

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. August 14, 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, Doris Bugdon, John Adams, Kevin Wessler, Roger Giberson, Craig Rummler

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Donna Riegel

MAYOR: Gary B. Giberson

ACTING MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly A. Campellone

ATTORNEY: Salvatore Perillo, 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 JULY 10, 2012 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Riegel

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE JULY 10, 2012 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES

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

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

NO: Riegel

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE AUGUST 2012 BILL LIST

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

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

NO: Riegel

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

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

NO: Riegel

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT:

Activity report provided by the Tuckerton barracks and given by Trooper – 35 motor vehicle stops, 39 property checks, two motor vehicle accidents and 27 other calls for the month of July.

Police/Emergency Management:

Police activity report provided above. Mayor Giberson states that work is continuing on the paperwork for the June 30th storm which as declared a disaster. Insured private property owners will not receive reimbursement for loss due to storm. FEMA has clamped down due to past abuse. An appeal is currently in the works due to that decision. The City will be reimbursed for it part of the storm. Mayor Giberson and Kimberly Campellone (Kim) will be meeting with FEMA on Wednesday, August 15, 2012 at the temporary city hall to present the City's paperwork.

Mayor Giberson will be meeting with the attorney general on the 20th of August for a question and answer. He will report on those results at the next council meeting.

Brad Hooper of the Port Republic Volunteer Fire Company has submitted a request for a generator. One of the issues the fire company is having, is trying to open the heavy garage doors manually when the power goes out, in additional to several other reasons posed in the request. Mayor Giberson would like to use the reimbursement from the disaster, which will go into the emergency management fund, to help fund the purchase of generator for the fire company's use.

Administrative/Personnel:

Nothing new to report.

Public Works:

Jimmy Milton (Jimmy) and Daniel Giberson have been busy taking care of day-to-day duties. Due to the fire inspection Jimmy has been painting the tank and gate. Jimmy has also been taking care of the Clean Team. In addition, crushed stone has been used to repair the boat ramp. Finally, Jimmy has been checking the storm drains because the water table is high due to the amount of rain.

Councilwomen Bugdon advised that at the end of the 610 bridge where Pitney Road and Riverside meet has been flooded. The area needs attention. Jimmy and Kim have both reached out to the County. Kim advised that the County is working on it.

Due to the rain there has been an increase in mosquitoes.

Recreation:

Councilwoman Bugdon advised that there was a beach closing in July after a heavy rain. This month so far the beach has been closed three straight days also, after a heavy rain due to high bacteria count.

Also, the boat ramp is in need of repair. It currently has a temporary fix however if it does not hold the ramp will need to be closed. Pete May inspected the concrete pad and has advised that there are two areas where he will do a runoff so that there will no longer be any erosion which would be \$2500. He will present a total estimate within the next few days. He will be donating the labor.

The tennis courts are now being locked at night due to kids skating boarding and residents bringing their dogs on the courts.

The Clean Team will be finished on Friday, August 31st and the lifeguards' final day will be Monday, September 3rd which is Labor Day.

Reminder that September 8th is the Half Marathon. Billy Smallwood is looking for volunteers to help. In addition, there will be traffic restrictions due to the marathon. Furthermore, the Convenience Center will have limited hours.

The PTS is holding the boat race regatta on September 15th. The boats will be made using cardboard and duct tape only.

Fire and Ambulance:

There is currently no timeline regarding donation envelopes.

Board of School Estimates:

Everyone is happy with the new superintendent.

Planning Board:

No meeting.

Code Enforcement:

There was an incident on Clarks Landing regarding burnouts. The landlord was notified.

Construction:

Total of seventeen inspections were done. The following permits were issued: five alterations, one new pole barn, two zoning permits, and two CO inspection resales.

Senior Services:

Councilwoman Bugdon advised that a few more seniors have needed assistance which have been provided for.

Finance:

Nothing new to report.

Building:

The bids that came in were over budget. The items that inflated the number were the generator, the site work and the pilings, all of which were not part of the original budget. In addition, it was budgeted for a 3000 sq. ft. building and the new city hall came in at 3600 sq. ft. There was a meeting with John Pedersen the architect, last night with the building committee and a few ideas were discussed. The decision tonight is whether to move forward with the bids we have or reject all the bids which will be discussed in closed session.

