

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
CITY COUNCIL
REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2012 at 7:00 pm

On the above date, Acting Clerk Campellone called the meeting to order. After the flag salute, Clerk Campellone advised all present 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 forth the time, date and location of this meeting.

Acting City Clerk Campellone stated that she received Certifications from the Atlantic County Board of Elections certifying that incumbent Kevin Wessler, City Council Ward 2, and John S Adams, Ward 1, are willing to serve as such for the City of Port Republic.

ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Giberson administered the oath of office to John S. Adams Ward I as City Councilman with a term expiring December 31, 2014.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Donna Riegel, Doris Bugdon, Craig Rummler, Roger Giberson, John Adams, Kevin Wessler (late).

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Charles Endicott

ACITING MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly A. Campellone

MAYOR: Gary B. Giberson

NOMINATION FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Councilmember Riegel moved to nominate Councilmember Rummler as City Council President, seconded by Councilmember Giberson and carried. There were no additional nominations. Clerk Campellone announced that the name of Craig Rummler is on the floor for vote of City Council President.

YES: Riegel, Bugdon, Giberson, Adams

NO:

ABSENT: Endicott, Wessler

ABSTAIN:

Clerk Campellone administered the oath of office to City Councilman Craig Rummler as City Council President with a term expiring December 31, 2012. City Council President Rummler thanked City Council.

RESOLUTIONS:

No. 1-2012 Temporary Budget

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

YES: Riegel, Bugdon, Giberson, Adams, Rummler

NO:

ABSENT: Endicott, Wessler

ABSTAIN:

The following resolutions were voted on collectively:

- No. 2-2012 Appointment of City Solicitor, Salvatore Perillo, Esq.**
- No. 3-2012 Appointment of Code Enforcement, Kimberly Campellone**
- No. 4-2012 Appointment of Public Defender, William Kauffman, Esq.**
- No. 5-2012 Appointment of Auditor, Kenneth Moore (Ford Scott & Associates)**
- No. 6-2012 Appointment of Municipal Court Administrator, Deanna Krupp**
- No. 7-2012 Appointment of Deputy Municipal Clerk, Gina Simon**
- No. 8-2012 Appointment of Animal Control Officer, George Garbaravage**
- No. 9-2012 Appointment of Tax Search Officer, Namely Donna O'Brien**
- No. 10-2012 Designation of Official Newspaper, The Press of Atlantic City**
- No. 11-2012 Designation of Secondary Newspaper, Mainland Journal *Egg Harbor City News***
- No. 12-2012 Appointment of Recycling Coordinator, Kimberly Campellone**
- No. 13-2012 Designation of Shelter for Stray Animals, Atlantic County Humane Society**

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

YES: Riegel, Bugdon, Giberson, Adams, Rummler

NO:

ABSENT: Endicott, Wessler

ABSTAIN:

The following resolutions were voted on collectively:

- No. 14-2012 Appointment of Acting Chief Financial Officer Gina Simon**
- No. 15-2012 Appointment of Clean Community Coordinator–Doris Bugdon**

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

YES: Riegel, Bugdon, Giberson, Adams, Rummler

NO:

ABSENT: Endicott, Wessler

ABSTAIN:

- No. 16-2012 Designation of Authorization of Signatures**
- No. 17-2012 Designation of Official Depository & Authorization of Signatures Cape Bank**
- No. 18-2012 Designation of Rate of Interest for Non-Payment of Taxes-Fix Rate at (8%) per Annum on the First \$1,500.00 of the Delinquency and (18%) per Annum on any Amount in Excess of \$1,500.00 of the Delinquency**
- No. 19-2012 Application for Funding for Atlantic County Municipal Alliance**
- No. 20-2012 Authorization to Perform Aerial Applications for Mosquito Control-Atlantic County Public Works Department**

No. 21-2012 Authorizing Execution of a Maintenance Contract with Edmunds & Assoc., Inc.

No. 22-2012 Authorizing a Cash Management Plan

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

YES: Riegel, Bugdon, Giberson, Adams, Rummler

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

No. 23-2012 Appointment of Council President Pro Tempore

Councilmember Roger Giberson has indicated a willingness to serve in such a position. On the motion of Councilmember Riegel, seconded by Councilmember Bugdon and carried.

