

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. APRIL 9, 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, Charles Endicott (late)

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

MAYOR: Gary B. Giberson (late)

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 MARCH 12, 2013 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Endicott

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE MARCH 12, 2013 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Endicott

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE MARCH 27, 2013 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Addition(s): Councilmember Adams requested that his correspondence be added to the minutes.

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

NO:

ABSENT: Endicott

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE MARCH 27, 2013 EXECUTIVE SESSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Endicott

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE APRIL 2013 BILL LIST

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Endicott

ABSTAIN: Bugdon on PO 13-00134

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Endicott

ABSTAIN: Bugdon on PO 13-00134

Police/Emergency Management:

Mayor Giberson's reported that the Sheriff's Department has been writing tickets in the City. The City is currently working on the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant along with three other communities who were late with getting on with the County. Jodi Kahn, CFO for Egg Harbor City, has put together an RFP for the four communities regarding this grant. FEMA is still ongoing with Hurricane Sandy regarding the Flood Plain Maps. The Planning Board has been called to have a special meeting to adopt an ordinance so the community can get started towards obtaining grants.

Administrative/Personnel:

Nothing to report.

Public Works:

Jim Milton and Dan Giberson have been keeping up with general maintenance and cleaning the park area. The boat dock has been put in and things are moving forward with the new gate at the transfer station

Recreation:

Lifeguards, beach badge and clean team positions have been filled. A community clean-up is scheduled on Saturday, April 20th from 10am-12pm. Thus far, there are twenty volunteers. The ACUA is supplying gloves, trash bags, T-shirts and grabbers; pizza and beverages will be served afterward. The senior tea which is funded through Municipal Alliance is scheduled April 27th from 1-3pm at the Port Church. This year's theme is a Cowboy Murder Mystery along with a presentation on identity theft. Community Day is June 15th with a rain date of June 22nd.

Fire and Ambulance:

Roast Beef dinner is scheduled for May 18th. The tanker was out April 8th in Galloway Twp. for mutual aid.

Board of School Estimates:

The school budget has been passed.

To clarify on the misinformation floating around town; there are a total of twenty-six Choice slots for possible students who could come into the school system. There are currently three Choice students in the school and additional seven students will be added for the 2013-2014 school year; leaving sixteen openings. The slots are as follows: kindergarten – zero, 1st grade – zero, 3rd grade – three, 4th grade – three, 5th grade – five, 6th grade – two, 7th grade – two and 8th grade – zero. The program fills seats which helps to eliminate raising taxes and cutting programs. Choice students are funded by the state. Furthermore, Oceanside Charter in Atlantic City has lost its charter. The Dept. of Education asked if the school could open its doors to any of the students who are misplaced. At this point there is possibility one Oceanside Charter student joining the program.

Planning Board:

A special meeting was held April 8th regarding the Ordinance Establishing Flood Damage Prevention.

Code Enforcement:

No report.

Construction:

Fifteen inspections were completed. Permits were issued for four alterations; one zoning permit, one CO resale inspection; for a total of six.

Senior Services:

Discussed as part of Recreation.

Finance:

Councilman Adams has not received any word from FEMA regarding the grant application for the generator.

Building:

Nothing new to report since receiving bids; Bond ordinance is on the agenda.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Bill Smallwood, 122 Clarks Landing Road, is requesting the message board be posted warning drivers to expect delays as a result of Jersey Genesis which is scheduled June 8th. Additionally, this year the troopers will be posted over at the 610 bridge. In the park area, he is looking into a sprinkler system in the putting green area and a new strap has been ordered for the tennis courts.

Tim Hendly 17 River Road, ask what FEMA grants the City is currently pursuing.

Anthony Barile 127 Mill St, inquired about the progress of South Jersey Gas.

Joy Hooper 138 Central Ave., thanked the Mayor for sending Danny Giberson over to the school to help shovel snow.

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:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

49-2013 Approving Discharge of Fireworks

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

50-2013 Audit Resolution

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

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

NO:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

51-2013 Amending Resolution 107-2011

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

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

NO:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

52-2013 Amending Resolution 45-2013 Temporary Budget

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

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

NO:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES:

02-2013 Ordinance amending Bond Ordinance No. 03-2011

Public Hearing/Adoption

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Kathy Cox, 123 Moss Mill Rd., asked how much the bond would be increased and if the equipment could be included in the bond ordinance. Additionally, she inquired on the negotiation process.

Mike Turner, Main St., asked if it was too late for the City to change the bid specs.

Anthony Barile 127 Mill St, inquired as to what the specs are for the heating and cooling of the new city hall.

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.

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

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

NO: Adams
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

03-2013 Ordinance Establishing Flood Damage Prevention

First Reading/Introduction

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

South Jersey Gas

Council President Rummler, Councilmember Bugdon and Councilmember Endicott met with representatives from South Jersey Gas (SJG). SJG is interested in coming into Port Republic. However, hookup is based on the number of interested customers in a given area. SJG will be sending out questionnaires to determine interest. If it comes back favorable then residents will be asked to sign a contract. As far as roadways, roads are no longer cut any lines would be tunneled under or cut along the road.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wind Deductible

A meeting will be set up with John D'Agostino, Jr. to discuss the City's options regarding the increase in Named Storm Wind Deductible.

RESOLUTIONS:

53-2013 Authorizing Nehmad, Perillo & Davis to Begin Negotiations with SJG for the City of Port Republic

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

PROCLAMATION:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

ES 04-2013 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding:

1. City Hall
2. Aqua-tex
3. Tax Appeals

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon seconded of Councilmember Giberson 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.

Councilmember Wessler to look into pricing for generator for Fire Dept.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried to adjourn at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kimberly A. Campellone
Acting Municipal Clerk