

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:00 p.m. JANUARY 28, 2015
SPECIAL 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: John Bonthron, Doris Bugdon, Roger Giberson (late), Donna Riegel, Craig Rummler, Nick Capille, Kevin Wessler.

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

MAYOR: Gary B. Giberson

MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC

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 Current Newspaper, a meeting notice setting for the time, date and locations of this meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

32-2015 Appointing Municipal Judge Namely Howard E. Freed

Councilmember Riegel mentioned she thought the city appointed Judge Raso at the January Reorganization meeting. Mayor Giberson stated he had an opportunity to sit in on a court session he chose Judge Freed. Councilwoman Bugdon commented she is embarrassed by the way this has gone; when council voted for this one year term, city council was not advised by counsel that they could not appoint a one year term. If they were advised of this they would not have this problem. Councilmember Bugdon felt that she cannot, in all fairness, change her vote. Councilman Wessler stated, in hindsight, Judge Raso could have been called in for an interview knowing he was sitting for Judge Cappuccio. Council President Rummler is upset by the way everything transpired, he believed council was doing the right thing when he voted yes for Judge Raso so he may vote no for Judge Freed. Councilmember Bonthron stated that Mr. Raso is a fine man and a gentleman. He is voting yes with reservation. Councilman Giberson stated that it has always been the mayor's appointment and since he interviewed Judge Freed and wishes to nomination him, he trusts his judgment.

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

YES: Bonthron, Capille, Giberson, Wessler

NO: Bugdon, Riegel, Rummler

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RESOLUTIONS:

33-2015 Transfer Resolution 2014

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPRAISAL OF BLOCK 6 LOT 51

Appraisal came in \$206,000; one of the reasons for the price is due to lack of water and sewer.

Phase 1 Environmental Study Block 6 lot 51

One of the recommendations was to have an environmental study done. Lengthy discussion ensued; it was determined to leave it up to the buyer with the city disclosing all information they have. To be discussed further at the February 10, 2015. Take off table and further discuss.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

Hearing nothing further from the public, Councilmember Wessler moved, seconded of Councilmember Bonthron and carried to close the public portion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Wessler, seconded of Councilmember Bonthron and carried to adjourn at 6:35 pm

Respectfully submitted

Kimberly A. Campellone
Municipal Clerk