

**CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC**  
**6:30 p.m.. November 15, 2011**  
**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:** Charles Endicott, Doris Bugdon, Roger Giberson, Kevin Wessler, Robert Haviland, Craig Rummler

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** Donna Riegel

**MAYOR:** Gary B. Giberson

**ACTING MUNICIPAL CLERK:** Kimberly A. Campellone

**ATTORNEY:** Kris Facenda, 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 that 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.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ON THE SUNSHINE LAW  
MOTION TO APPROVE JANUARY 4, 2011 REORGANIZATION MEETING  
MOTION TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 15, 2011 BUDGET WORKSHOP  
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MOTION TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 24, 2011 SPECIAL MEETING  
MOTION TO APPROVE JUNE 23, 2011 SPECIAL MEETING  
MOTION TO APPROVE AUGUST 9, 2011 MINUTES  
MOTION TO APPROVE AUGUST 9, 2011 EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES  
MOTION TO APPROVE SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 MINUTES  
MOTION TO APPROVE SEPTEMBER13, 2011 EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES  
MOTION TO APPROVE OCTOBER 11, 2011 MINUTES  
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MOTION TO APPROVE NOVEMBER 2011 BILL LIST  
MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

**MOTION TO APPROVE ALL MINUTES FROM JANUARY 4, 2011 TO OCTOBER 11, 2011 ON THE NOVEMBER 15, 2011 AGENDA.**

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE NOVEMBER 2011 BILL LIST**

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

**YES:** Endicott, Bugdon, Giberson, Haviland, Wessler, Rummler

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Riegel

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS**

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

**YES:** Endicott, Bugdon, Giberson, Haviland, Wessler, Rummler

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Riegel

**ABSTAIN:**

Council President introduced the new Court Administrator Deanna Krupp to Mayor and City Council; she is resident of Port Republic and is the current Deputy Court Administrator in Northfield/Linwood Deanna comes to Port Republic with a wealth of knowledge in the Court area. We were able to reduce the hours of operation for the Court to save money. Deanna is very pleased to have this opportunity.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Police/Emergency Management:**

Mayor Giberson mentioned that Police and Emergency Management are progressing, Mayor Giberson spoke with Sheriff Frank Balles, the Sheriff is doing such a great job and asked if Port Republic can help purchase two hand held radar units, Mayor Giberson will take this up with the Public Safety Committee, he will bring this up to City Council at the budget workshop meetings. Also we may in the future have the Sheriff Department take up another shift patrolling the City of Port Republic the city will have patrols after 4:00 pm. Councilmember Haviland was pleased to see the number of tickets the sheriff department wrote up from the report last month.

**Administrative/Personnel:**

City Council President Rummler is very pleased that the City was able to reduce the number of working hours. Acting City Clerk Kim and Deputy City Clerk Gina have been working very hard to bring everything up to speed. Council President Rummler apologized for the transcription of the tapes, he had no idea it would amount to so much money. Lucy received a request for OPRA and a tape broke, she reached out, Council President Rummler stated it was \$10.00 a page he is trying to reach out to Lucy Samuelsen. Councilmember Giberson concerning Kim and Gina and the mess they walked into, there are issues that are showing themselves things slipped through the cracks. Mayor Giberson added kudos to the work Kim and Gina are taking care of it is

very hard to get everything running smoothly. Councilmember Bugdon with the horrendous mess and they have straightened up.

**Public Works:**

Councilmember Giberson mentioned that the Public Works Department is working on projects that need to be taking care of. Concerning the financial situation he would like to make sure we have money in place for the winter season coming up. After the personnel meeting with Auditor Ken Moore we will straighten everything out.

Council President Rummmler suggested that the City purchase their own gas tank for the transfer station. Place it in a concrete sealed, everyone agreed it is worth looking into. Call D'Agostino Insurance Agency for information.

**Recreation:**

City Councilwoman Bugdon reported very nice Veterans Day ceremony. Dolph Hoch of the United States Marine Core dedicated a monument. The brick dedication went very well also. On Thursday December 1, 2011 at 6:30 the tree lighting ceremony will begin there will be homemade cookies and hot chocolate. Councilmember Haviland suggested to Councilmember Bugdon to ask their grandson to play Santa.

