

**CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC**  
**6:30 p.m. JUNE 11, 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), Craig Rummler, Charles Endicott

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** Roger Giberson

**MAYOR:** Gary B. Giberson

**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 MAY 14, 2013 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Giberson

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE MAY 14, 2013 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Giberson

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE JUNE 2013 BILL LIST**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Giberson

**ABSTAIN:** Bugdon PO 13-00122, 13-00208 & 13-00239

**MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Giberson

**ABSTAIN:** Bugdon PO 13-00122, 13-00208 & 13-00239

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**South Jersey Gas Presentation:**

Marc Andrews, Residential Sales Manager and Michele Lamb, Marketing Manager

Mr. Andrews stated that bringing gas into Port Republic would be a big project with many miles of main and a possible timeframe of 2013 well into 2015 depending on the amount of interest from the residents. Ms. Lamb further stated that as it stands the scope of the project is approximately 11.7 miles and would involve upwards of 500 homes. As per SJG engineering survey they would need 274 heat customers to make it economically viable. The initial survey has resulted in 125 interested residents which is a strong first mailer.

Mr. Andrews advised that they would be at Community Day and will do whatever they can throughout the process to educate the residents of Port Republic.

A resident asked if a map is available were lines would be run. Mr. Andrews advised that the map provided at the meeting is preliminary and reflects only those residents who responded to the survey.

Kathy Cox asked if she is able to tie into the gas line on her street. Mr. Andrews advised that once the ordinance is adopted then SJG could move forward sometime in July.

Mayor Giberson asked if an engineer would be at the Community Day event and when they would know about their plans are as far as road openings. Mr. Andrews advised that information is not available at this moment since the project is still at the infancy stage. He further advised that the intent is to stay on the shoulder or borrow underneath the roads.

Ms. Lamb further advised that the restoration process must proceed as per the City's ordinance.

A resident asked what the connection costs would be for someone whose house is a distance from the street. Mr. Andrews stated that it would depend on the distance and cost of material.

Ms. Lamb advised that businesses help reduce the number of residents needed since every business customer is equal to four residential customers. Therefore, reducing the number of residential customers needed to make it economically viable for SJG to come into Port Republic.

Councilman Adams asked what the percentage of the residents in Atlantic County have natural gas. Mr. Andrews stated that they look at the saturation levels in the different counties that they do. Ms. Lamb stated that most communities have natural gas. Councilman Adams asked if the City will have to take on the additional workload of inspecting and permitting. Mr. Andrews advised that they encourage residents to abide by the local laws of the municipality. Ms. Lamb further stated that it up to the municipality how strictly they enforce those laws.

#### **Architect John Pedersen**

John Pedersen advised that he had met with Mayor Giberson, Councilman Wessler and Councilman Giberson approximately a week ago to discuss the new city hall. The discussion entailed the simplifying of the mechanical systems by reducing the zones further and getting rid of some supplemental heat. Additionally there were some code issues that the Mayor was to discuss with the constructional official to see if there is the possibility of relaxing some of those. Mr. Pedersen is also negotiating with his engineer to change the engineering design in order bring the number down. Once he gets the go ahead he will be prepared on his end to go out to bid. Mayor Giberson requested that as soon as things get going Council President Rummler call a special meeting or as many special meetings are needed to get the ball rolling.

Council President Rummler asked Mr. Pedersen if Council is being wise in cutting corners to reduce costs and if it is something that could be regretted in the future. Mr. Pedersen advised that during discussions with the building committee, quality has always been important and that to save money the number of zones have been reduced. In keeping costs down, the intent has been to reduce quantity and not quality.

#### **Police/Emergency Management:**

Mayor Giberson advised he is keeping up with FEMA reporting and emails.

Additionally, Mayor Giberson advised that the newspaper report in The Press regarding Galloway Twp. police patrolling Port Republic is a dead deal.

#### **Administrative/Personnel:**

Council President Rummler advised everything is going well and will be setting up a personnel meeting with Councilwomen Bugdon and Councilman Giberson shortly.

#### **Public Works:**

Jim Milton and Dan Giberson have been working hard to prepare for Jersey Genesis and have done a great job and are now working to prepare for Community Day.

