

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30pm SEPTEMBER 9, 2014
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Adequate notice of this meeting was given as required by the Open Public Meeting act. On the motion of Council President Rummmler, Seconded by Councilmember Bugdon and carried to close the workshop meeting portion of the meeting.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: John Adams, John Bonthron, Doris Bugdon, Roger Giberson, Donna Riegel, Craig Rummmler, Kevin Wessler

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

MAYOR: Gary B. Giberson

MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC

ATTORNEY: Kimberly Procopio, Esq.

Council President Rummmler 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.

Mayor Giberson opened the meeting with a prayer.

MOTION TO APPROVE AUGUST 12, 2014 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

YES: Adams, Bonthron, Bugdon, Giberson, Rummmler, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE AUGUST 12, 2014 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES

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

YES: Adams, Bonthron, Bugdon, Giberson, Rummmler, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE SEPTEMBER 2014 BILL LIST

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Police/Emergency Management:

Mayor Giberson advised that the New Jersey State Police will have a substation in the new city hall. They require a secure room. Lines will need to be run for their computer, as well as, a desk.

Administrative/Personnel:

Kimberly Campellone and Gina Simon having been working hard set up in the new building along with Jimmy Milton and Dan Giberson. Laura Golden has been brought on to help.

Public Works:

Jimmy Milton and Dan Giberson have been working on getting the top soil ready for hydroseeding.

Mayor Giberson has advised that Rainbow Farms is going out of business and reached out to Councilwoman Bugdon to donate items from their stock.

Recreation:

Councilmember Bugdon stated there was only one beach closing all summer.

Fire and Ambulance:

No Reports.

Board of School Estimates:

Mayor Giberson reported on the current enrollment of students at the Port School. Grades: K – 12, 1st – 16, 2nd – 15, 3rd – 14, 4th – 12, 5th – 18, 6th – 9, 7th – 13, 8th – 20. There are currently 53 students attending Cedar Creek High School and 3 attending Atlantic County Institute of Technology; four are out of district; 13 students are student choice. An interim Superintendent has been hired.

Planning Board:

Planning Board met September 8th in regard to the final resolution for the subdivision of 340 Upper Pomona.

Code Enforcement:

No Report.

Construction: During the month of August a total of 25 inspections were done by the Construction Office.

Senior Services:

Councilwoman Bugdon reported that the renewal of PADD is approaching.

Finance:

No Report

Building:

Councilmember Giberson thanked Mayor and Council and especially the Mayor and Councilman Kevin Wessler for their hard work.

Mayor Giberson thanked Councilman Giberson and former building committee member Bob Haviland. Additionally he thanked Mike Turner.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon seconded by Councilmember Bonthron and carried.

Bob Haviland 316 English Creek Road, asked that fencing be installed around the Clarks Mill burial ground not only for parking but to eliminate access with ATVs; as well as trash barrel.

Bill Smallwood 122 Clarks Landing Rd., thanked Mayor and Council for allowing the Shoreman race to go through the town. Next year there will only be the Jersey Genesis Race.

Council President Rummmler thanked Bill and Kathy Smallwood for their hard work and contributions. Most recently the installation of the concrete steps and railing in the parking lot area along Main St.

Mayor Giberson and Councilwoman Bugdon also gave their thanks to Bill and Kathy Smallwood.

Lynn Loper 154 Central Ave, requesting the use of the beach to hold a bonfire and storytelling event in October for a Municipal Alliance program. Councilwoman Bugdon suggests the use of Fireman's Pond to alleviate digging and horseplay near the beach.

Council President Rummler expressed his concern over crowd control. Ms. Loper advised that the Sheriff's dept. would be available. Council agreed to the use of Fireman's Pond for the event.

Additionally, Ms. Loper requested the use of city hall to hold a Municipal Alliance event called Child Break, which is focused towards the parents to educate them on drug abuse issues and how to start the conversation with kids about drugs. Council agreed to the event.

Jake Nass 344 Old New York Rd., reminded everyone of the Duct Boat Regatta race on Saturday, September 13th.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter dates August 11, 2014 from the NJDOT regarding FY 2015 State Aid Programs
Acknowledged – Mill Road

RESOLUTIONS:

56-2014 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue: Clean Communities

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

57-2014 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue: Alcohol Education

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

58-2014 Authorizing Change Order # for the contract with R Wilkinson
(Credit of \$886.00)

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES:

06-2014- Comcast Franchise Renewal

Second Reading /Adoption

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

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NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

South Jersey Gas – South Jersey Gas will be going door to door on Friday, September 12, 2014. On September 13th they will have a set up a table for residents to come and get information at the Duct Boat Regatta.

Old Garage Committee:

Councilwomen Riegel met with two contractors. It was determined that it will cost “a few dollars” to fix it. Councilwomen Riegel suggests obtaining a grant.

Fees for construction

Kim Procopio, Esq. has draft ordinance for next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Giberson advised that he has been approached by a contractor who is interested in resurrecting a convenience store and gas station in the city-owned lot across from the Port Store. This contractor has also offered to restore the old garage and turn it over to the historical society.

PROCLAMATION:

02-2014 Next Number

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Kathy Cox 123 Moss Mill Rd., what the figure is for the cost of the new building. Mayor Giberson stated that the city was very frugal in building the new city hall and cut costs whenever possible. Councilman Giberson stated that the original city hall was only to be 3000 sq ft at an estimated cost of \$750,000. However, due to regulations, codes and requirements the building had to be increased 600 sq ft which put the costs over \$1.3 million. Councilman Adams reiterated that council's intent is to use the mining along with the sale of the property to cover the costs of the new city hall.

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Hearing nothing from the public, Councilmember Giberson moved, seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried to close the public portion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On the motion of Councilmember Wessler, seconded by Councilmember Bugdon to open executive session and carried.

ES 09-2014 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

1. ACUA
2. Gravel Mine

On the motion to of Councilmember Wessler, seconded by Councilmember Bugdon to close Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Riegel, seconded of Councilmember Bugdon and carried to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC