

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

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

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Roger Giberson

MAYOR: Gary B. Giberson

MUNICIPAL CLERK: Gina Simon, Deputy Clerk

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 OCTOBER 13, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE OCTOBER 13, 2015 EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE NOVEMBER 2015 BILL LIST

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN: Bugdon PO 15-00470

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN: Bugdon PO 15-00470

Bill Johnson, Tax Assessor:

Two RFPs were received for the reval; one from Professional Property Appraisals at \$57,160 and the second from Vital Computer Resources at \$84,900. Mr. Johnson recommends Professional Property Appraisals not only based on the proposal but also because they offer a better product and public relations. Additionally, one inspector will complete the entire town. Once a contract is in place it will need to be approved by the NJ Division of Taxation and should start early spring...March. Prior to the inspection a letter will be sent to the residents. Appointments cannot be made until the letter goes out or the inspector comes to the home. Residents will have the opportunity to informally confer with the assessor regarding the assessments.

Gerry Creighton, JORBA:

Discussed the plans in place for the bog trails, as well as, proposed projects that the Boy Scouts could do for merit badges.

Police/Emergency Management:

No commitment from the NJSP regarding the substation. Mayor Giberson met with the Sergeant; everything is in place for them to start using the computer.

Emergency Management is in good shape. Emergency Operations Plan is due for update.

Administrative/Personnel:

Gina Simon is sitting for Kimberly Campellone due to a family emergency.

Public Works:

Public works is getting ready for the winter months. Lights have been purchased for the tree lighting.

Brush pile should be addressed.

Recreation:

Veteran's day ceremony was held on November 8th. Councilwoman Bugdon thanked the troop and cub pack; without them there wouldn't be a ceremony.

December 3rd is the tree lighting event at 6:30pm. Councilmember spouses are asked to make cookies. Councilwoman Bugdon thanked Councilman Bonthron for his help with the music. She will be reaching out to the fire chief regarding the fire truck for Santa.

Fire and Ambulance:

Dinner went well; one of the higher sales.

Board of School Estimates:

No report.

Planning Board:

Meeting was held on November 9th. Minor changes were made to the reexamination report; the open public meeting will be pushed to January. Tiffany CuvIELLO's recommendation to modernize the definition of the home occupation will not be addressed at this time.

Code Enforcement:

Complaints received regarding 336 Old New York Road (barking dogs) and 340 Old New York Road (cat running at large); Follow-up letters sent to 5 Whispering Woods (matter has gone before Superior Court), 191 Chestnut Neck Rd (dead trees being addressed) and 57 Pomona Ave/80 Blakes Lane (property maintenance)

Construction:

A total of 21 inspections were done; the following permits were issues: 4 alterations, 1 for new and 2 for zoning permits.

Jack Kelly is looking into a program offered by the State of NJ called Permits NJ Program; Mr. Kelly reported that there is no cost to the City to use this program.

Senior Services:

No Report.

Building:

There have been problems with the toilets, specifically after court night. Roto Rooter came out to scope the pipe with a camera. The opinion is that the pipe dropped or something was dropped into pipe during construction. Councilman Giberson has been in contact with the architect. Councilman Bonthron suggested vacuuming the pipe.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

RESOLUTIONS:

76-2015 Approving Raffle License for Absecon Saltwater Sportsmen

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

77-2015 Concerning Operation and Maintenance of a Road Salt Storage and a Crew Staging Facility at Property Identified as Block 38, Lot 2 in the City of Port Republic

Tabled-Keith Davis to review

ORDINANCES:

09-2015 Special Emergency Appropriation for the Revaluation of Real Property

1st Reading/Introduction

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

10-2015 Construction Proposed Amendments to Chapter 102-4

1st Reading/Introduction

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Placards for Transfer Station

Considering placards which could be hung over rearview mirror

Email from Sal Perillo Esq. Regarding Boat Ramp Fees

Salvatore Perillo responded that because the water is tidal so no preference can be offered to residents in regards to fees. However, fees can be discounted prior to Memorial Day in the same manner as with the beach tags.

Council President stated that he received comments from residents; one being that no fees should be implemented and another that a parking fee be implemented instead. Councilwoman Bugdon will work on fees. Only seasonal passes will be offered.

Beach Badge Fee Update

Councilwoman Bugdon will work on fees.

Trails at Mill Pond

Discussed above: Gerry Creighton, JORBA

"Modernizing" Home Occupation Definition

Discussed above: Planning Board

Placards for Transfer Station

Several suggestions were discussed to curb outside residents from using the dump.

Pavilion Parking Area

PRAF has offered to replace the brick walkway with cement. Public works will prep the area of a depth of 6" for the parking area.

RESOLUTION:

78-2015 Approving Expense of \$1975 for the Improvement of the Parking Area

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

NEW BUSINESS:

Mill Bridge Court

A resident has complained regarding damaged curbing on Mill Bridge Court. Matt Doran had put together a RFP but was not successful in finding a contractor to complete the work. The resident went out on his own to obtain an estimate of \$1400 to repair the damaged curb. Council President Rummler's concern is that several homes also have damaged curbing. Keith Davis to review and determine if City is responsible.

Historic Trust

No interest in moving forward.

Clarks Landing Road (Garden State Parkway Expansion Project)
Mayor Giberson expressed is concern to the County regarding the quality of work performed by the contractors working on the GSP expansion. Such conditions include the funneling of water runoff onto Clarks Landing Road along with the road conditions. Senator Connors, Assemblyman Rumpf and Assemblywoman Gove directly reached out to Joseph Mrozek of the NJ Turnpike Authority for immediate action.

PROCLAMATION:

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ES 11-2015 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

1. N/A

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Wessler and carried to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC
Municipal Clerk