The City had vandalism on Tuesday November 8, 2011 after 11:00 pm the gazebo at the creek was vandalized 67 rungs were removed 18 were found Saturday November 9, 2011 it was reported to the New Jersey State Police. Councilwoman Bugdon is getting estimates. There was also a racial remark spray painted on the stop sign located at Park Avenue and Main Street. On the shed is an obscene picture. Councilwoman Bugdon would like to reach out to the sheriff office and have a meeting with recreation committee, and resident's to volunteer for a community watch. She would like everyone to think it over. Councilmember Wessler questioned cameras for the new city hall; place a camera on the pole next to the concession stand.

**Fire and Ambulance:**

Councilmember Wessler stated everything is going along good they had a drill up at Ocean Yacht turned out really nice. The Roast Beef Dinner went well.

**Board of School Estimates:**

Mayor Giberson stated he had no report other then the School Superintendent turned in her resignation at the end of June 2012.

**Planning Board:**

Councilmember Haviland stated that the Planning/Zoning Board met last night approved minor sub division for Allgeyer, piece of property on the Cologne-Port Road directly across from the homes he built years ago 9/10 of acre made his lot to small he has subdivided additional property off of his daughter Joanne's property to get the additional land he needs. Primary reason for applying for the subdivision is to move property lines

they can build and meet all the setback requirements move the house closer to the street, the parkway cut through with the county south bound entrance to parkway has taken land away from them. It meets the 50' requirements. An interesting fact concerning building in the pinelands a new house needs the latest septic requirements because of this the other home in the subdivisions need the new septic system Pinelands you need 3 ½ acre you have to put in new system. The other interesting fact that came out of this is that the City owns a piece of property back there. It does not amount to anything a few hundred square feet. In walking around town Councilmember Haviland is concerned about residents placing leaves in the street. We may put it in the newsletter letting residents know we have an Ordinance in place.

**Code Enforcement:**

No report. Work in progress.

**Construction:**

Mayor and City Council acknowledged Jack Kelly's report.

**Senior Services:**

Councilmember Bugdon stated she has had a few requests for health aid. Liheap criteria is in now taking applications.

**Finance:**

no report.

**Building:**

Councilmember Giberson stated that the Building Committee met with the Architect Pedersen and Matt Doran and Mayor Giberson very productive meeting feels very good concerning hiring Pedersen. City Attorney Kris Facenda has been working back and forth with the insurance agency he had to make some changes did not want to do a lot until contract is signed emailed new sketch tonight pass resolution to execute the contract. Get this done in the next month to break ground in the spring. Councilmember Wessler is also very comfortable with Pedersen. This was the only architect that included everything that was asked from the council. We should receive documentation concerning the oil spill that everything is ok.

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

Councilmember Wessler moved, seconded of Councilmember Bugdon and carried to open for public portion.

Public Hearing regarding application for funding from Atlantic County Open Space Program and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection/Green Acres regarding the acquisition of 121 Clarks Landing Road Block 20 Lot 7 & 8 known as the Percoskie Property

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mayor and City council acknowledged all correspondence. Councilmember Bob Haviland acknowledging a change the city auditor every three to four years Mayor Giberson stated for the record that Auditor Ken Moore has done an excellent job the City of Port Republic has stayed frugal.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**(tabled) 96-2011** Adopting Rules and Regulations for the Dog Exercise Area (tabled at last meeting) do not adopt until Ordinance has been finalized

**101-2011** Deer Carcass Removal (*two year contract price down to \$60.00 per carcass*)

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

**YES:** Endicott, Bugdon, Giberson, Haviland, Wessler, Rummler

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Riegel

**ABSTAIN:**

**102-2011** Tonnage Report (*was not the correct resolution in the beginning of the year*)

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

**103-2011** Transfer of Funds (*Tabled*)

**104-2011** Appointment of Court Administrator Deanna Krupp

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

**YES:** Endicott, Bugdon, Giberson, Haviland, Wessler, Rummler

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Riegel

**ABSTAIN:**

**105-2011** Resolution Authorizing Expenditure to Remington & Vernick Engineers for the preparation updated election district maps (tabled)

**107-2011** Resolution approving architect agreement between City of Port Republic and J.W. Pedersen Architect (subject to final details)

On the motion of Councilmember Haviland, seconded of City Councilmember Giberson and carried.