YES: Riegel, Bugdon, Giberson, Adams, Rummler

NO:

ABSENT: Endicott

ABSTAIN:

Acting City Clerk Campellone administered the oath of office to Councilmember Kevin Wessler to Ward II to the City of Port Republic with the term commencing on January 1, 2012 and expiring on December 31, 2014.

Amendment to Resolution 103-2011 Transfer Resolution

Clerk OE was \$10,000.00 amended to read \$7,000.00 Road Repair OE 7500. 4500.00 calculation error.

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Endicott

ABSTAIN:

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Giberson appointed Councilwoman Doris Bugdon as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator along with Kimberly Campellone.

Mayor Giberson also appointed Bob Haviland, Donna Riegel as liaison for City Council and Kimberly Campellone to the Planning Board to go along with Code Enforcement.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

Council President Rummler stated that the Public Works Committee will consist of himself, Councilman Roger Giberson and, Councilman Kevin Wessler, who will replace outgoing Councilman Bob Haviland. Council President Rummler appointed Councilmember John Adams to the Recreation Committee. Councilwoman Riegel had a recommendation to appoint Councilman John Adams to Chair the Finance committee along with Bugdon and Riegel. All other committees will remain the same.

State of the City Address

Council President Rummler commended that last year was a busy year with all the meetings that were held. Some good things came out of the year. The City secured some land, and by securing more land, the City was able to take the land out of the hands of developers. The City acquired the mining permit. The down side was the loss of City Hall. We also had many changes in City Hall with personnel. Everything is working out for the better. Council President Rummler hopes to have the next reorganization meeting in the new city hall next year. The City may close on more land for the historical society. Councilwoman Bugdon stated she would also like to see it for a place for the Boy Scouts to have.

Council President Rummler would like to point out some outstanding councilmember's: Number one Roger Giberson for all his hard work along with his Public Works Committee, Councilmember Kevin Wessler and Councilmember Bob Haviland. Everyone on Council worked hard this year.

We had a significant change in employees. Jim Milton Public Works Supervisor is doing a wonderful job along with Dan Giberson. Another acknowledgment should go to Acting City Clerk, Kimberly Campellone and Deputy City Clerk/Acting CFO, Gina Simon, for a job well done; turning the office around with the finances and organization. He is anticipating a very good year. The City also had a change in the court personnel. We have a new Court Administrator who is a local resident, who has also trimmed the expenses. Council President Rummler cannot thank them enough.

Mayor Giberson praised City Council, Planning Board and Employees. Mayor Giberson is pleased that the Governor has an open door policy to all Mayors. Mayor Giberson explained that this year 2011, was one of the worst winters ever; the City of Port Republic had beach erosion, trees down, and bulkhead problems. He is working with the state on the Mill Dam; the wing wall has pulled away from 3/8" to 1/4". He is grateful for all the volunteers and residents; everyone should be very proud of Port Republic. Councilwoman Reigel commented that she is anticipating the new city hall come under budget and that the City will be able to purchase the property for Councilwoman Doris Bugdon artifacts. Councilwoman Bugdon is looking forward to a zero increase in taxes and the house for historic use. She enjoys her position on city council and working with everyone.

Councilmember Giberson is looking forward to the New City Hall, they have a signed contract with a good architect. He would like to thank Councilwoman Doris Bugdon for all her hard work, the time she puts in for the seniors and the recreations department. The City would not be the same without Doris.

Councilmember John Adams thanked everyone for their warm welcome, and is happy and pleased to be a part of City Council. He wants everyone to know they can call on him.

Councilmember Wessler stated that he is going to miss Councilmember Haviland and his areas of expertise. He has been a true asset to the council. He mentioned Councilman John Adams will have expertise in certain areas. He thanked Doris for a wonderful year

The bid specs will go out soon for the backhoe.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION:

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded by Councilmember Riegel and carried to open the floor to the public.

CLOSE TO PUBLIC PORTION:

Hearing nothing from the public, Councilmember Bugdon moved, seconded by Councilmember Wessler, and carried.

ADJOURNMENT OF REORGANIZATION MEETING:

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Riegel to adjourn this meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone
Acting Municipal Clerk