

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. FEBRUARY 10, 2015
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: Nick Capille, Roger Giberson, Donna Riegel, Craig Rummler, Kevin Wessler.

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Doris Bugdon, John Bonthron

MAYOR: Gary B. Giberson

MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC

ATTORNEY: Kim 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.

MOTION TO APPROVE JANUARY 6, 2015, 2015 REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES

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

YES: Capille, Giberson, Riegel, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bugdon, Bonthron

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE JANUARY 6, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

YES: Capille, Giberson, Riegel, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bugdon, Bonthron

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 2015 BILL LIST

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

YES: Capille, Giberson, Riegel, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bonthron, Bugdon

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

YES: Capille, Giberson, Riegel, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bonthron, Bugdon

ABSTAIN:

Police/Emergency Management:

Mayor Giberson stated very good progress. Mayor Giberson is going through a lot of paperwork from the State. Mayor Giberson received a request from the new Judge he would like an armed guard, the sheriff department will charge \$55.00 an hour. Mayor Giberson recommends to Council hiring an armed guard. Councilmember Giberson would like to keep the bailiff along with an armed sheriff for now.

Administrative/Personnel:

Clerk Campellone has suggested DocUSafe for off storage record retention. The cost will be \$50.00 per month with an upfront cost of around \$3,000.00

Public Works:

Councilman Giberson stated the Public Works crew has been busy with the recent snow storms. In the past Council was always careful on the amount of time for the crew to plow. If it is not an ongoing storm they know how much time to put in.

Recreation:

No report.

Fire and Ambulance:

Nick Lampe President of the Port Republic Fire Department mentioned they had their installation dinner two Friday's ago; Bob Wilson is the new Assistant Chief, John Yochim remains the Chief and Nick Lampe the President. Gene Hawn was nominated for the 2014 Fire Fighter of the year; Nick would like the City to acknowledge that he was nominated by his peers. Nick questioned what happened with the generator that grant writer Gordon Dahl is working on; Clerk Campellone stated we were not eligible for the grant due to the median income in Port Republic. Nick added that the population and the square miles also has a negative impact for receiving grants. The Fire Department went out for a grant and will apprise the city what the status of that grant is.

The Fire Department needs air packs, each air pack is \$7,000.00. Mayor Giberson questioned a shared service within the county with similar Fire Departments. Nick stated that they need them at different times.

The Fire Department will due a walk-thru of the Port Republic School on Tuesday at 7:30 pm, cleaning materials etc., in case any incident should ever arise.

Board of School Estimates:

Mayor Giberson made everyone aware that a work session meeting with the School Board is scheduled for February 11, 2015.

Planning Board:

Councilmember Riegel stated that the Planning Board met on February 9, 2015, The Chestnut Neck Boatyard was granted a conditional variance. The Master Plan has to be updated this year; Bob Haviland gave City Council handouts regarding the Master Plan to look over. Planning Board member Bob Haviland mentioned he me with planner Tiffany Ciuvello. There are pages within the Master Plan that Council will need to address; the first one is recognizing this Master Plan was done in 2005. There are several issues for discussion one being there is no longer a Historic Commission it should be removed per the Planning Board, listing the various commercial ratables. The City no longer has a general store which includes the future of the Post Office, the Planning Board advises, City Council takes the action. Another issue is the basis on affordable housing regulations which the city does not comply with, no growth, identify how many buildable lots are left in the city. The Planning Board defends the position on a lack of the COAH plan. We do not qualify for affordable housing. The City has acquired more land for Open Space since the last Master Plan review, and the city will keep developing the Green Acres Land for the use of the community. When the plan is complete the Planning Board will present it to City Council for review. These are the areas that Council needs to take action on. The Planning Board needs recommendations from City Council. Planning Board plans and City Council takes care of the legislation.

Code Enforcement:

No update

Construction:

14 Inspections, 4 permits (1 addiontion, 1 zoning, and 2 for C/O inspections re-sale). Court summons issued for no C/O or rental application in place.

City Solicitor Kim Procopio mentioned the Construction Ordinance should be ready by the next meeting.

Senior Services:

No report.

Building:

Councilmember Giberson stated the handicap spaces and parking lot lines are painted at the new city hall building. Still waiting for a few items to be completed by the contractor. Clerk Kim Campellone is comparing electric bills from the prior year.

City Owned Property:

No report

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Resident Bob Haviland 316 English Creek Road in regards to our Green acres property somebody dumped leaves along the roadside. Some are jammed right up alongside the guard rail, if we get a flood the leaves will block drainage and I think the City should look into the source of those leaves and have them removed. Our Green acres properties are being abused. Councilmember Giberson stated this is a Code Enforcement issue.

Resident Kathy Cox, 123 Moss Mill Road noted that the unapproved January 6th minutes were placed on the table when they had not yet been approved. City Clerk Kimberly Campellone stated that the minutes were put out on the table in error.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Email & Letter from City Solicitor Keith Davis ACE Proposed Transmission Lines
Council President Rummler stated that the steel poles are being erected down Wrangleboro Road. A date has been set up for a public hearing for this matter at the May meeting so tentatively ACE will come out and advise the public of their plans. Kim Procopio, Esq. spoke with Tony Pagano, Asst. County Counsel and was advised the county has not granted approval for installation of poles.

Letter dated January 15, 2015 regarding MS Annual Coast to Coast Bike Ride on Sunday May 17, 2015.
Acknowledged

Letter dated January 27, 2015 County Municipal Open Space Financial Assistance Program
Acknowledged

Minutes from Port School
Acknowledged

Letter dated January 26, 2015 regarding Cell Tower lease extension.

The automatic five year extension of the lease will need to be reviewed from the original contract.

Construction Notice Letter for the Route 9: Meadowview Ave to GSP Project
Acknowledged

Email from Tax Assessor Bill Johnson Reval Update
Acknowledged

RESOLUTIONS:

34-2015 Traffic No Passing Zone Lines Route 9

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

YES: Capille, Giberson, Riegel, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bugdon, Bonthron

ABSTAIN:

35-2015 Supporting, Recognizing and Honoring the Service of Law Enforcement

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

YES: Capille, Giberson, Riegel, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bugdon, Bonthron

ABSTAIN:

36-2015 Municipal Alliance Fiscal Grant Cycle June 1, 2015 – July 31, 2016

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

YES: Capille, Giberson, Riegel, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bugdon, Bonthron

ABSTAIN:

37-2015 Shared Service Sheriff's Department Armed Security for Municipal Court

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

YES: Capille, Giberson, Riegel, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bugdon, Bonthron

ABSTAIN:

38-2015 Agreement with DocUSafe records retention storage

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

YES: Capille, Giberson, Riegel, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bugdon, Bonthron

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES:

01-2015 *Revised* Ordinance amending Chapter 231, Recycling
Introduction/ First reading

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

YES: Capille, Giberson, Riegel, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bugdon, Bonthron

ABSTAIN:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilmember Giberson recommended reaching out to a fencing company.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilmember Giberson has been in contact with a gentleman from the New Jersey Fire Service and was told there is a grant to combat the Southern Pine Beetle's he will look into this and have something for next month.

PROCLAMATION:

Natural First Americans Month

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

ES 02-2015 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

1. Block 6 Lot 51
2. Gravelmine

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Wessler, seconded of Councilmember Giberson and carried to adjourn at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kimberly A. Campellone
Municipal Clerk