

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. APRIL 14, 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: Doris Bugdon, John Bonthron, Nick Capille, Donna Riegel, Craig Rummler, Kevin Wessler

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Roger Giberson

MAYOR: Gary B. Giberson

MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC

ATTORNEY: Salvatore Perillo, Esq.

AUDITOR: Kenneth Moore, CPA, RMA, Nancy Sbrolla, CPA, RMA

CFO: Gina Simon

Mayor Giberson led a moment of silence for Al Miller

INVOCATION: Pastor Frank Brown

Mayor Giberson thanked Pastor Brown for his invocation.

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 MARCH 10, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE MARCH 10, 2015 EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE APRIL 2015 BILL LIST

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCE 02-2015 CAP RATE

Public Hearing/Adoption

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

RESOLUTIONS:

43-2015 Governing Body Certification of the Annual Audit

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

44-2015 Self-Examination of Budget Resolution

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

45-2015 Authorizing the Budget Be Read By Title Only

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

BUDGET 2015

Public Hearing/Adoption

Kenneth Moore advised that there were no changes, the fund balance is good and debt is being paid down.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded by Councilmember Bonthron 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.

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

Council President Rummler thanked Kenneth Moore for his guidance and leadership throughout the years.

PRESENTATION

Gina Simon provided a presentation on the Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). Port Republic is now working to incorporate the plan that was adopted in 2014 into the County's plan. The HMP is in process of identifying potential hazards and creating a plan that would reduce the long term risks to life and property. An equally important part of emergency management involves hazard mitigation – protecting things before they get damaged, as opposed to repairing things after they get damaged. Hazard Mitigation is an important part of a community's ability to recover from a disaster. Mayor Giberson pointed out several potential hazards such as some erosion along the bank of Nacote Creek near Fireman's Pond, as well as, proposing building a bulkhead near the bath beach.

Police/Emergency Management:

Mayor Giberson is working on getting an update from the State Police regarding the substation. In addition, he is looking into several potential grants for the City. Furthermore, he thanked the Eagle Scouts for their work in creating their projects. In response to the Mayor's letter the Scouts received a \$500 donation from the contractors working on the parkway expansion.

Council President Rummler has received several complaints from residence regarding speeding especially on Central Ave. Mayor stated he would reach out to the Sheriff's Dept.

Administrative/Personnel:

Personnel Committee is planning on meeting to discuss several personnel issues.

Public Works:

Public Works has installed shelving in the utility room for additional storage which will allow the items in the storage trailer to be moved into the utility room. The storage trailer is scheduled to be removed on May 8th.

Mayor Giberson suggested that public works lay down grass seed at city hall. Councilwoman Bugdon advised that Joe Clements is to spray additional hydro-seed.

Councilwoman Bugdon advised that a truck is available for purchase for the City's use. John Bonthron's mother has a truck for sale. Salvatore Perillo asked that the information be forwarded to him and that he would look into the legalities of the purchase.

Recreation:

Councilmember Bugdon stated that two lifeguards have been hired; both are new lifeguards, she would like a seasoned lifeguard to

Additionally, she advised that she has gotten several quotes for the replacement shed at the beach and would like to move forward with purchase of the least expensive shed at \$1,574.56.

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

Several lacrosse students from the community have requested the City purchase of two lacrosse nets at the cost of approx. \$100 each. PRAF is willing to put in \$100 if the City would put in \$100 towards the purchase. Councilwoman Bugdon asked that the

students earn the nets by volunteering for both the Community Clean-up and Jersey Genesis.

Community Clean-up is April 18th from 10am-noon, thus far there have been 30 volunteers how have signed up.

Three of four kids have been hired for the Clean Team.

Fire and Ambulance:

Councilman Wessler stated that the fire dept. responded to the forest fire on Indian Cabin and Upper Pomona.

Roast beef dinner will be May 16th.

Board of School Estimates:

No Report.

Planning Board:

No Meeting.

Code Enforcement:

Issue to be discussed under executive session.

Construction:

16 Inspections, 4 permits for alterations, 1 demo, 1 new in progress, 2 zoning permits, 2 CO inspections for resale. Blueberry Campground will be brought to court and fined for working without a permit.

Senior Services:

Senior Tea is scheduled for May 2nd from 1pm – 3pm. This year's theme is *Gone with the Breeze*.

Thus far, 6 PTR-1 forms have been given to residents.

Additionally, three pieces of health aides have been returned and two more have been dispensed.

Council President Rummler thanked Donna O'Brien for her assistance with questions regarding the Homestead Rebate. A credit will be applied to future quarters of tax bills.

Building:

The bathroom flooring and taping still need to be addressed by Wilkinson.

City Owned Property:

No bids received.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Bob Haviland, 316 English Creek Rd., raised concerns over the landfill and monitoring report, as well, as the Pineland's Forestry Ordinance and has offered to meet with the Pinelands to resolve the issue of closing the landfill.

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:

Invitation to attend the ceremony to formally bestow the rank of Eagle Scout to Peter Nicholas Rando, Sunday May 17th.

Acknowledged; several scouts will have received the rank of Eagle Scouts.

Letter from Atlantic County SPCA.

Councilman Wessler to revise ordinance

RESOLUTIONS:

46-2015 Appointment of Tax Assessor Namely William Johnson

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

47-2015 Appointment of Construction Official Namely John Kelly

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

48-2015 Appointment of Fire Inspector Namely Oliver Clifford

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson
ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES:

03-2015 Salary Ordinance

First Reading/Introduction

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

YES: Bugdon, Bonthron, Capille, Riegel, Rummier, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Reval update from Tax Assessor Bill Johnson

The City wishes to pursue an extension of the reval. Salvatore Perillo to reach out to Bill Johnson regarding the extension.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bid Date for Blakes Lane (*per City Engineer Matt Doran*)

City wishes to move forward.

PROCLAMATION:

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

On the motion of Councilmember Wessler, seconded by Councilmember Bugdon 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ES 04-2015 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

1. Block 6 Lot 51
2. South Jersey Gas
3. Gravelmine
4. Code Enforcement Position

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Wessler, seconded of Councilmember Bugdon and carried to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kimberly A. Campellone
Municipal Clerk