

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. SEPTEMBER 8, 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 Giberson, and carried to close the workshop portion of the meeting.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Doris Bugdon, John Bonthron, Nick Capille, Craig Rummler, Kevin Wessler

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Roger Giberson, Donna Riegel

MAYOR: Gary B. Giberson

MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC

ATTORNEY: Keith Davis, 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 AUGUST 11, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

YES: Bugdon, Bonthron, Capille, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE AUGUST 11, 2015 EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

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

YES: Bugdon, Bonthron, Capille, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE SEPTEMBER 2015 BILL LIST

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

YES: Bugdon, Bonthron, Capille, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Riegel

ABSTAIN: Bugdon 15-00353

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

YES: Bugdon, Bonthron, Capille, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Riegel

ABSTAIN: Bugdon 15-00353

Bill Johnson RFP 2017 City-wide Revaluation

(Cancelled)

Police/Emergency Management:

Mayor Gary Giberson reported the firewall has been installed in the NJSP computer. The keys and padlock combinations have been supplied to the NJSP. Mayor Giberson has invited the station commander to City Hall and is finding out if a NJSP sign can be applied to the door.

Mayor Giberson is working with County Emergency Management on Hazard Mitigation.

Administrative/Personnel:

Council President Rummler reminded mayor and council to provide information to the city clerk for the newsletter.

Public Works:

Council President Rummler advised that several issues have arisen at the transfer station where the person dumping cannot be identified as a resident. It was suggested that some sort of placard be used for the vehicles; Council President Rummler will look into the placards.

Recreation:

Councilwoman Bugdon reported The Clean Team has finished working their summer schedule. Lifeguards and beach tag attendant have also finished working the season. It has been a very successful season; over 650 seasonal tags have been sold. This is the first of many years that the beach has not been closed due to high bacteria counts.

Fire and Ambulance:

Councilman Wessler reported new tires have been put on the tanker. Roast beef dinner will be October 17th.

Board of School Estimates:

Mayor Giberson stated school started September 8th.

Council President Rummler commented the superintendent for implementing a cell phone policy.

Planning Board:

No Meeting.

Code Enforcement:

Code Enforcement Officer report several letters have been issued for various violations.

Construction:

17 Inspections for the month of August; 4 permits for alterations and 2 CO inspections for a total of 6 permits issued. Two property maintenance violations are pending: 336 Old New York Rd and 126 Central Ave.

Senior Services:

Councilwoman Bugdon reported medical aids continue to be lent. Homestead rebate for 2013 has been mailed out by the State. The rebate will be applied to taxes.

Building:

Final check was issued to Wilkinson. Lighting issue is being addressed with the electrician. Walk through to be scheduled in the near future.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Chuck Filling of 214 South Liepzig Ave., Galloway, inquired as to why the City was looking to prohibit waverunners from using the ramp and how the problem can be fixed. Council President Rummler stated that several complainants have been received regarding the waverunners and their actions have been a nuisance in the community. Mr. Filling suggested the use of signs stipulating the rules. Mayor Giberson stated that he was run into the bank trying to avoid hitting a waverunner and would like to enforce a ramp fee. Councilwoman Bugdon stated that she has witnessed the reckless of the waverunners along the creek. Keith Davis stated to Mr. Filling that this is a serious issue to council.

Nick Lampe of 486 Chestnut Neck Rd. inquired as to whether the swimmers are permitted swim in the creek other than the beach. He further stated that prohibiting waverunners is discriminatory. Councilwoman Bugdon stated that it is not the swimmers who are a nuisance but the waverunners. After a lengthy discussion Council President Rummler stated that council will discuss over the winter and have a plan ready for the next year.

Lynn Thompson of 467 Chestnut Neck Rd. stated the prohibiting waverunners is discriminatory and that additional signs are needed. Council President Rummler stated that additional signs shouldn't have to be posted but it something that needs to be considered.

Robert Thompson of 467 Chestnut Neck Rd. stated that the no wake signs are too far apart. Council President Rummler stated that as licensed waverunners they should know that the area is a no wake zone.

Mayor Giberson suggests having a public meeting with the Marine Police. The time frame for meeting is February and March.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Verizon & response from Tax Assessor Bill Johnson
Acknowledge

Letter from Atlantic County Improvement Authorities to Mayor Giberson regarding Financing Opportunities
Acknowledge

Letters from Freeholder Richard Dase and response from Senator Whelan regarding PILOT program
Acknowledge

RESOLUTIONS:

67-2015 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue: Clean Communities
On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Bonthron and carried.

YES: Bugdon, Bonthron, Capille, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

68-2015 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue: Alcohol Education

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

YES: Bugdon, Bonthron, Capille, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

69-2015 Authorizing the Release of Escrow Fees and Performance Guarantees to Atlantic City Electric for Block 38, Lot 2

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

YES: Bugdon, Bonthron, Capille, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

70-2015 Authorizing a Request for Proposals for City-Wide Real Property Revaluation Services

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

YES: Bugdon, Bonthron, Capille, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

71-2015 Authorizing Membership in a Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement with Participating Units

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

YES: Bugdon, Bonthron, Capille, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

72-2015 Rejecting all Bids Submitted by those interested in the ADA Improvements at the Pavilion

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

YES: Bugdon, Bonthron, Capille, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES:

08-2015 Regarding Transfers Of Real Estate/Change Of Occupancy And Certificates Of Continued Occupancy
(1st Reading/Introduction)

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

YES: Bugdon, Bonthron, Capille, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Riegel

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Tags for Transfer Station

Jet Skis/Wave Runners

Whispering Woods

City Solicitor has been in touch with the developer. The developer has claimed that the outstanding site improvements have been completed. A site meeting is expected to take place within the week between Matt Doran and the developer to go over any remaining site improvement issues and address any outstanding issues.

Redevelopment

City Solicitor has received word that that the CDBG is going out for RFP for professional consulting services. Once that is done they will reach out to the City for the next step.

NEW BUSINESS:

Putting Green Area

Someone removed the golf cart and placed it in the cemetery. Council President Rummler would like to see more cameras installed. The Mayor advised that he asked public works to chain down the golf cart. Additionally, he stated he would like to hold off installing additional cameras in hopes that once the NJSP start using the substation the vandalism will subside. Councilwoman Bugdon advised that someone also kicked out the railing of the gazebo.

City Dock

A former resident as stated to Mayor Giberson that he would like to replace the city dock. Mayor advised that it would not be possible for various reasons. However, several ideas are being discussed, one of the being a town clock.

Atlantic County Mayor's Association

The Association will be utilizing the park on September 25th for its meeting. Mayor has asked Kimberly Campellone and Gina Simon to help show off the building. Council has also been invited.

NJDOT: 2016 State Aid
The street needing attention is Mill Street.

PROCLAMATION:

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Barry Horas of 270 Clarks Landing Rd., asked what the City's position is on the Port Store. Keith Davis, Esq. advised that the CDBG grant will be used to conduct an Area In Need of Redevelopment Analysis. They will look at the vacant lot the city owns as well as the Port Store and any environmental issues. This will assist the City in determining what action will be a good fit for the City.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ES 09-2015 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding
1. Professional Services

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Wessler, seconded of Councilmember Bugdon and carried to adjourn at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC
Municipal Clerk