Sherwood Electric has come and moved electric service in preparation of the new city hall. Comcast will also be moving its service.

DEP has also submitted the No Further Action Required letter regarding the oil spill. Kim has also reached out to Aqua Tex to remove the monitoring wells as per the contract.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Bob Haviland 316 English Creek Rd. thanked the public works committee for cleaning up the mess on the Clarks Mill property. He suggested a trashcan be put in near the stream where people are parting or a log be placed across the entrance to deter vehicles from entering the area. Councilman Giberson advised Jimmy will be taking care of it. Council President stated that he advised the Boy Scouts to keep an eye on the area and to be more proactive.

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.

NEW BUSINESS:

The status of Post Office is discussed by Lee White, Post Master. The post office is having difficulty staying afloat. The City has three choices: elected to close the post office, go with the six hour modification or elect to have a village post office where

limited service is provided and no post office boxes will be available. The Port Republic post office hours are slated to go down to six hours a day modification. The Postal Service has already begun to initiate many of the changes with hopes of saving over a ten year period in salary and operations costs. With the modification, everything will be basically kept the same but there will not be a post master, it will run by a clerk. Also put in place is that the carrier will come out the Absecon post office and is no longer under Port Republic jurisdiction. In June 2014, if the Post Master has not yet found another position she will be let go. Once the Post Master finds another position the reduction in hours will take place. She is pushing for the clerk Natalie to take it over. The Post Master discussed how mail should be addressed to avoid delays in delivery. In addition, she suggests people use the post office for parcel mail and not UPS to increase revenue. Councilman Giberson would like to put into the City's newsletter the importance of using the City's post office to generate revenue to keep the post office. Council President Rummeler suggested a letter to the Postal Service in support of the Post Master's work from Mayor and City Council. In addition, the letter should address the City's displeasure in how they were not notified of the changes and were not asked for the City's input.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Thank you from Lynn Loper, Municipal Alliance Chair

Letter dated July 16, 2012 from George King, Department of Environmental Protection regarding Block 29/Lot 7; Unrestricted use – No further action letter and covenant not to sue (Oil spill, Old City Hall)

Letter dated July 18, 2012 from John Peterson of the Dept. of Regional Planning & Development Regarding the Final Proposed Future Wastewater Service Area Map

Memo dated August 6, 2012 from Acting CFO, Gina Simon regarding Bond Anticipation Note Rollover

Memo dated August 14, 2012 from Acting CFO, Gina Simon regarding the Auditors Review of LOSAP

Correspondence acknowledged.

RESOLUTIONS:

68-2012 Execute Easement for Gravel Lease

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

YES: Bugdon, Rummeler, Wessler, Endicott, Giberson, Adams

NO:

ABSENT: Riegel

ABSTAIN:

69-2012 Authorizing the City to Execute Deed of Restriction and Easement to State of New Jersey for the Property Known as Block 36 Lots 1 & 2

Tabled

70-2012 Raffle for PTS

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Riegel

ABSTAIN:

71-2012 Endicott County Extension Agreement

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Riegel

ABSTAIN:

73-2012 Percoskie Agreement Resolution

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Riegel

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Kevin Zelinski of Remington, Vernick & Walberg Engineers regarding Ward Map.

Mr. Zelinski was advised by the County Board of Election that he could not attend until they have their meeting.

Pinelands Ordinance Meeting

Awaiting update from Keith Davis, Esq.

Construction Fees

Ongoing

Boling Cemetery

Ongoing

Southern Pine Beetle Grants and Community Forestry SPB
Information sent to planning board for their review.

NEW BUSINESS:

2013 History Grant per Mayor Giberson
Mayor Giberson would like to obtain a grant to refurbish the headstones and clear the area to make it more visible

PROCLAMATION

03-2012 Mayors Wellness Campaign

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Kathy Cox 123 Moss Mill Rd. questioned Endicott's title issue.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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 Giberson, seconded by Councilmember Wessler and carried.

ES 08-2012 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
4. New City Hall Bids

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

RESOLUTIONS:

72-2012 Rejecting All Bids for the New City Hall (not in packet)

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Riegel

ABSTAIN:

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, seconded of Councilmember Bugdon and carried to adjourn at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kimberly A. Campellone
Acting Municipal Clerk