**Recreation:**

Community Day is Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm.

Councilwoman Bugdon advised that there was a beach closing the week before Jersey Genesis but cleared up just before the race.

The clean team will be working on Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Additionally, Hooked on Fishing will Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 1pm.

The date of the beach badge increase will be changed to June 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

**Fire and Ambulance:**

Jersey Genesis triathlon went smoothly with the extra help from the sheriffs and troopers.

Roast beef dinner went well with a record high of over 1000 dinners.

**Board of School Estimates:**

Councilwoman Riegel asked about the rumors regarding Herb Snyder. Mayor Giberson advised that the job description changed and did away with his job title and the position was posted and that he must apply for the job. He further advised that questions should be taken up the school board and to attend the next meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Council President Rummler advised that 4pm board meetings are not practical and should be changed.

**Planning Board:**

Councilwoman Riegel advised that the planning board met June 10<sup>th</sup>. The planning board went over the flood prevention ordinance; Mike Fitzgerald, Esq. is reviewing the height and setbacks.

**Code Enforcement:**

A letter was sent out to 292 Old New York Rd on May 22, 2013.

**Construction:**

Twenty-three inspections were completed. Permits were issued for eight alterations; one addition, one zoning permit; for a total of eight.

**Senior Services:**

Councilwoman Bugdon continues to receive requests for medical equipment. Captain Ken Wilson recently passed away. He was the oldest born resident, as well as, the oldest World War II veteran in Port Republic – flags were flown at half-mast in his honor.

**Finance:**

No update.

**Building:**

To be discussed under executive session.

**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 Wessler and carried to close the public portion.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Letter dated May 14, 2013 from NJDOT Fiscal year 2013 Municipal Aid Program. Unable to provide Municipal Aid Program for the Reconstruction of Mill Street or Blakes Lane.

*Correspondence acknowledged - No monies available for Port Republic*

Letter dated May 27, 2013 Statewide Insurance Minutes from meeting held on May 20, 2013.

*Correspondence acknowledged*

Letter dated May 21, 2013 regarding the Caring House located on Chestnut Neck Road and their water supply.

*Correspondence acknowledged*

**RESOLUTIONS:**

None

**ORDINANCES:**

**04-2013 South Jersey Gas (*granting the requested municipal consent*)**

*First Reading/Intro*

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Giberson

**ABSTAIN:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Old City Garage, Blakes Lane and Pomona Avenue Block 20 Lot 22

*Matt Doran, engineer advised that the building is not structurally sound. Councilwoman Bugdon would like to salvage the tin and wainscoting for resale. Kim Procopio, Esq. advised that Matt Doran, engineer should be contacted to see if the building is sound enough to remove the materials. Quotes will be obtained for demolition.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Reverse call

*Kim Campellone advised that Blackboard Connect quoted a price of \$1,839 annually. Councilman Wessler informed that Global Connect may be cheaper per call. Councilman Endicott advised that perhaps the City could piggyback with the school.*

Port Republic Green Team

*First meeting is June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Clark's Landing Café.*

Jersey Genesis

*Councilman Wessler advised that Bill Smallwood could not make the meeting but wanted to pass along that the triathlon went great and thanked the City for all that it does. Councilwoman thanked PRAF for all that they do and Bill Smallwood's commitment.*

**PROCLAMATION:**

None

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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 Wessler and carried to close the public portion.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

**ES 06-2013 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding:**

1. City Hall
2. Aqua-tex (*Letter from City Solicitor Kim P. to Aqua-tex*)
3. Endicott Acq.,
5. Gravel Lease
6. GTAA

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

**RESOLUTION:**

**No 59-2013 Authorizing the Award of a Bid to Ole Hansen & Sons, Inc., for the leasing of property 400 English Creek Road Block 24 Lot 34 for the purpose of Mining, Excavating & removal of gravel**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Giberson

**ABSTAIN:** Adams

Resident Bob Haviland asked the status of the Endicott Acquisition. Council President Rummler advised that no further action will be taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted

Kimberly A. Campellone  
Acting Municipal Clerk