

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. June 12, 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 Rummler, seconded by Councilmember Bugdon, and carried to close the workshop portion of the meeting.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Endicott, Donna Riegel, Doris Bugdon, John Adams, Kevin Wessler, Roger Giberson, Craig Rummler

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

MAYOR: Gary B. Giberson

ACTING MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly A. Campellone

ATTORNEY: Kristopher 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, 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 MAY 8, 2012 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE MAY 8, 2012 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE JUNE 2012 BILL LIST

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Bugdon abstains on

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN: Bugdon abstains on PO

POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT:

Activity report provided by the Tuckerton barracks and given by Trooper –

Police/Emergency Management:

Police activity report provided above. Questionnaires have been sent out regarding Hurricane Irene. The Sheriff is in receipt of the radar gun.

Building/Presentation from JW Pedersen:

Councilman Giberson advises that pilings will be needed to support the building.

John Pederson addresses questions regarding the display area. Councilman Adams expresses his concerns over the direction of the building in regards to Main Street.

Councilman Adams is on record that he feels it is a mistake not to have the front of the building face Main Street. Mayor Giberson is on record that the building will stay as is.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Resident/Building Committee Member Bob Haviland expressed his approval of the direction of the building, siting the sunlight.

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.

Administrative/Personnel:

Gina Simon has passed another one of her CFO classes. Lauren Campellone will be taking on more responsibilities in the court. She will be working on Mondays in addition to Wednesdays. Her pay will increase to \$10.00 per hour.

Public Works:

The backhoe has already needed repair. The compactor has also needed additional repair. The company quoted \$2500. However, the bill came in at \$4200. Councilman Giberson will follow up on that. They had to replace the VFD which is the drive on the

motor to the compactor. Councilman Giberson suggests making the compactor part of the next bid.

Mayor advised that we are looking into a shared service with the County for diesel fuel.

Recreation:

The triathlon went beautifully. The lifeguards will now be fulltime starting June 13th. The clean team will start June 14th and will work Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:00 am to 11:00 am. Everything is in place for community day.

Resident Bill Smallwood discusses the triathlon event. He also discusses the ½ Iron Shoreman. He advises that he believes the City should receive more money in donations than the \$20 per applicant the City currently receives for the amount of work and time put into the event.

Fire and Ambulance:

Roast beef dinner was not as successful as in the past.

Board of School Estimates:

Graduation was June 11th. The school has hired a new superintendent.

Council President Rummler advised that he attended both the kindergarten and 8th grade graduations and that the new air conditioners worked fantastic.

Councilman Giberson advised that Red Wing Campground will be hosting its 17th year of Hooked on Fishing on Saturday, June 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Planning Board:

Planning board met May 14th. There was an informal presentation by Atlantic Electric regarding the substation. Council is asking that access to the substation be accessed only from Riverside Drive and that an electronic access be installed to keep the area secured.

Code Enforcement:

Letters were sent out to Andreaci and Wilson regarding the grass. Letters were also sent to Evergreen Landscaping and Kline for exceeding the weight limit on the Route 610 bridge, as well as, phone calls to Ken Mosca regarding Atlantic City Electric bucket trucks going over the bridge.

Construction:

Eighteen inspections were done by the construction office. Seven alteration permits; one for single family house new. Total of eleven permits; two zoning and two CO permits were issued.

Senior Services:

The PTR and Homestead filing deadline has been extended to October 19th. Resident Janet Longo has donated some health aids.

Finance:

Letter being sent out to Verizon regarding their franchise agreement.

Building:

Discussed above.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter dated May 24, 2012 from Cape Bank regarding contract.
Correspondence acknowledged.

RESOLUTIONS:

57-2012 Community Development Block Grant Program

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

59-2012 Authorizing the City to Advertise a Bid for the Construction of a New City Hall

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

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

For the record: Councilmembers Bugdon and Riegel vote yes with the understanding that site constraints and plan design prohibit the building from facing Main Street.

Councilman Giberson adds that the view from Main Street will be very beautiful. If the entrance where to face Main Street, the view would be lost due to the grave yard.

Councilman Wessler states that if more money were to be put into the building than we could appease everyone however, no one wants to waste that kind of money. Council President Rummler feels that compared to what we have and what we've had, this is perfect.

NO: Adams

For the record: Councilman Adams feels that it is a mistake.

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Mayor Giberson adds that the building is beautiful and that it has no ugly side.

ORDINANCES:

04-2012 Ordinance Amending Chapter 231 of the Port Republic Code (Solid Waste) – Second Reading/Adoption

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Construction Fees

No update.

Revising and Updating the Election District/ward Map, Ward Boundary Report and Ward Boundary Description for Port Republic

No update.

Boling Cemetery discussion requested by Councilwoman Doris Bugdon and Mayor Gary Giberson.

Resolution 61-2012 passed.

61-2012 Resolution to continue the investigation of the Acquisition of the Boling Cemetery

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

GTAA fees discussion by Council President Rummler

Council President Rummler asked for a listing of kids who participate in GTAA but have yet to receive anything.

Route 610 Bridge

Numerous letters sent to County – waiting for response.

NEW BUSINESS:

Atlantic City Electric Substation

Discussed above.

Farm Animals

Councilman Endicott asked to look into limiting the amount of farm animals in relation to land parcels.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Resident Bob Haviland presented comments regarding the Endicott property.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Open executive session on the motion of Councilmember Wessler, seconded by Councilmember Giberson and carried.

ES 06-2012 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding:

1. South Jersey Gas Company Regarding a Franchise Agreement
2. Acquisition of Endicott Property Known as Block 31, Lots 2, 2.01, 2.02 and 2.03
3. Gravel Lease Bid Packet

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On the motion of Councilmember Endicott seconded of Councilmember Giberson and carried to adjourn Executive Session.

58-2012 Authorizing the City to bid a ground lease for 400 English Creek Road Block 24, Lot 34 for use as a Gravel Mine

For the record: Resolution revised to 9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

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

YES: Riegel, Rummler, Wessler, Endicott, Giberson

NO: Bugdon, Adams

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

60-2012 Authorizing Redirection of County Open Space Funds for the Acquisition of Block 31, Lots 2.01, 2.02 and 2.03 and the extension of the County Financial Assistance Agreement to October 28, 2013

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Mayor Giberson extended an invitation to all the council members to visit with the Governor June 13th at the Galloway Reeds Road School.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, seconded of Councilmember Wessler and carried to adjourn at 10:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kimberly A. Campellone
Acting Municipal Clerk