

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. JULY 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

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Charles Endicott

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 JUNE 11, 2013 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Endicott

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE JUNE 11, 2013 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Endicott

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE JULY 2013 BILL LIST

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Endicott

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Endicott

ABSTAIN:

GUEST SPEAKER(S)

Freeholder Richard Dase to discuss the Bond Ordinance the County is going out for in reference to bridges within Atlantic County.

Freeholder Dase advised that the bond ordinance is for 12.3 million dollars; about seven million is for repairs to county facilities and the remainder is for county roads. Currently forty bridges have been identified as needing repairs and the bulk of that is due to several storm events.

Mayor Giberson stressed his concern of the weight limitations on the Route 610 bridge and asked Freeholder Dase to add the City onto the list of bridges to be repaired. He further stated that he would like to see the weight limit increased to allow for fire trucks to use the bridge (as a matter of public safety).

President Rummler suggested a steel beam be placed across the bridge to deter oversized vehicles from going over the bridge.

Joseph Maher Director of Regional Planning and Economic Development Regarding the Closing of Clarks Landing Road

President Rummler stated that closing Clarks Landing Road would take the fire department an additional nine mile detour to reach residents in that portion of town.

Mayor Giberson stated that the City will not allow the closure of Clarks Landing Road.

Mr. Maher advised that he is asking for the City's help in articulating the hardship the City would endure during such a road closure.

A resolution is to be passed opposing the closure of Clarks Landing Road (Resolution 60-2013).

Police/Emergency Management:

President Rummler expressed his concern that the State Police is not providing adequate service to the City. Mayor Giberson advised that the State Police are under manned and he feels confident that they are doing the best that they can do. Mayor Giberson added that he is looking into security cameras.

The Mayor advised that he has been inundated with emails from FEMA and the DEP.

Administrative/Personnel:

Personnel meeting to be scheduled.

Public Works:

Everything is going smoothly.

Recreation:

Community Day was a tremendous success. The fireworks were fantastic and everyone had a good time.

Fire and Ambulance:

No report.

Old City Garage Blakes Lane and Pomona Avenue Block 20 Lot 22 – The municipal engineer has deemed the structure as unsafe; the fire department has expressed interest in obtaining the garage.

Councilman Giberson stated that the quote of approx. \$17,000 is too excessive for demolition and suggested that at that price the structure may be able to be repaired. He suggested that a structural engineer be called to determine the costs of repair if that is the route to be taken.

Kimberly Procopio, Esq. stated that if the City is going to sell the property the building would need to be demolished because it has already been deemed structurally unsound.

Board of School Estimates:

No report.

Planning Board:

No meeting. No report.

Code Enforcement:

Code Enforcement Officer Campellone advised that she is working on a couple of houses on Pomona Ave.

Construction:

Eighteen inspections were completed. Permits were issued for three alterations; one new, two zoning permit, one CO resale inspection; for a total of seven.

Senior Services:

Councilwoman Bugdon advised that additional health aides have been received.

Finance:

Councilman Adams advised that the grant for the emergency generator from FEMA does not look promising. He also stressed the need to look into getting the money elsewhere to get an emergency generator. His suggestion was a propane generator which would be less expensive and less to maintain. Chief John Yochim was asked to get pricing on the type of generator they would need.

Building:

A meeting was held with the mechanical engineer. The zones for the HVA system has been reduced to three zones. There was an additional fee of \$4,000 for the redesign.

Mayor Giberson thanked Mike Turner for his input in geothermal.

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.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Thank you from Bill Smallwood Jersey Genesis Triathlon
All correspondence acknowledged

Letter dated June 24, 2013 from Crown Castle extending their lease.
Kimberly Procopio, Esq. to review contract

ORDINANCES:

04-2013 South Jersey Gas (*granting the requested municipal consent*)
Second Reading/Public Hearing/Final adoption
Public Hearing

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

John Yochim asked how long the road opening permit is good for. Mayor Giberson advised that the City's road opening ordinance is similar to that of the County. Kimberly Procopio, Esq. advised that any defect would be the responsibility of SJG.

Councilman Adams asked if the words "perpetual and exclusive" within the ordinance would limit the City from having another company compete with SJG in the future. Kimberly Procopio, Esq. stated that the words "perpetual and exclusive" include only the

pipelines that they put in. Ms. Procopio further stated that she would follow up with a letter expressing the concerns of Councilman Adams.

**04-2013 South Jersey Gas (*granting the requested municipal consent*)
Second Reading/Public Hearing/Final adoption
*Adoption***

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

YES: Rummler, Giberson, Adams (yes, with clarification), Bugdon, Wessler, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT: Endicott

ABSTAIN:

RESOLUTIONS:

60-2013 Opposing the closure of Clarks Landing

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Endicott

ABSTAIN:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Closing of the Port Republic Old Landfill

A meeting is being scheduled with the DEP and Pinelands Commission regarding the closure of the landfill. The bill will not be paid.

Water Quality at the Caring House on Chestnut Neck Road

Atlantic County has notified the residents of the water quality at the Caring House.

Mayor Giberson advised that he had received a phone call from the County and was advised that the water quality was not dangerous.

NEW BUSINESS:

Change the next City Council Meeting August 13 to ____

(Primary election for Senator Lautenberg's Seat)

August meeting set to August 20, 2013

New hours for the Post Office began on June 29th M-F 10:30 am to 5:00 pm and will close ½ for lunch. Do not know Saturday's hours. There were no notices sent to resident/businesses in Port. (*received fax on July 2, 2013*)

New schedule was discussed

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 Bugdon moved, seconded of Councilmember Giberson and carried to close the public portion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

ES 07-2013 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding:

1. City Hall
2. Gravel Lease
3. Comcast Municipal Consent (Renewal)

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 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kimberly A. Campellone
Acting Municipal Clerk