

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. JANUARY 8, 2013
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., Michael Peacock, 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 DECEMBER 11, 2012 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE DECEMBER 11, 2012 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE JANUARY 2013 BILL LIST

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

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

NO:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

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

NO:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Police/Emergency Management:

Trooper provided the following report: 3 alarms, 37 motor vehicle stops, 24 property checks and 2 thefts. In addition, any ammunition affected by Hurricane Sandy can be dropped off at the barracks, Galloway Police Department, or any police department as well as local fire arms retailer. Guns should always be kept in safes and should have guards (firearms pad locks)

Mayor Giberson continues to meet with FEMA. In addition, he has met with Matt Doran, City Engineer and Jack Kelly, Construction Official to discuss the floodplain maps. Hurricane Sandy did hit the 100 year floodplain levels. Furthermore, communities will be required to pass an ordinance regarding the establishment of flood level for rebuilding and reconstruction. Mayor Giberson will be reaching out to Keith Davis, Esq. for assistance with the ordinance.

Mayor Giberson also discussed with Matt Doran a mechanism that would be attached to the dam that would halt salt water intrusion into Mill Pond.

Administrative/Personnel:

No Report. Everything is going smoothly.

Public Works:

Everything is running smooth. Jim Milton and Dan Giberson are doing a good job.

Recreation:

The following events have been added to the calendar: Memorial Day, Community Day, Tree Lighting and triathlon.

Fire and Ambulance:

The department is looking into replacing some older gear.

Truck 213 is in the shop getting a new transmission.

Board of School Estimates:

The school board is currently working on its budget.

Planning Board:

January's meeting is the 14th.

Code Enforcement:

Contractors have been pulling into the monument are on Route 9 and tearing up the grounds.

Council President Rummler advised that a Waste Management truck was seen crossing the Route 610 bridge as well as speeding along the streets. A letter is expected to go to them.

Construction:

No Report.

Senior Services:

No Report.

Finance:

Councilman Adams received an email stating that the FEMA grant application for the generator is still under review.

Building:

A meeting with the architect is in the works regarding the new city hall.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Bob Haviland, 316 English Creek Rd, as if there was any movement on the dump closure or forestry ordinance. Keith Davis, Esq. advised that the Pinelands have not pressed any further on the forestry ordinance. However, they have also not resolved anything with the landfill closure. He feels that if he presses the landfill closure then they may press the forestry ordinance again.

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:

Memo from Acting CFO Gina Simon concerning Architect Fees

Letter dated December 13, 2012 from resident Kathy Cox regarding South Jersey Gas

Letter dated December 19, 2012 from United States Post Office (*Community Meeting*)

Letter from United State Postal Service (*Survey*)

Letter & Invoice received December 26, 2012 from Kevin Zelinsky of Remington, Vernick & Walberg Engineers concerning Ward Maps.

Letter received December 26, 2012 from Rick Brown State of New Jersey DEP (*Public Notice*)

Letter received Jan 2, 2013 for Atlantic County Firefighters Association (*Re: Central Dispatch*)

Letter to South Jersey Gas from City of Port Republic

Letter from Jack Kelly dated back to July 2012.

All Correspondence acknowledged.

RESOLUTIONS:

33-2013 Temporary Budget

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

34-2013 Appointment of Bond Counsel

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

35-2013 No Passing Zone Route 9

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES:

07-2012 Ordinance amending Bond Ordinance No. 03-2011
(First Reading/Introduction) Expired

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

FEMA Flood Plain Mapping
Mayor Giberson will provide information as things occur.

Mayor Appointments
Jack Kelly appointed to Planning Board

Board of School Estimates Appointments (per Mayor Gary Giberson)
Chuck Endicott appointed to Board of School Estimates

Committee Appointments (per Council President)
None appointed at this time

Eagle Court of Honor Eagle Scouts invite to Mayor & Council 1/19/2013
Port Church 2:00 pm
Mayor Giberson urged the community to support the event

Additional New Business:

Councilman Adams supplied a spreadsheet summary to Mayor & Council resulting from survey/mailer he submitted to the community.

After a lengthy discussion, Keith Davis, Esq. suggested Councilman John Adams reach out to John Pedersen, Architect for additional information regarding the new building.

PROCLAMATION

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Renee Widecrantz of 178 Clarks Landing Road, asked if the oil leak was cleaned up and the size of the building and; asked if the raising of the building of 5 ½ inches was included in the cost of the building.

Mike Turner of 64 Clarks Landing Road, expressed his concern regarding the front of the building and that it should face Main St. He also asked what the progress was on South Jersey Gas; and if there was more than one proposal submitted for a gravel consultant.

Tom Flournoy of 486 Chestnut Neck Road, asked various questions regarding the gravel mine and land.

Jim Daniels of 393 English Creek Road, asked if RFPs have been sought in the mining of the gravel.

Ray Brown 114 Pomona Ave, asked what the status was of the municipal court.

Resident of 44 Old New York Road, asked that council champion the implantation of gas in the city.

Dick Johnson of 228 Main St, asked about the financing of city hall and inquired whether the interest in mining the gravel was guaranteed.

Elizabeth Daniels of 393 English Road, expressed her concern over the gravel mining project because she resides across from the mining site.

Al Kincade of 38 Old New York Road, asked about the financing and other city hall building options.

Mike Turner of 279 Main St., asked how the sq. foot of the city hall building was determined and if there is any room for changes in the design.

Gary Burton of 215 Pomona Ave, expressed his concern that the long the city hall project is drawn out the more money it costs.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

ES 1-2013 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding:

1. Gravel Lease
2. City Hall
3. ACE

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

RESOLUTIONS:

36-2013 Authorize an Application to be filed on Behalf of the City of Port Republic to Modify Certain Conditions Associated with the Gravel Mining Operation Use Variance

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

37-2013 Authorize the Execution of an Easement in Favor of the Atlantic City Electric Company Concerning the Substation

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Wessler and carried to adjourn at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kimberly A. Campellone
Acting Municipal Clerk