

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. JULY 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, Roger Giberson, Donna Riegel, Craig Rummler, Kevin Wessler

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

MAYOR: Gary B. Giberson

MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC

ATTORNEY: Keith Davis, 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 JUNE 9, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE JUNE 9, 2015 EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE JUNE 15, 2015 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE JULY 2015 BILL LIST

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN: Doris Bugdon Bill No. 00122

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN: Doris Bugdon Bill No. 00122

Post Office Representative: John Melusky

There is no reason to believe that the change in ownership will have any effect on the post office. The post office will work with the City to stay in the community if, in fact, an issue were to arise with its current location. The Post Office would look for a alternate location. The main objective is service to our customers. The Post Office can bring a building on wheels. The Post Office is committed to Port Republic. Mayor Giberson thanked John for his time to Port Republic

Revaluation: Tax Assessor, Bill Johnson

Revaluation must be completed and filed with the County Tax Board by January 10, 2017. The State approved the tax map in March 2015. Next step is to draft an RFP for the revaluation. Ideally, the revaluation should begin no later than March 2016. Keith Davis will draft the RFP. Councilmember Giberson questioned Bill Johnson if he would recommend any appraisers he responded that Professional Property Appraisers are very good.

Additionally, due to the PILOT legislation the tax rate may not come out until the end of August beginning of September. Depending on the municipality's financial status, some municipalities are sending out estimated tax bills or preparing Tax Anticipation Notes.

Police/Emergency Management:

Mayor Giberson to reach out to the State Police in regards to their coverage within the community. Additionally, complaints have been received regarding several slow moving trucks entering onto Route 9 from Wilson Ave. Furthermore, Mayor will look into additional cameras in the recreational area to address some problems.

The Governor has declared the June 23 storm an emergency in Atlantic County which allows for FEMA aid. The City was fortunate to only experience a few fallen trees from the storm.

Administrative/Personnel:

Council President Rummler reported: A computer has been revamped and given to Public Works. Daniel Giberson has proved a nice report and is working on the Right to Know requirements. Councilman Bonthron advised that he received a good response from public works during the storm. Jimmy Milton who was on vacation came out and responded.

Public Works:

Councilman Giberson reported: Public Works submitted report detailing their daily activities. The department will look into purchasing a new mower with any remaining funds at the end of the year or budget for it in 2016.

Recreation:

Councilwoman Bugdon stated Community Day was a success. Thus far over 550 seasonal beach tags have been sold. Hard liquor bottles have been found throughout the recreation area, as well as, syringes. Councilwoman Bugdon purchased several sharps containers to secure the syringes. Jet skis continue to be a problem by speeding along the waterways. Councilwoman Bugdon suggests closing the ramp to jet skiers. Keith Davis stated he would look into that possibility. Councilwoman Bugdon also proposes changing the beach badge fees for 2016. She would like to keep the price for residents at \$5.00 non-residents \$30.00. Councilman Wessler suggested selling beach badges during the Christmas season similar to Harvey Cedars; with the thought that residents would benefit from the lower fee. Councilwoman Riegel would like to have something from attorney Keith Davis regarding the access to boat ramp by jet skiers by the next meeting. Keith Davis suggested parking passes or other passes to regulate access to the boat ramp as a means to curtail jet skiers; will have information for council at the August meeting. Councilwoman Bugdon would also like to know if the city can deny access to jet skis.

Fire and Ambulance:

August 15th is the fireman's picnic.

Board of School Estimates:

Graduation was successful.

Planning Board:

No Meeting.

Code Enforcement:

No Report.

Construction:

16 Inspections, 5 permits for alterations, 1 for new, 2 zoning, 1 CO inspections for resale; for a total of 9 permits issued; and 2 violations which are going to court.

Senior Services:

Councilwoman Bugdon stated donations continue to come in and items continue to be loaned out.

Building:

Councilman Giberson reported several items have been addressed on the punch list. Wilkinson is not painting. Remaining funds will be held. Backdoor closing mechanism was tightened. Councilwoman Riegel mentioned having a sign to distinguish that the building is a City Hall, the brick work around the old sign is not in good condition.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

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 from County Executive Dennis Levinson regarding the PILOT program for Atlantic City

Resolution below.

Letter from Robert Lindaw Jr. regarding sewer service mapping.

Acknowledged

Letter from Bill Smallwood

Acknowledged; additionally, on July 25th a portion of the 1/2 Ironman will be coming down Clarks Landing Road to Blakes Lane to Pomona and back out.

Email from Gerry Creighton signage

Requesting the city purchase several signs for no motorcycles/ATVs; Resolution below.

Mayors request to donate \$100.00 to Atlantic County Historical Society

Request withdrawn.

RESOLUTIONS:

57-2015 Concurring Resolution of the Board of School Estimates

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

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

NO:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

58-2015 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue: CDBG

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

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

NO:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

59-2015 Opposing any Statewide Referendum to be placed on the Ballot seeking to expand Casino gaming beyond Atlantic City

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

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

NO:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

60-2015 Community Development Block Grant Program

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

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

NO:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

61-2015 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue: Municipal Alliance

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

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

NO:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

62-2015 Urging Governor Christie to Conditionally Veto Atlantic City PILOT Legislation, Fixing County Share of Revenue at 13.5%

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

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

NO:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

63-2015 Authorization to Purchase signage for the Green Acres Project to Not Allow Motorcycles or ATVs*

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

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

NO: Riegel, Giberson

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

**With stipulation that this be a one-time purchase; if signs are stolen they will not be replaced.*

ORDINANCES:

05-2015 Amending Chapter 139 Flood Damage Prevention

Public Hearing/Adoption

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

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 from the public, Councilmember Wessler moved, seconded of Councilmember Giberson and carried to close the public portion.

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

06-2015 Ordinance Amending Chapter 84 of the Port Republic Code (Boats & Boating)

Intro/First Reading

No motion to introduce

07-2015 Woodcutting Program

Intro/First Reading

No motion to introduce

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Whispering Woods (*Letter from City Engineer Matt Doran*)

Keith Davis in the process of determining last known developer and seeking cost estimate from Matt Doran as to what work needs to be done to satisfy the requirements under the bond. That dollar amount will then be sent to bonding company to either hire a contractor to complete the work or write a check to the city for the city to do it.

Old Garage

Councilwoman Riegel stated an historical preservation grant was missed. Councilwoman Bugdon and Mayor Giberson stated they would help find someone who could assist with the grant.

Old Landfill-Quarterly Monitoring

The monitoring reports show no indication of lead. However, the Pinelands is reporting that they have received reports of lead. Councilman Giberson stated that to cap the landfill, as requested by the Pinelands, it would cost anywhere from \$150,000 to \$200,000; and it will still need to be monitored. Keith Davis to write letter to Pinelands asking them to provide their analysis of their lead findings prior to the upcoming meeting on August 5th; if no analysis is provided then the meeting is to be cancelled (all of council in agreement with the exception of Council President Rummler)

Redevelopment

No update has been received as of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wave Runners

Previously discussed.

Letter from Dennis Levinson regarding storm on June 23, 2015

Acknowledged

PROCLAMATION:

None

Councilman Wessler asked if a study was needed to pass the ordinance regarding the speed limits on municipal roads, specifically Riverside Dr. Keith Davis advised that he was not aware of any limitations but would look into it.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Kathy Cox, 123 Moss Mill Rd., stated that the original discussion about the speed limits was to make all of the city 25 mph.

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 Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Giberson and carried.

ES 07-2015 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

1. None

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Wessler, seconded of Councilmember Bugdon and carried to adjourn at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone
Municipal Clerk