

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. July 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 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: Keith Davis, 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 JUNE 12, 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 JUNE 12, 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 JULY 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 PO 12-00269

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 12-00269

POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT:

Activity report provided by the Tuckerton barracks and given by Trooper – 19 motor vehicle stops, 23 property checks, three motor vehicle accidents, eight medical assists, 24 for the month of June. State Police have been stationed at the bridge.

Police/Emergency Management:

Police activity report provided above. Mayor Giberson would like to look into changing mobile carriers due to lack of phone service as a result of the storm. The storm damage throughout the county was horrendous however, Port Republic went fairly unscathed. Some residents did experience power outage over several days. Port Republic Public Works personnel, Jimmy Milton and Dan Giberson assisted Galloway Township with clearing their roads.

Administrative/Personnel:

Council President Rummler thanked the employees for all the hard work they've done and continue to do. Municipal Clerk, Kimberly Campellone was personally affected by the storm but came in non-the-less and worked through it.

Public Works:

Councilman Giberson discusses the storm and the assistance Galloway Township received by the City's Public Works and hopes that in the future Galloway Township would reciprocate should the need arise.

Recreation:

Councilwoman Bugdon thanked Bill Smallwood and the Port Republic Athletic Fund for the refurbishing of the tennis courts. In addition, Port Day was great and the fireworks were fabulous.

Also, the boat ramp is in need of repair.

ACUA would like to place a bench in the park area in honor of resident Rick Bourguignon who recently passed away as a result of a car accident. Rick was employed with the ACUA.

Additionally, Council President Rummier thanked Roger and Christine Giberson for hosting Hooked-on-Fishing. The program was a big success.

Fire and Ambulance:

The fire department was busy as a result of the storm. The fire department also responded to an accident on the parkway.

Board of School Estimates:

The new superintendent came out on Port Day with her family. A meet and greet for the new superintendent will be held at the school on July 18th.

Planning Board:

No meeting.

Code Enforcement:

No report.

Construction:

No report.

Senior Services:

Councilwoman Bugdon has been assisting seniors both during and before the storm by getting them to cooling centers. Also, a senior received a brand new air conditioner donated by a generous resident.

Finance:

Letter sent out to Verizon. As of yet there has been no response.

Building:

A pre-bid meeting was held today. There were many contractors who showed up. There may be some things that come back from the bid that were not accounted for which is not uncommon such as site work and pilings.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Resident Bill Smallwood advised that there are additional sponsors for the ½ Ironman. The race is schedule for September 8th, there are currently 250 registrations. We will be receiving more money per entrant. In addition they are looking for more volunteers.

Resident James Daniels 393 English Creek Road inquired about the gravel mine. Councilman Giberson advised that no mining will be conducted at night and that an eight foot fence is to be installed with ¾ inch plywood across the front of the fence. The

hours of non-mining are between 9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Mr. Daniels provided his phone number as 652-7077.

Ryan Schocklin and Christina Giatropoulos 217 Moss Mill presented several questions regarding the beetles infecting the pine trees which were addressed. Home phone is 609-226-8097.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Thank you from Stephen Kozlowski regarding the Municipal Alliance Award
Correspondence acknowledged.

Letter dated June 20, 2012 from Joann Calvarese, Assistant Vice President of Cape Bank regarding the agreement.
Correspondence acknowledged.

Letter dated June 25, 2012 from Dennis Levinson along with letter dated June 20, 2012 from Joseph Maher from the Atlantic County Dept. of Regional Planning and Development regarding the City's request for more signage on Route 610 Bridge.
Correspondence acknowledged.

Letter dated June 18, 2012 Close Out DEP Escrow Account #57-100066-0 from Anthony Fontana, Chief Bureau of Transfer Stations and Recycling Facilities
Correspondence acknowledged.

Letter dated June 2012 from the NJLM regarding the 15th Annual Elected Officials Hall of Fame
Correspondence acknowledged.

Thank you from Bill Smallwood to Mayor and City Council regarding the donation to the Jersey Genesis Triathlon and Bambino Biathlon from the City.
Correspondence acknowledged.

RESOLUTIONS:

62-2012 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget of the City of Port Republic Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40a:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948) Regarding Clean Communities Grant

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

63-2012 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget of the City of Port Republic Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40a:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948) Regarding Alcohol Education Rehabilitation Fund

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

64-2012 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget of the City of Port Republic Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40a:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948) Regarding Municipal Alliance Grant

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

65-2012 Resolution by the Atlantic County Mayors Association Opposing S-1914

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

66-2012 Resolution for Cooperative Contracts between Port Republic and Atlantic County for Diesel Fuel

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES:

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

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Pinelands Letter from Nancy Wittenberg Executive Director concerning the City's Landfill

Keith Davis, Esq. will reach out to Nancy Wittenberg.

Construction Fees

No Report.

Boling Cemetery

Kris Facenda, Esq. has been in contact with the Ebenezer Church, they are looking to their trustees to get approval for a quit title claim.

NEW BUSINESS:

Southern Pine Beetle Grants and Community Forestry SPB

A program is available and will be researched.

Cooperative Agreement between Atlantic County and Port Republic regarding diesel fuel tank

Addressed above.

Councilman Giberson addressed the state of the economy and the issues currently arising in Scranton, PA and the pay cuts affecting their fireman and police officers. Their financial situation has resulted in minimum wage pay for those affected.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Giberson, "Praise God from whom all blessing flow."

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

ES 07-2012 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 Bugdon seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried to adjourn Executive Session.

RESOLUTIONS:

67-2012 Resolution to Authorize an Addendum to be Issued Concerning the Gravel Mining Lease in Order to Extend the Lease Term From 3 To 4 Years with a One Year Extension; to Reduce the Initial Escrow Deposit From \$420,000 to \$150,000; to Set a Fixed Date and Time for Potential Bidder to Visit the Site and Take Samples of the Soils and; Fourth, to Confirm That Any Building Permit Fees Associated with the Project Would be Waived by the City of Port Republic.

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

YES: Bugdon, Rummmler, Wessler, Giberson

NO: Endicott, Riegel, Adams

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, seconded of Councilmember Bugdon and carried to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kimberly A. Campellone
Acting Municipal Clerk