

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. JANUARY 5, 2016
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, Nick Capille, Roger Giberson, Craig Rummler, Kevin Wessler,

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: John Bonthron, Donna Riegel

MAYOR: Gary Giberson

MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly A. Campellone, Municipal Clerk (Absent) Deputy Clerk Gina Simon

ATTORNEY: Ray Went, 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 Current Newspaper, a meeting notice setting for the time, date and locations of this meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE DECEMBER 8, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

YES: Bugdon, Capille, Rummler, Wessler, Giberson

NO:

ABSENT: Bonthron, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE DECEMBER 8, 2015 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES

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

YES: Bugdon, Capille, Rummler, Wessler, Giberson

NO:

ABSENT: Bonthron, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE JANUARY 2015 BILL LIST

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

YES: Bugdon, Capille, Rummler, Wessler, Giberso

NO:

ABSENT: Bonthron, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

YES: Bugdon, Capille, Giberson, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bonthron, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

Police/Emergency Management:

Pertaining to the Street light request Mayor Giberson was unable to obtain any information at this time.

Mayor Giberson reported that there is extreme progress, the NJSP are utilizing their substation here in city hall. Mayor Giberson believes the county dispatch center will not come to fruition since there are many factors against it. The Central Dispatch is truly needed; the problem is that Port Republic's share would be very high, from the now \$2,000.00 we pay up to \$26,000.00.

Administrative/Personnel:

Councilmember Giberson reported small change with transfer station; Jimmy and Danny will be working the transfer station from now on. Jimmy will work Saturdays and Danny will work on Wednesday evenings. Mayor questioned whether signage will be going up at the transfer station; waiting on a big order to go out. Mayor Giberson would like to contact the NJSP to have them come out one Saturday to the transfer station. Councilwoman Bugdon reported Jimmy caught a Galloway resident entering the transfer station. Jimmy also gave warnings to residents to cover their trash; Jimmy will right up tickets to give to residents. Councilmember Bugdon stated that residents must cover their trash. Councilmember Giberson stated that the driver's licenses are a good way to identify residents. Councilmember Giberson would like Mayor and Council to give Jim and Dan 100% cooperation on this issue. City Clerk Campellone is out ill this week.

Public Works:

Councilmember Giberson reported that everything is going well. Danny is doing a great job with the monthly reports; Jimmy was off for two weeks. Danny kept up with all the work that needed to be done. Another truck for public works is needed; Mayor Giberson is working on purchasing a truck. Councilmember Giberson would like to see this put into the budget.

Recreation:

No report

Fire and Ambulance:

Councilmember Kevin Wessler mentioned the fire alarm went off at City Hall over the holiday. President Nick Lampe stated there was a parkway fire they were called out for. Mayor Giberson requested Nick give an active member count; Nick stated there are 30 active members. Last truck payment on the new truck was made this month; the other truck will be paid off this year. The Fire Department bought a batch of air packs which includes 6 air packs, 6 masks and 12 bottles with a total price of \$29,988.00. Mayor and Council appreciate all their service to the community.

Board of School Estimates:

No report.

Planning Board:

No Report

Code Enforcement:

Code Enforcement Officer Gina Simon gave report, action taken on the following properties: 106 Main Street, removal of trash; 178 Clarks Landing Rd., clean up; 5 Whispering Woods camper has been removed.

Construction:

No report

Senior Services:

Councilwoman Bugdon is filling request for 3 health aids still receiving donations.

Building:

Councilmember Giberson reached out to Kisby Shore they will install the pressured tanks in the two bathrooms. Mayor Giberson thanked Councilmember Bugdon for the Holiday decoration on the Port-A-Potty (*for the record*).

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

N/A

RESOLUTIONS:

31-2016 Budget Transfer

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

YES: Bugdon, Capille, Giberson, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bonthron, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES:

01-2016 Requiring the Registration and Maintenance of Certain Real Property by Mortgagees

First Reading/ Intro

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

YES: Bugdon, Capille, Giberson, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bonthron, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilmember Bugdon explained that she would like all of Council to participate in the decision making of beach fees and boat ramp fees, she would like everyone's input for next month. Councilwoman Bugdon would also like to see more control regarding Jet Skis.

Whispering Woods: a new sign will be ordered to replace the street sign. City Solicitor Ray Went contacted the developer regarding the storm drain and pot holes; Ray will call bank regarding letter of credit.

Unregistered Vehicles: Deputy City Clerk Gina Simon will email everyone copy of the ordinance to look over and come up with a plan for the February Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Doris Bugdon stated she received an offer from Galloway Twp. regarding the Historical Society and all the historical items she has. Doris explained that Galloway has a nice room available to put a number of historical items from Port Republic in there. Councilmember Giberson questioned how many historical items the City has; Doris explained quite a bit. Councilman Giberson would like to see the items come back to Port Republic in City Hall. Doris will document everything that goes over to Galloway.

Mayor Giberson is reaching out to Grant Writer Jim Rutalla to have him come to the February meeting.

PROCLAMATION:

N/A

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Nick Lampe of 486 Chestnut Neck Rd Port Republic questioned why is the American flag on the floor as a tree skirt? Councilmember Bugdon stated it is a Betsy Ross decorative flag she did not feel it was disrespectful to the American Flag.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

On the motion to go into Executive Session Councilmember Wessler moved, seconded by Councilmember Giberson and carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ES 01-2016 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

1. Curbing

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

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Giberson and carried to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC
Municipal Clerk