

**CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC**  
**6:30 p.m. DECEMBER 9, 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:** Doris Bugdon, Donna Riegel, Craig Rummler, John Adams, Kevin Wessler, Roger Giberson

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** John Bonthron

**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.

A moment of silence in remembrance of resident Ann Bruno.

**MOTION TO APPROVE NOVEMBER 18, 2014 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Bonthron

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE NOVEMBER 18, 2014 EXECUTIVE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Bonthron

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE DECEMBER 2014 BILL LIST**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Bonthron

**ABSTAIN:** Bugdon 14-00611

**MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Bonthron

**ABSTAIN:** Bugdon 14-00611

**Presentation:**

Harry Harper, Architect, discussed the possibility of redeveloping the Port Store. Mayor Giberson added that Don Purdy agreed to add a community center to house historical items. Councilwoman Bugdon stated that she will not release the historical items to a building that is not city owed. Council President Rummler stated that a committee will be formed for further consideration.

**Police/Emergency Management:**

Currently waiting on the cabinet for the NJSP substation. Mayor Giberson is working with Verizon regarding a cabinet for the court which is loud. Verizon has suggested a curtain as an option for sound reduction.

The first court session was held December 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was found that the doors were loud; pinning the door closed helped reduce the noise.

There are several upcoming meetings for emergency management.

**Administrative/Personnel:**

Daniel Giberson will be attending classes for Public Works. This will help alleviate additional work to be preformed by Kimberly Campellone.

**Public Works:**

A quote for \$5500 has been received by Charlie Auchter for grinding the brush pile and hauling it away.

**Recreation:**

The Tree Lighting was held December 4<sup>th</sup>. Councilwoman Bugdon thanked the council spouse's for the cookie, Kimberly Campellone, Laura Golden, Jim Milton and Daniel Giberson for their help, as well as, John Bonthron for the music. The event was well attended.

Mayor Giberson added that the electric wires have been run to the pole for the cameras.

**Fire and Ambulance:**

No report.

**Board of School Estimates:**

Mayor Giberson followed up with the school board for the minutes. He was advised that the minutes are posted on the website. President Rummler received hard copies of the minutes.

**Planning Board:**

No meeting; no report.

**Code Enforcement:**

No Report.

**Construction:**

No Report.

**Senior Services:**

Ne Report.

**Finance:**

No Report.

**Building:**

Councilman Giberson reported that the Building Committee met with the builder and architect regarding outstanding items, credits and change orders. He has agreed to finish the parking lot, stripes and handicap, the bathroom drain and back door. The builder has been responsive and there is a one year warranty on the building.

**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.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Email from Planning Board Attorney Mike Fitzgerald in regard to ACE poles going through Port Republic

*The wood poles from transfer station, down Riverside Dr, Old New York and Chestnut Neck Rd will be replaced with metal poles. Council wants to set up a meeting with Atlantic City Electric to discuss this matter further; visual presentation is also requested.*

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**71-2014** Renew the Statewide Insurance Fund

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Bonthron

**ABSTAIN:**

**72-2014** Authorizing the Escheating Of Funds from Payroll to Current Fund

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Bonthron

**ABSTAIN:**

**73-2014** (i) Appointing Laura Golden as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for the City of Port Republic; and (ii) Appointing Gina Simon as Alternate Registrar of Vital Statistics

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Bonthron

**ABSTAIN:**

**74-2014** Insertion of Special Item of Revenue: Municipal Alliance

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Bonthron

**ABSTAIN:**

**75-2014** Insertion of Special Item of Revenue: Comcast Technology Grant

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Bonthron

**ABSTAIN:**

**76-2014** Appointing Kimberly Campellone Registrar of Vital Statistics

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

**YES:** Bugdon, Riegel, Rummler, Adams, Wessler, Giberson  
**NO:**  
**ABSENT:** Bonthron  
**ABSTAIN:**

**77-2014 Budget Transfer**

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

**YES:** Bugdon, Riegel, Rummler, Adams, Wessler, Giberson  
**NO:**  
**ABSENT:** Bonthron  
**ABSTAIN:**

**78-2014 Indicating the schedule of the Reorganization Meeting and Regular City Council meetings for 2015**

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

**YES:** Bugdon, Riegel, Rummler, Adams, Wessler, Giberson  
**NO:**  
**ABSENT:** Bonthron  
**ABSTAIN:**

**79-2014 Authorizing Charles Auchter to Grind Brush Pile**

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

**YES:** Bugdon, Riegel, Rummler, Adams, Wessler, Giberson  
**NO:**  
**ABSENT:** Bonthron  
**ABSTAIN:**

**ORDINANCES:**

07-2014 Ordinance amending Chapter 231, Recycling  
*Tabled*

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Tax Maps

*Several corrections are needed for the revised tax maps.*

Fees for Construction

*After a lengthy discussion it is determined that fees would be raised 30% across the board, up to the nearest \$5, with the exception of the cell tower at \$500, solar \$250 and CCO to stay at \$100.*

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Bonthron

**ABSTAIN:**

Redevelopment discussion

*Councilman Giberson asked if a lease-purchase needs to go out to bid. Kimberly Procopio, Esq. advised that it would need to go out to bid.*

*The ok has been given to get an appraisal on the property.*

Electrical Gate

*The gate is not working. Breeze Electric has advised that the electric eye is not strong enough. Kimberly Campellone has reach out to Ken Mosca of ACE and he is sending a construction crew out.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Storm Water Management Training  
*Information and training provided.*

Mayor Giberson discussed with Bob Martin, DEP Commissioner the turkey buzzard problem. A permit may be issued to alleviate the problem.

**PROCLAMATION:**

None

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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 Bugdon, seconded by Councilmember Giberson and carried.

ES 12-2014 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session

1. Bridge Surveillance

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

**CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION:**

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Wessler and carried to adjourn at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kimberly A. Campellone  
Municipal Clerk