

**CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC**  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**REORGANIZATION MEETING**  
**JANUARY 3, 2013 at 6:00 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 Craig Rummler, City Council Ward 1, Doris Bugdon, Ward 2, and Roger Giberson, Council-at-large are willing to serve as such for the City of Port Republic.

**ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF OFFICE**

Clerk Campellone administered the oath of office to Craig Rummler Ward I as City Councilman with a term expiring December 31, 2015.

Clerk Campellone administered the oath of office to Doris Bugdon Ward II as City Councilwoman with a term expiring December 31, 2015.

Clerk Campellone advised that she administered the oath of office to Roger Giberson Council-at-large via telephone with a term expiring December 31, 2015.

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

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** Roger Giberson

**ACTING MUNICIPAL CLERK:** Kimberly A. Campellone

**MAYOR:** Gary B. Giberson

**NOMINATION FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

Councilmember Bugdon moved to nominate Councilmember Rummler as City Council President, seconded by Councilmember Riegel 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, Adams, Endicott, Wessler

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Giberson

**ABSTAIN:**

Clerk Campellone administered the oath of office to City Councilman Craig Rummler as City Council President with a term expiring December 31, 2013. City Council President Rummler thanked City Council.

**Election of Council President Pro Tempore**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

Councilwoman Bugdon requested that the City Engineer, Matthew Doran's appointment be changed from a three-year to a one-year appointment.

*The following resolutions were voted on collectively:*

**No. 1-2013 Appointment of Assistant Treasurer**

**No. 2-2013 Appointment of City Solicitor**

**No. 3-2013 Appointment of Code Enforcement Officer**

**No. 4-2013 Appointment of Public Defender**

**No. 5-2013 Appointment of Auditor**

**No. 6-2013 Appointment of Municipal Court Administrator**

**No. 7-2013 Appointment of Deputy Municipal Clerk**

**No. 8-2013 Appointment of Animal Control Officer**

**No. 9-2013 Appointment of Tax Search Officer**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

*The following resolutions were voted on collectively:*

**No. 10-2013 Designation of Official Newspaper**

**No. 11-2013 Designation of Secondary Newspaper**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

*The following resolutions were voted on collectively:*

**No. 12-2013 Appointment of Recycling Coordinator**

**No. 13-2013 Designation of Shelter for Stray Animals**

**No. 14-2013 Appointment of Acting Chief Financial Officer**

**No. 15-2013 Appointment of Clean Community Coordinator**

## **No. 16-2013 Designation of Authorization of Signatures**

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### **No. 17-2013 Designation of Official Depository**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

*The following resolutions were voted on collectively:*

**No. 18-2013 Designation of Rate of Interest for Non-Payment of Taxes**

**No. 19-2013 Application of Funding for Atlantic County Municipal Alliance**

**No. 20-2013 Authorization to Perform Aerial Applications for Mosquito Control**

**No. 21-2013 Authorizing Execution of a Maintenance Contract with Edmunds & Assoc. Inc.**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

*The following resolutions were voted on collectively:*

**No. 22-2013 Authorization of a Cash Management Plan**

**No. 23-2013 Appointment of Council President Pro Tempore**

**No. 24- 2013 Appointment of Acting Municipal Clerk**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

*The following resolutions were voted on collectively:*

**No. 26-2013 Appointment of Deputy Court Administrator in Title Only**

**No. 27-2013 Appointment of Certified Municipal Registrar**

**No. 28-2013 Appointment of Tax Clerk**

**No. 29-2013 Appointment of Municipal Prosecutor**

**No. 30-2013 Appointment of Fund Commissioner**

**No. 31-2013 Risk Management Consultant ( John D'Agostino)**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**

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**ABSTAIN:**

*The following resolutions were voted on collectively:*

**No. 32-2013 Authorizing Tax Assessor to Act as Agent and to File Petition(s) of Appeals to Increase Tax Assessment**

**No. 33-2013 Authorizing Tax Assessor to Act as Agent and to File Petition(s) of Appeals to Decrease Tax Assessment**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Giberson

**ABSTAIN:**

**No. 25-2013 Appointment of City Engineer namely Matt Doran**

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon seconded by Councilmember Adams and carried with a one-year appointment

**YES:** Riegel, Bugdon, Adams, Endicott

**NO:** Rummler, Wessler

**ABSENT:** Giberson

**ABSTAIN:**

Mayor Giberson expressed his wishes to veto the vote.

**MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS:**

Mayor Giberson appointed Councilwoman Doris Bugdon as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator.

Mayor Giberson also appointed Barry Horas, Nick Cappelli and Robert Haviland to the Planning Board.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT APPOINTMENTS:**

Donna Riegel appointed as City Council liaison to the Planning Board.

**State of the City Address**

Council President Rummler stated that unfortunately, we do not yet have a city hall and the sale of gravel has not yet gone through. Furthermore, Hurricane Sandy has tied up a lot of time for Mayor Giberson and Clerk Campellone with paperwork and FEMA. The City has had a good year with its employees who are all hard working. Sadly, we have lost a few residents in town, who will surely be missed. It's been a hard year for a lot of people but, he thinks things are looking up and we should see progress. Hopefully the lot will get sold and move forward.

Mayor Giberson thanked everyone for serving and everything that they do. He stated he is very proud to be the mayor and serve the people of this community. He is proud of the new backhoe and council frugality. Furthermore, he is proud of the volunteerism in the community.

Councilman Wessler stated that he thought overall it was a good year. Unfortunately, progress with the city hall and gravel were not as expected but will come in due time. He thanked Councilwoman Bugdon for all her hard work.

Councilman Adams appreciates everyone for bearing with him in his first year with his questions...he takes his assignment very seriously. He appreciates and is proud to be on the council. He did not know what to expect since he had no prior experience in government; he is pleased and surprised that council is very frugal. He is looking forward to next year in how things work and how to work together.

Councilwoman Bugdon expressed her joy in working with the constituents and council. She enjoys being a volunteer in her community.

Councilwoman Riegel would like to keep the new city hall under budget. Hopefully, next year the state of city address will be in the new city hall.

Councilman Endicott is looking forward to another year. He stated that each one on council has something to offer – a unique talent or perspective – and to remember to be respectful and that everyone has an opinion and it is valid in its own way. He wished everyone luck and a happy new year.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION:**

On the motion of Councilmember Wessler, seconded by Councilmember Endicott and carried to open the floor to the public.

John D'Agostino from D'Agostino Insurance Agency, thanked Mayor & Council and expressed his pleasure in how well Mayor & Council work together. He wishes everyone a Happy New Year.

**CLOSE TO PUBLIC PORTION:**

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

**ADJOURNMENT OF REORGANIZATION MEETING:**

On the motion of Councilmember Wessler, seconded by Councilmember Riegel to adjourn this meeting at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kimberly A. Campellone  
Acting Municipal Clerk