

**CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC**  
**6:30 p.m. OCTOBER 8, 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:** Doris Bugdon, John Adams, Kevin Wessler, Craig Rummler, Charles Endicott, Roger Giberson

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** Donna Riegel

**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 SEMPTEMER 10, 2013 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Riegel

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE SEMPTEMER 10, 2013 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Riegel

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE SEMPTEMER 24, 2013 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

**NO:**  
**ABSENT:** Riegel  
**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE SEPTEMBER 24, 2013 SPECIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

**NO:**  
**ABSENT:** Riegel  
**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE OCTOBER 2013 BILL LIST**

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

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

**NO:**  
**ABSENT:** Riegel  
**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS**

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

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

**NO:**  
**ABSENT:** Riegel  
**ABSTAIN:**

**PRESENTATION: TETRA TECH REGARDING THE PRE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

Mayor Giberson explained that having a Prehazard Mitigation Plan will allow the City to apply for mitigation related grants. Paul Miller from Tetra Tech presented. The presentation is a FEMA requirement as part of public meetings and Mr. Miller asked that all in attendance sign in.

Mr. Miller explained that mitigation is a plan to prevent disasters or future losses. Mitigation is beneficial – for every dollar spent, three to seven dollars is saved in losses. Having a plan allows the City to be eligible for funding and prepares the City for disasters to lesson the effects of those potential disasters. The plan will also improve the community rating system which will help lower flood insurance rates for the community.

Hazard Mitigation Planning involves identifying the hazards within the area, determining what is at risk i.e. assets, and an assessment is done. Public input is an important part

in determining the risks and forming a plan. A website has been created for public input, and can be visited at Atlantic4HMP.com.

Mayor Giberson stated that mitigation does work and explained how the dam held up during Superstorm Sandy.

Councilman Giberson asked how the plan was being funded and Mr. Miller explained that the plan is being funded through a grant.

Someone from the public asked if any residents applied for mitigation after Hurricane Sandy. Mayor Giberson responded that he believes that Matt Strickland, Vicki Cantell, Tim Hendley and the Chestnut Neck Boatyard applied.

Mayor Giberson asked Mr. Miller to be sure to include wave action in the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Councilman Endicott asked why the City was not included in the county's plan. Mayor Giberson responded that he believes the City missed the deadline, which took place a few years ago, it was not a recent project.

**Police/Emergency Management:**

Mayor Giberson stated that he is trying to get the Sheriff's dept. to patrol the City more.

**Administrative/Personnel:**

Gina Simon continues her education towards her certification.

**Public Works:**

The public works department continues to accomplish their tasks. The brush pile at the transfer station can only be chipped down once a year. Councilman Giberson suggested that it may be more cost worthy to apply for a permit and burn the pile rather than chip it. The soil at the transfer station will be stockpiled and utilized for the new city hall and the possible closure of the landfill. The distribution of the soil to residents will be looked at during a later time.

**Recreation:**

Four requests have been received for the use of the pavilion for the month of October. The Veteran's Memorial will be held Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. SAR will be holding their Chestnut Neck Memorial Service on Saturday October 12, 2013 from 10:00 to 11:00 am.

**Fire and Ambulance:**

Chief John Yochim advised that he received three quotes on a generator: \$21,950, \$19,000 for material only no hook up, the highest at approx. \$39,000. The generator was for a GenerX, 36 KW from Henderson Heating and Cooling in Belleplain, NJ.

The Port Republic Fire House Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, October 19, 2013.

**Board of School Estimates:**

Council President Rummler stated that he has been advised that some of the books at the Port Republic Elementary School the students are using are 20 years old. Mayor Giberson advised that the school board is working on getting new books.

**Planning Board:**

No meeting.

**Code Enforcement:**

No report.

**Construction:**

No report.

**Senior Services:**

Councilwoman Bugdon continues to assist seniors with their PAAD and LIHEAP applications. Additionally, all the health aids that have distributed have been returned.

**Finance:**

No report.

**Building:**

Bids have been received for the new city hall. Further discussion will resume during closed session.

Council President Rummler reminded everyone that South Jersey Gas will be conducting a presentation on Tuesday October 15, 2013 at 6:30pm at the Port Republic School. They are still looking for a few more people to sign up for gas.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Bob Haviland, 316 English Creek Rd, advised that scales and fencing have been installed at the gravel mine.

Chief John Yochim updated council on the centralized, county-wide dispatch; there are several locations being considered; one being the Canale Center but, that will be dependant upon approval from the Pinelands.

Lynne Loper, Central Ave., advised that not only are the books outdated but a 4th grade child got sick on one of the classrooms and was not cleaned up until the next day.

Additionally she advised that PTS is willing to help fund books and tablets. PTS meetings are the 1st Tuesday.

**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 September 23, 2013 from Dennis Levinson to Mayor Giberson regarding Clark's Landing Road

*Dennis Levinson advised that funding would not be available this year but the area will be assessed.*

Thank you from the Wessler Family  
*Acknowledged*

Letter from Brad Hooper to Mayor and Council regarding the Old Garage  
*Councilman Wessler stated that President Nick Lampe was advised at the council meeting that council is in favor of the Fire Dept. having the building; and that as long as the estimates came back within their budget they could have the garage.*

*Kim Procopio, Esq. advised that there may be an exemption in the municipal land use law where the City may donate that property and deem it not for public use and no public function however there is the liability issue and indemnity but it does mean it could be cooperatively worked on for the transfer.*

Thank you letter and donation of \$128.00 from Group C Tennis Group  
*Acknowledged*

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**64-2013** Resolution Authorizing a Change Order in a Contract between the City of Port Republic and JW Pederson, Architect, PC

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Riegel

**ABSTAIN:**

**ORDINANCES:**

**05-2013 – Amending Chapter 160 Port Republic Land Use**

*Tabled/Referred back to planning board*

**07-2013 Salary Ordinance** Amending salary Ordinance 05-2012  
**(1<sup>st</sup> Reading/Introduction)**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Riegel

**ABSTAIN:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Old Garage

*Discussed earlier.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Trick or Treat will be on Thursday Halloween October 31 from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

South Jersey Gas Community Information Session for the residents will be Tuesday October 15 at 6:30pm location will be the Port Republic Elementary School

Nomination for Citizen of the year

*Suggests to be discussed next month.*

**PROCLAMATION:**

None

Mayor Giberson stated that October is cancer awareness month and asked that the public support that fact and to make a donation to a cancer organization specifically Saint Jude Hospital.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Cathy Cox, 123 Moss Mill Rd, asked how long the tapes are kept of the meetings. Clerk, Kim Campellone advised that retention is approx. 10 years.

**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 Wessler, seconded by Councilmember Giberson and carried.

ES 10-2013 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding:

1. Comcast Municipal Consent

2. City Hall

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Giberson and carried to adjourn at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kimberly A. Campellone  
Acting Municipal Clerk