABSTAIN:**

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

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance 05-2014 on the motion of Councilmember Riegel, seconded by Councilmember Adams and carried.

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Bonthron

**ABSTAIN:**

**ORDINANCE 06-2014 COMCAST FRANCHISE RENEWAL PULLED**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Historical Monies- Councilmember Bugdon turned over the money form the Historic Society to the City of Port Republic in the amount of \$3,141.12; the city can utilize the money for historic preservation for the new building. Mayor and Council thanked Councilmember Bugdon.

Gov. Deals- Sold three pieces of equipment for a total of \$13,875.00

Councilmember Bugdon has permission to purchase a new shed for the handicap equipment; Councilmember Bugdon will look into this purchase.

Gun issue-Councilmember Giberson stated it is a New Jersey State Police issue not a City Council issue.

Off the table.

South Jersey Gas-They do not have the response they anticipated, Councilmember Bugdon questioned when they are going door to door. Clerk Campellone will reach out to South Jersey Gas inquiring about door to door survey. Councilmember Adams is concerned how South Jersey Gas is handling this situation.

Old Garage Committee-Letter attached from Mr. Cox regarding selling the city a parcel of land to erect a Post Office. Councilmember Riegel received a call from Mr. Cox, she requested for him to send an email to her. Council President expressed concern that there is no clear title on the property Mr. Cox is referring.

Councilmember Riegel explained that she would like to see the old garage converted into a historical meeting house. She spoke with an attorney who stated after three years of use as a historical society you are entitled to seek grant money.

Council President Rummler brought up Percoskie Acquisition to look into. Councilmember Giberson would like to revisit the acquisition.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Gas pump at transfer station already discussed.

Councilmember Bugdon brought up Block 5; it is 22 acres that her stepson Jeffrey Bugdon owns and he would like to sell it to the City for Green Acres. It has 2 acres of high ground. It is toward the end of Chestnut Neck down toward the bridge; great spot for fishing and crabbing.

Councilmember Riegel questioned the taxes paid on the property. Councilmember Bugdon stated around \$200.00 per year. Her stepson would repair the dock if the city is interested. The property could be purchased through Green Acres Funding.

Mayor Giberson would like to see the City acquire this property as a park.

Clerk Campellone will research and check into this with the county.

**PROCLAMATION:**

02-2014 Next Number

**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.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, seconded by Councilmember Wessler to open executive session and carried.

ES 06-2014 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

1. Comcast Franchise Agreement
2. Gravel Mine
3. Furniture Move

On the motion to of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded by Councilmember Riegel to close Executive Session.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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



Mike Turner Sr. questioned if City Council approved the Comcast Ordinance. Council President stated not at this time, a few adjustments need to be worked out. Mike Turner Jr. questioned Council President in regard to the parking area the boyscouts are going to build, he feels it is a good idea, the location they are considering is not a good location a better area will be done towards the bend of Indian Cabin Road, he will donate equipment and time to help make the parking area at another location. Council President Rummler explained they have to have a 200 foot buffer from the water that is why that particular location was considered. Council President Rummler will look further into this situation.

Mike Turner Sr. questioned when the electric for City Hall will be finalized, Mayor Giberson stated the meter will be set by Friday.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Councilmember Riegel, seconded of Councilmember Bugdon and carried to adjourn at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC