

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. SEPTEMBER 10, 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, 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 AUGUST 20, 2013 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE AUGUST 20, 2013 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE SEPTEMBER 2013 BILL LIST

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson
ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

Police/Emergency Management:

Mayor Giberson and Gina Simon continue to work on the Hazard Mitigation Plan with Egg Harbor City, Buena Vista and Somers Point. No report from State Police. Mayor Giberson will purchase new camera from emergency management funds.

Administrative/Personnel:

No report.

Public Works:

The public works department continues to accomplish their tasks. James Milton and Daniel Giberson have been working on the equipment and usual mowing of the grass. In addition they spent two days at 134 Pomona Ave due to some complaints received and have been preparing the park area for the Half Ironman which was held on September 7th. Mayor Giberson asked that the brush be taken care of at the transfer station. Councilman Adams asked how the soil will be dispensed to the residents.

Recreation:

Bill Smallwood reported that the Half Ironman was September 7th and the event went smoothly. He reported that PRAF will receive approx. \$10,000 from the event; there were approx. 360 people registered.

Councilman Wessler stated that Chief John Yochim suggested the bridge be closed during the Half Ironman event to prevent a possible accident. Additionally, Councilman Wessler suggested that the tax collector's work schedule be modified as to not fall on the same day.

Councilwoman Bugdon stated that Ella LaVerde helped to clean up the area and James Milton volunteered as well after the event.

PRAF is working to improve the putting green area and Janet Longo is incorporating plantings and a bench. Sprinkler systems have been added as well. Clean team finished up on Friday, August 30th.

Fire and Ambulance:

Chief John Yochim stated that he is working on getting additional quotes for the generator.

Board of School Estimates:

Signs have been posted at the school, "15 mph when children are present".

Planning Board:

No meeting on September 9th; Mike Fitzgerald, Esq. has communicated that due to the new legislation the ordinance 05-2013 will need to be modified and it will have to go back to the planning board for review. Councilwoman Riegel will inquire as to why it only impacts rural residential and not all districts.

Code Enforcement:

Public works cleaned up 134 Pomona Ave, the company will be billed for the cleanup.

Construction:

Fifteen inspections were completed. Permits were issued for six alterations; three permit updates to a new house; two zoning permit, one CO resale inspection; for a total of twelve; 134 Pomona Ave has been declared an unsafe structure and a red tag has been put on the house.

Senior Services:

Councilwoman Bugdon would like to include with the tax bill notification of various programs available to seniors.

Finance:

No report.

Building:

Bid packets have gone out; the bid opening is September 24th at 2pm at 116 Blakes Lane and will be followed by a special council meeting at 6:30pm.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

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.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter dated August 27, 2013 Certificate of Environmental Stewardship from NJDEP
Acknowledged

Letter dated September 5, 2013 from Robbie Dollard regarding Roads under Moratorium for South Jersey Gas

Acknowledged

Article regarding the New Jersey Air National guard, US Coast guard and Port Republic coming together for water rescue training exercise.

Acknowledged

RESOLUTIONS:

62-2013 NJDOT 2014 Municipal Aid Reconstruction of Mill Street

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

63-2013 NJDOT 2014 Municipal Aid Reconstruction of Blakes Lane

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES:

05-2013 – Amending Chapter 160 Port Republic Land Use

Tabled/Referred back to planning board

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Old Garage (Before the P.R. Volunteer FD spends the \$900.00 for the estimate on repairs they want the City to put in writing that the City will transfer title to FD)

The City cannot provide a letter to the fire department as per the solicitor's recommendation.

Invoice from Port Republic Vol. Fire Co.; \$1,455.00 Foam for Fire on Old New York Rd. *City hall to order and someone from fire department will pick up once delivered.*

In reference to fire insurance claims resulting from fire, the municipality could create a chapter on fire insurance and fees which would say that if there were charges incurred for a fire for which there is insurance the City/Fire Department would be paid back. Fire and ambulance committee to discuss further.

First Monthly Check from Ole Hansen for leasing of the Gravel Mine.
A check in the amount of \$10,541.66 was received.

NEW BUSINESS:

Liens on vacant homes

Kim Procopio advised that there is a lien law which municipalities need to follow.

South Jersey Gas Community Information Session for the residents- will need the school location.

A public meeting is tentatively scheduled for October.

PROCLAMATION:

02-2013 Constitution Week

Week of September 17th to the 23rd as Constitution Week

The French family has donated to the City a revolutionary war canon. This canon would have been mounted on a naval perch. Councilwoman stated that this is a great artifact for the City.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Cathy Cox 123 Moss Mill Rd, informed council that her gas line is in. She asked the question if Comcast is supposed to offer cable to everyone in town. Kim Procopio, Esq. advised that the cable franchise allows Comcast to administer cable with the City of Port Republic. Cathy Cox advised that she does not have access to cable. Kim Procopio, Esq. advised that the Comcast franchise will be discussed at the September 24th meeting.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

Hearing nothing further from the public, Councilmember Bugdon moved, seconded by 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 09-2013 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding:

1. Comcast Municipal Consent
2. Constable
3. City of Port Republic Primary Election
4. Discussion Bankruptcy Case (*Mayor Gary Giberson*)

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded by Councilmember Riegel 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