

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m.. January 10, 2012
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 Rummmler, seconded by Councilmember Bugdon, and carried to close the workshop portion of the meeting.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Endicott, Donna Riegel, Doris Bugdon, Roger Giberson, John Adams, Craig Rummmler

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Wessler (late)

MAYOR: Gary B. Giberson

ACTING MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly A. Campellone

ATTORNEY: Kristopher Facenda, Esq.

Council President Craig Rummmler 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 DECEMBER 13, 2011, CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

YES: Endicott, Riegel, Bugdon, Giberson, Adams, Rummmler

NO:

ABSENT: Wessler

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE DECEMBER 13, 2011 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES

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

YES: Endicott, Riegel, Bugdon, Giberson, Adams, Rummmler

NO:

ABSENT: Wessler

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE JANUARY 2012 BILL LIST

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

YES: Endicott, Riegel, Bugdon, Giberson, Adams, Rummmler

NO:

ABSENT: Wessler

ABSTAIN:

Councilmember Bugdon Abstains from paying Purchase Order Number 11-40634 to City Engineer Matthew Doran, she would like to see a more detailed, itemized bill from his office. Again for the same reason, she will not sign off on Arawak paving regarding the retaining wall.

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Wessler

ABSTAIN: Bugdon, same as above.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Police/Emergency Management:

Mayor Giberson received an activity report from Acting Lt. Steven Saiia from the N.J.S.P Tuckerton Barracks the following activity was reported during the month of December 2011:

8 alarms, 1 burglary, 4 medical assists,

6 motor vehicles accidents, 1 attempted suicide, 2 suspicious vehicle/ vessels, 3 thefts.

The following activity was reported to the New Jersey State Police for the period January 1, 2012 thru January 10, 2012:

1 criminal trespassing complaint (vacant property), 1 theft, 1 criminal mischief complaint (vacant property), 2 medical assists. Mayor Giberson commented that the Sheriff's Department is actively patrolling Port Republic.

There is an Emergency Management meeting to be held January 18, 2012 at the Tony Canale center.

Council President Rummler mentioned the amount of break-ins occurring in the City to the vacant houses. Mayor Giberson mentioned that this is retaliation from the kids being arrested at Firemen's Pond. Council President Rummler stated that something must be done concerning the amount of vandalism occurring around Firemen's Pond.

Mayor Giberson will look into solar security cameras. He will also look into night patrols from the Sheriff's Department.

Councilmember Bugdon would like to advertise for community watch. Councilmember Giberson stated it is the lack of respect from today's younger generation that is contributing to all of this vandalism.

Administrative/Personnel:

City Council President Rummmler commended City Clerk Kimberly Campellone and Deputy City Clerk Gina Simon for taking care of the computer problems. We need to look into making a change with IT vendors. We had a power supply failure. We may look into Edmunds. The personnel committee will meet within the next few days to pick someone for the Prosecutor position. We are going to purchase a new recording system for \$5,000.00.

Public Works:

Councilmember Giberson mentioned that the Public Works Committee is waiting on the bid specs for the backhoe. Jim has the dump truck ready for snow season. He is maintaining all the equipment. Everything is going smoothly at the transfer station, the incidents calmed down with non-residents dumping; there was a problem with the ACUA, half the trash was on the bottom of the transformer. A call was made to the ACUA and the problem was resolved.

Recreation:

No report.

Fire and Ambulance:

No report.

Board of School Estimates:

Councilmember Giberson for the record would like to mention that we had a decrease in student population in the school last year. He hopes there is no tricky math going on and he would like City Council to be prepared. The City's budget goes in before the school's budget goes in and with the Superintendent leaving, Councilmember Giberson does not have a good feeling.

Planning Board:

Councilmember Riegel stated that the Planning Board met last night and swore in new members; John Fallucca remained as the Chairman. He submitted his recommendation for the budget for the planning Board – Councilmember Riegel forwarded it to City Clerk Campellone. Chairman Fallucca also had a question concerning a letter dated November 28, 2011 that Planning Board member Bob Haviland brought up at the last meeting from the pinelands

regarding the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan - City Attorney Kris Facenda is looking into. Kris requested to look at the shorter version of the Ordinance.

Councilmember Riegel stated that they received from Matt Doran a fee schedule when a new applicant submits a sub division. That the applicants be responsible to have the tax map revised; not sure if the city ever did that by Ordinance - now the City must pass an Ordinance.

Code Enforcement:

Code Enforcement Officer Kimberly Campellone stated that there is a lot of vandalism on vacant homes in the City. Three homes were vandalized within a one week period. They are removing the copper, heating and cooling elements.

Construction:

Construction official Jack Kelly, discussed with Mayor and City Council raising the Construction fees. Councilmember Giberson questioned if Jack would give Council a recommendation on how much the fees should be raised. Councilmember Riegel stated that Port Republic has one of the highest CCO permits at \$100.00. City Solicitor Kris Facenda questioned whether or not a category of fees are missing in the Ordinance. Jack Kelly stated that the City has a provision - if there is something we miss, the City would go with the State fees. Councilman Giberson thanked Jack for being diligent with the fees.

Senior Services:

No report.

Finance:

No report.

Building:

Councilmember Giberson mentioned that the Building Committee has had several meetings with architect, John Pedersen. After their last meeting with Mr. Pedersen and the Building Committee, along with Mayor Giberson and City Clerk Kimberly Campellone, there were some major changes - he is going back to drawing board with a new floor plan with approximately 3500 square feet. He was given enough information where everyone will be agreeable and a special meeting will be setup for Mayor and City

Council to look over. Mayor Giberson put some pressure to get this project moving. The City should be ready to go out to bid by April.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

Resident Bob Haviland addressed City Council thanking them for the honor and the plaque that was given to him at the Christmas party.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

All correspondence was acknowledged by City Council.

RESOLUTIONS:

24-2012 Appointment of Municipal Court Judge Cappuccio

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

25-2012 Appointment of Asst. Treasurer namely, Kimberly Campellone

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

26-2012 Appointment of Deputy Court Administrator namely, Donna Clark (*title only*)

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

27-2012 Appointment of Local Registrar namely, Kimberly Campellone
On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried.

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES:

06-2011- Renumbering of the Codified Ordinance

Second Reading/Public Hearing

On the motion to open for public hearing on the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried.

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

OPEN TO PUBLIC HEARING

Hearing nothing from the public, motion to close public hearing. On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded by Councilmember Riegel and carried to close public hearing.

On the motion to adopt Ordinance 06-2011 renumbering of the code book.

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

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PROCLAMATIONS:

01-2012 Time for Remembrance and Thankfulness (Mayor Gary)

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 from the public, Councilmember Bugdon moved, seconded of Councilmember Giberson and carried to close the public portion.

RESOLUTION NO. ES 01-2012 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session

Councilmember Giberson moved and seconded of Councilmember Wessler 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

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon seconded of Councilmember Wessler and carried to adjourn Executive Session 8:15 p.m.

Coming out of Executive Session City Council voted to take South Jersey Gas off of Executive Session.

YES: Riegel, Bugdon, Giberson, Wessler, Rummeler

NO: Endicott

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN: Adams

City Attorney Kristopher Facenda, before the next meeting will compare the long version Ordinance to the shorter version Ordinance from the Pinelands Commission to compare the two, he will have an answer for the next meeting.

On the motion of Councilmember seconded of Councilmember Wessler and carried to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kimberly A. Campellone
Acting Municipal Clerk