

**CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC**  
**6:30 p.m. JUNE 9, 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, Roger Giberson, Donna Riegel, Craig Rummler

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** Kevin Wessler

**MAYOR:** Gary B. Giberson

**MUNICIPAL CLERK:** Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC

**ATTORNEY:** Salvatore Perillo, Esq.

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Frank Brown

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 MAY 12, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Wessler

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE MAY 12, 2015 EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Wessler

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE JUNE 2015 BILL LIST**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Wessler

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS**

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

**YES:** Bugdon, Bonthron, Capille, Giberson, Riegel, Rummier

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Wessler

**ABSTAIN:**

**Police/Emergency Management:**

Email sent to Station Commander regarding the State Police substation. He responded that he will be contacting Connie Caruso. Gina Simon has been working on Hazard Mitigation Plan integration with the County. Additionally, Mayor Giberson stated that he received notification regarding having the City conduct background checks on volunteer fireman.

**Administrative/Personnel:**

No report.

**Public Works:**

Public works has been working with Councilwoman Bugdon. Additionally, they installed the new fencing in the recreation area which was donated by PRAF.

**Recreation:**

Preparations are continuing for Community Day on June 20<sup>th</sup>; rain date is June 27<sup>th</sup>. This year for the first time, the City has sold out of beach badges. Additionally, after the end of the season Councilwoman Bugdon proposes changing the price of residents' beach tags to \$5 for May 1<sup>st</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup>, then bumping price to \$10 and \$10 all year for nonresident.

Clean team starts June 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Fire and Ambulance:**

No Report.

**Board of School Estimates:**

Graduation will be June 22th at 6:30pm.

**Planning Board:**

Resolution passed for Chestnut Neck Boatyard variance regarding the setback.

**Code Enforcement:**

No Report.

**Construction:**

17 Inspections, 7 permits for alterations, 1 zoning, 2 CO inspections for resale; for a total of 10 permits issued

**Senior Services:**

No Report.

**Building:**

Bathroom floor has been repaired. Outstanding invoices have been paid and the City is still holding the 2% retainage of approximately \$22,000. There are a few things that still need to be addressed.

Council President Rummel pointed out that additional parking is needed as well as access from the backdoor.

**City Owned Property:**

No Report.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Bill Smallwood thanked Mayor and Council for their support. Unfortunately there was miscommunication with Egg Harbor City regarding police assistance during the Jersey Genesis race. Over the last five years the races have earned \$157,000 of which \$148,000 has been expended. Additionally, he announced he and Kathy are stepping down from the kids' portion of the race. Several suggestions would be Tilton Fitness, PTS or St. Jude who could possibly take over the kid's portion. Additionally, Bill would like to say something for Cathy Brady for sponsoring the kid's games at Community Day.

Nick Lampe stated that 1,002 dinners were sold at the Volunteer Fireman's Roast Beef Dinner.

**CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Letter from Keith Davis, Esq., to Mr. Ingersoll permitting residents to harvest fallen trees on Green Acres Land.

*More information needed such as liabilities and access to the area*

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**54-2015** Allowing JORBA (Jersey Off Road Bicycle Association) to perform trail work maintenance and cleanup on open space property  
On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Giberson and carried.

**YES:** Bugdon, Bonthron, Capille, Giberson\*, Riegel\*, Rummler

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Wessler

**ABSTAIN:**

\*Yes, with stipulation that the organization has insurance.

**ORDINANCES:**

**04-2015** Speed Limit on Riverside Drive

*Public Hearing/Adoption*

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

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Wessler

**ABSTAIN:**

**04-2015** Amending Chapter 139 Flood Damage Prevention

*Intro/First Reading*

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Wessler

**ABSTAIN:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Atlantic City Electric Letter dated May 26, 2015 from Keith Davis to Ken Mosca regarding ACE 69 KV Rebuild

*ACE has stated that they are looking into an alternative route.*

Email from Jason Smith, Legislative Aide, 9<sup>th</sup> Legislative District to schedule a meeting with Atlantic City Electric and the 9<sup>th</sup> district along with Mayor and City Council in Port Republic to discuss the local opposition to the transmission pole plan.

*The 9<sup>th</sup> district is in support of the City.*

Old landfill (letter from Matt Doran, City Engineer to Mr. Robert Confer); Email from Cindy Randazzo to Mayor Giberson

*A meeting is trying to be put together in hopes of closing the landfill.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Defibrillator

*It was recommended that public buildings have defibrillator. Training is not needed to use the device.*

**PROCLAMATION:**

Be kind to one another.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Nick Lampe, 486 Chestnut Neck Rd., will the patch be fixed at the parkway construction area. Mayor Giberson stated he has reached out to the County several times and was advised that it would not be cost effective to fix it during construction. Mr. Lampe then asked if the old garage was condemned by the city engineer. Council President stated that it was not condemned but deemed unsafe.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

ES 06-2015 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

1. South Jersey Gas
2. Code Enforcement
3. Block 6 Lot 51
4. Gravelmine
5. Affordable Housing formally COAH

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**55-2015** Authorizing an Addendum to the Lease of Property Commonly Known as 400 English Creek Road For The Purpose Of Mining, Excavating and Removing Gravel

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Wessler


**ABSTAIN:**

**Port Store:** After a lengthy discussion regarding the Port Store it was determined to table the discussion for next council meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, seconded of Councilmember Bugdon and carried to adjourn at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kimberly A. Campellone".

Kimberly A. Campellone  
Municipal Clerk