

**CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC**  
**6:30 p.m. FEBRUARY 12, 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:** Donna Riegel, Doris Bugdon, John Adams, Kevin Wessler, Roger Giberson, Craig Rummler

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** Charles Endicott

**MAYOR:** Gary B. Giberson (Absent)

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

**ATTORNEY:** Kimberly Procopio, 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 JANUARY 3, 2013 REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Endicott

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE JANUARY 8, 2013 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE JANUARY 8, 2013 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

**NO:**  
**ABSENT:** Endicott  
**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE JANUARY 29, 2013 BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES**

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

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

**NO:**  
**ABSENT:** Endicott  
**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 2013 BILL LIST**

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

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

**NO:**  
**ABSENT:** Endicott  
**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS**

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

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

**NO:**  
**ABSENT:** Endicott  
**ABSTAIN:**

**Police/Emergency Management:**

Clerk Campellone advised that the office is busy with FEMA getting paperwork together.

**Administrative/Personnel:**

Gina Simon is currently taking a class on Wednesdays towards her CMFO in preparation for the exam. She will be working from home on Wednesday mornings since classes are in the afternoon which would help her elevate additional travel time.

**Public Works:**

Jim Milton and Dan Giberson have been busy with the resent snow storms. They've been doing a good job with keeping up with the storms. Additionally, they've completed serving the machines and have been busy keeping the tennis area in order due to late night drinking. The storage trailer has been emptied and removed.

Councilwoman Bugdon asked if it would be possible to have Stockton Police patrol the area.

**Recreation:**

The baseball teams have been selected for the 2013 session. The PTS request to the City to donate two beach badges for their Beef-n-Beer fundraiser has been approved. A retired resident has been hired to pick up trash along the roadways.

**Fire and Ambulance:**

The department did respond to an accident on the parkway along with a few false alarms at the Caring House.

**Board of School Estimates:**

No Report.

**Planning Board:**

Planning Board has MET twice since the January 8<sup>th</sup> council meeting. One on January 14<sup>th</sup>, to which the Planning Board met and, unanimously approved, that all nonconforming sites should be required to have the required variance but that the variance fees could be waived; this would apply on to Sandy victims and that all building permits would still be in place. It was carried unanimously to recommend that council waive the variance fees for Sandy victims on a one time only basis and that all building permits would still be in place. The second meeting was February 11<sup>th</sup>, to which the City's application to remove certain requirements for mining of the gravel were voted unanimously to approve. Additionally, regarding the Pine Beetle Grant the Planning Board made a motion to recommend and urge that council protect the City's natural habit by supporting the grant application.

**Code Enforcement:**

Several letters are in the works.

**Construction:**

Fifteen inspections were completed. Permits were issued for four alterations; one addition and three zoning permits, one CO inspection resale; total of seven. Additionally, there was a violation issued for working without a permit on Old New York Road. Furthermore, six residents have come in with storm related issues such as letters, inspections, etc.

**Senior Services:**

Councilwoman has received several requests for health aids.

**Finance:**

Councilman Adams has not received any additional information regarding the FEMA grant application for the generator.

**Building:**

Currently Doran Engineering is working on the new site plans for the new elevation requirements. Once John Peterson receives those he will be able to put a bid packet together. The hope is that by the end of the month bid will be out for the new city hall.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Kathy Cox 123 Moss Mill Rd, asked if a test well is on the property being auctioned next month and the results of the tests. She also inquired about South Jersey Gas.

Anthony Barile 127 Mill St, inquired about the history of South Jersey Gas and encouraged that the City pursue getting gas for the community.

**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.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Letter from Mike Peacock Esq., Endicott

Letter from Atlantic County CDBG (Matt Doran, City Engineer and Gina Simon, Acting CFO will attend)

Letter from Pinelands Preservation Alliance (Resolution to support sustainable preservation funding)

Letter from MS Society Coast to Coast Bike Run Sunday, May 19, 2013.

*All Correspondence acknowledged.*

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**38-2013 Temporary Use of Egg Harbor City's Municipal Court**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Endicott

**ABSTAIN:**

**39-2013 Budget Transfer 2012**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Endicott  
**ABSTAIN:**

**40-2013 Appointment of Construction Official, Building Subcode, Building Inspector, Zoning Officer, Plumbing Inspector and Plumbing Subcode Namely John Kelly**

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded by Councilmember Wessler and carried with a change from a three year term to a two year term.

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Endicott

**ABSTAIN:**

**41-2013 Appointment of Tax Collector, Namely Donna O'Brien**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Endicott

**ABSTAIN:**

**ORDINANCES:**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Committee Appointments (*per Council President*)

*No Change*

Boling Cemetery

*Still in progress*

Pine Beetles

*Gary Burton on Pomona Ave, will be contacted as a potential Forester. Grant application to proceed.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**42-2013 Support for Sustainable Preservation Funding Under the Pinelands Preservation Alliance**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Endicott

**ABSTAIN:**

**43-2013 Waive Variance Fees for Victims of Sandy**

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

**YES:** Rummeler, Giberson, Riegel, Bugdon, Wessler, Adams

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Endicott

**ABSTAIN:**

**PROCLAMATION:**

01-2013 Proclamation Supporting Read Across America

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Bob Haviland 316 English Creek Rd, recommended the use of a speaker during council meetings.

Anthony Barile 127 Mill St, urged council to address the water runoff coming from the Parkway.

**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.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

**ES 02-2013 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding:**

1. Gravel Lease
2. City Hall
3. ACE

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

**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.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Councilmember Wessler, seconded of Councilmember Bugdon and carried to adjourn at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kimberly A. Campellone  
Acting Municipal Clerk