

**CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC**  
**6:30 p.m. MAY 14, 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 (late), Roger Giberson, Craig Rummler, Charles Endicott

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:**

**MAYOR:** Gary B. Giberson

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

**ATTORNEY:** Kimberly Procopio, Esq., Michael Peacock, Esq.

**AUDITOR:** Ken Moore, RMC, CPA

**ACTING CFO:** Gina E. Simon

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 APRIL 9, 2013 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Wessler

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE APRIL 9, 2013 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Wessler

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE MAY 2013 BILL LIST**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Wessler

**ABSTAIN:** Bugdon PO 13-00189, Riegel PO 13-00188

**MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Wessler

**ABSTAIN:** Bugdon PO 13-00189, Riegel PO 13-00188

**ORDINANCE 01-2013 CAP RATE**

*Public Hearing/Adoption*

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

**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.

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

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

**NO:** Adams

**ABSENT:** Wessler

**ABSTAIN:**

**RESOLUTION 54-2013 AUTHORIZING THE BUDGET BE READ BY TITLE ONLY**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Wessler

**ABSTAIN:**

**2013 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

*Public Hearing/Adoption*

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Councilmember Adams asked if the municipal budget would increase taxes and if the municipal budget has anything to do with the school's budget. Ken Moore advised that it does not.

**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.

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**Police/Emergency Management:**

Mayor Giberson's advised he would like to implement a security system.

There was an incident at Fireman's Pond where vehicles were seen spinning their tires. Pictures were emailed to the city clerk and the resident was advised to contact the police immediately.

New flood maps are expected to be released June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Administrative/Personnel:**

Councilmember Adams inquired about the shared service of CFO between Bass River Twp. and Port Republic. Council President Rummler advised that the personnel committee felt it would not work since the CFO also takes on deputy city clerk duties and time would be taken away from Port Republic.

**Public Works:**

Jim Milton and Dan Giberson have been keeping up with everything. Al Kinkade has been doing a good job over at the transfer station.

**Recreation:**

Beach badge sales have begun. Lifeguards and beach badge attendant positions have been filled. The clean team will begin on June 25<sup>th</sup>. The arborist has begun the first of two applications of herbicide on the spruce tree to kill the canker. Furthermore, the tree was planted too deep and has developed trunk rot. He suggested filling the area with rock to allow the trunk to dry out. Additionally, a proposal has been submitted from Jason Pilla Company to prune and cable the willow tree in the park. April 20<sup>th</sup> was Port Clean Up Day; in total approximately 50 volunteers came out including the Boy Scouts. It was one of the most successful turnouts with three truckloads of trash picked up. April 27<sup>th</sup> was the Senior Tea; twenty-two ladies were in attendance. Additionally, a sheriff's officer was scheduled to do a presentation on senior identity thief, unfortunately no one showed up. Community Day is June 15<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Fire and Ambulance:**

Roast Beef dinner is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup>. Port Republic Fire Dept. attended Absecon's parade over the weekend. Councilmember Giberson suggested that public works would be available to help clean the fire hall in exchange for allowing the city to use its space.

Mayor Giberson advised that issue between Galloway dispatch and the fire department has been resolved.

**Board of School Estimates:**

No Report.

**Planning Board:**

No meeting.

**Code Enforcement:**

Safe Guard has been contacted regarding the two properties on Pomona Ave.

**Construction:**

Twenty-one inspections were completed. Permits were issued for seven alterations; one addition, one zoning permit, two CO resale inspection; for a total of eleven.

**Senior Services:**

Discussed above.

**Finance:**

No update.

**Building:**

To be discussed under executive session.

**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 city once again help with insurance for Jersey Genesis. He advised he would be following up on the letters sent to police and the ambulance to ensure their attendance. Additionally, he advised Adam Joseph of Action News has signed up for the event.

Dean Duncan, 286 Old New York Road, advised council that his neighbor has a storage container, trailer and several other unsightly items in his backyard. Council President Rummler stated that both the code enforcement officer and zoning officer will look into the issue.

Jake Nass, 344 Old New York Rd, stated he is willing to work with council with their needs for a security system.

Brandi Endicott, 23 Main St., discussed the Sustainable Jersey Program for municipalities who pursue sustainability programs; the program provides tools, training and financial incentives to support and reward municipalities as they pursue sustainability.

**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:**

Letter dated April 17, 2013 From Christopher Mularz of Atlantic County Regional Development and Planning concerning the termination of the Percoskie Acquisition.

Letter dated April 29, 2013 from D'Agostino Agency regarding Wind Deductible Buyback

Letter from Port Republic Parent Teacher Society regarding Donation of Beach Badges

Letter dated April 18, 2013 from Christina LaLena, Municipal Division Mgr., Superior Court, regarding June 17, 2013 visit with Assignment Judge, Honorable Julio L. Mendez.

Letter received in City Clerk's office on May 7, 2013, regarding a donation to Cedar Creek Project Prom.

Letter received on May 8, 2013 from Matt Doran City Engineer, regarding Atlantic City Electric, Block 38, Lot 2

Memo dated May 9, 2013 from Gina Simon, Acting CFO regarding Bond Anticipation Note Bid

*All correspondence acknowledged*

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**55-2013** Urging Support for Sharing the Burden of Property Assessment Appeal Refunds

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**56-2013 Appointing Michael Fitzgerald, Esq. as Conflict Attorney (Gravel Lease)**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**57-2013 Authorizing City of Port Republic to Enter into Contract with Jason Pilla**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**58-2013 Supporting Participation in the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification Program**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ORDINANCES:**

**03-2013 Ordinance Establishing Flood Damage Prevention (Hurricane Sandy)**  
*Public Hearing/Adoption*

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

**CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:**

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

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**04-2013 South Jersey Gas (granting the requested municipal consent)**  
*First Reading/Intro (Waiting for Kim P & Gina from S.J Gas) not included in packet*  
**Tabled**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

South Jersey Gas

*The proposed ordinance has been pulled due to wording. Council President Rummler expressed concerns that the ordinance proposed by SJG was not consistent with City's ordinance for road openings. Kim Procopio has submitted a modified ordinance to SJG and is awaiting a response from them.*

Galloway Twp. Athletic Association (GTAA)

*On April 16<sup>th</sup>, Councilwoman Bugdon and Mayor Giberson met with Mayor Don Purdy and Councilman Tony Coppola regarding the GTAA. The meeting concluded with Galloway requesting a flat fee of \$10,000 from Port Republic which would allow Port Republic youth to play in Galloway's sports program. Councilwoman Bugdon advised Mayor Purdy and Councilman Coppola that the City's budget is already completed for 2013 and that no monies would be disbursed to them for the 2013 budget, payments would not begin until 2014.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Shed for the transfer station

*Mayor Giberson proposed a shed to hold the contents of the old garage. Councilmember Roger Giberson is looking into the obtaining a shed.*

Reverse call

*Council President Rummler proposed that the City look into a reverse call service to inform residence of information.*

Citywide yard sale

*The yard sale is June 1<sup>st</sup>*

**PROCLAMATION:**

None

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

**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.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

**ES 05-2013 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding:**

1. City Hall
2. Aqua-tex (*Letter from City Solicitor Kim P. to Aqua-tex*)
3. Ward Maps
4. Endicott Acq.,
5. Gravel Lease
6. Constables appointment (*Mayor Giberson*)

**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.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried to adjourn at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kimberly A. Campellone  
Acting Municipal Clerk