*Councilmember Endicott questioned( section 433) limit on review of shop drawings and two monthly visits during construction he feels it is not enough time.)*

*Change to include during construction four monthly visits.*

**YES:** Endicott, Bugdon, Giberson, Haviland, Wessler, Rummler

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Riegel

**ABSTAIN:**

**108-2011** Amending Resolution 74-2011 (Appendix A) Atlantic County Open Space Percoskie Acq., change from \$400,000.00 to \$250,000.00

On the motion of Councilmember Haviland, seconded of City Councilmember Giberson and carried

**YES:** Endicott, Bugdon, Giberson, Haviland, Wessler, Rummler

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Riegel

**ABSTAIN:**

**ORDINANCES:**

**04-2011** Ordinance Establishing Position of Deputy Municipal Clerk

*Second Reading/Public Hearing/Adoption*

On the motion of Councilmember Haviland to open to public hearing seconded of City Councilmember Bugdon and carried.

Hearing nothing from the public motion to close public hearing. on the motion of Councilmember Bugdon second by Councilmember Wessler carried and closed.

On the motion of Councilmember Haviland, seconded of City Councilmember Giberson and carried

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Endicott

**ABSTAIN:**

**05-2011** Ordinance Creating and Establishing Dog Exercising Area (*Councilmember Bugdon change the fee to yearly dog license fee to be paid before permit issued.*)

*Second Reading/Public Hearing*

On the motion of Councilmember Haviland to open to public hearing seconded of City Councilmember Bugdon and carried.

Hearing nothing from the public motion to close public hearing. on the motion of Councilmember Bugdon second by Councilmember Wessler carried and closed.

On the motion of Councilmember Haviland, seconded of City Councilmember Giberson and carried

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Endicott

**ABSTAIN:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Councilmember Haviland commented that the wall on Church Street is 99% completed. They have for finish capping. Councilmember Bugdon expressed resident Bob Adams gratitude for the Church wall to be completed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

New recording system for City Hall.

Mayor Giberson explained that the City is in the process of receiving several bids for a new recording system. All the money paid out for the transcriptions we need to do something, for the time being the City will use a small tape recorder that we already have as backup.

Mayor Gary responded to the Recreational Trail Program Green Acres Program, that he and Councilmember Haviland have come up with several great ideas, the Mayor would like to keep Bob Haviland on the Planning Board after his term is up on council. He would also like to have a subcommittee formed involving green acres acquisitions. The

Council President Rummmler mentioned the Route 610 Bridge couple weeks ago giant 5<sup>th</sup> wheel trailer duelly pickup. We need flashing lights at the bridge GPS systems direct drivers to go over the Route 610 Bridge. Mayor Giberson would like Council with a letter to County Executive Dennis Levinson requesting a flashing sign warning drivers of the 3 ton weight limit.

The City Christmas party will be on Friday December 9, 2011 at Fred & Ethels.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 106-2011** Authorization to Enter into Executive Session

Councilmember Wessler moved and seconded of Councilmember Haviland and carried.

1. South Jersey Gas Company Regarding Franchise Agreement
2. Proposal for Green Acres Preliminary Assessment Endicott Property English Creek-Port Republic Road & Riverside Drive Block 31, Lots 2, 2.01, 2.02 and 2.03
3. State vs. Gensel regarding complaint located at the City of Port Republic

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilmember Bugdon motioned to adjourn Executive Session, seconded by Councilmember Haviland and carried.

On the motion of Councilmember Haviland, seconded of Councilmember Wessler and carried to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Kimberly A. Campellone  
Acting Municipal Clerk