

**CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC**  
**6:30 p.m. FEBRUARY 9, 2016**  
**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, Nick Capille, Roger Giberson, Craig Rummler, Kevin Wessler, John Bonthron, Donna Riegel

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:**

**MAYOR:** Gary Giberson (absent)

**MUNICIPAL CLERK:** Kimberly A. Campellone

**ATTORNEY:** Ray Went, 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 JANUARY 5, 2016 CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Giberson

**ABSTAIN:**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Giberson

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE JANUARY 5, 2016 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

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

**YES:** Bugdon, Capille, Rummler, Wessler, Bonthron, Riegel  
**NO:**  
**ABSENT:** Giberson  
**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 2016 BILL LIST**

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

**YES:** Bugdon, Capille, Rummler, Wessler, Bonthron, Riegel  
**NO:**  
**ABSENT:** Giberson  
**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS**

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

**YES:** Bugdon, Capille, Rummler, Wessler, Bonthron, Riegel  
**NO:**  
**ABSENT:** Giberson  
**ABSTAIN:**

**Presentation by Jim Rutulla, Grant Writer**

Gave information on the types grants obtained for other municipalities and an overview of how the service is provided by the firm. A fee proposal will be provided.

**Tax Assessor Bill Johnson Update for Revaluation**

Advised that field representatives will begin inspection on Monday; they will be going door to door. Residents may request that the representative come back at a more convenient time. Cards will be left for residents who are not home. It is estimated that the inspections may take up to two and a half months.

**Police/Emergency Management:**

President Rummler reported that not enough damage in Port from last storm to file FEMA report. NJSP are using the substation.

**Administrative/Personnel:**

Everything is going well.

**Public Works:**

Report submitted by public works department. Daniel Giberson has done a great job with the report. John Bonthron has provided them with a list of items to complete.

**Recreation:**

In regards to jet skis, as Mayor Giberson is head of public safety he will reach out to the lieutenant in Tuckerton and marine police to see if what can be done to curtail the

unsafe behavior. If this approach is not success then the matter of banning jet skis will be reviewed again next year. No boat fees will be charged.

The new beach tags fees will be as follows:

Seasonal (May 1<sup>st</sup> to the Friday before Memorial Day): \$5.00  
Seasonal (Beginning Saturday before Memorial Day): \$25.00  
Daily: \$3.00  
Weekly: \$10.00  
Children 12 and under: Free  
Senior Citizen Resident: Free  
Senior Citizen Non-Resident (May 1<sup>st</sup> to the Friday before Memorial Day): \$10.00  
Senior Citizen Non-Resident (Beginning Saturday before Memorial Day): \$15.00  
Military & Immediate Family of Active Duty: Free

**Fire and Ambulance:**

Councilman Wessler stated that the fire department does not have access to city hall. In the event of a fire a Knox Box will allow the fire department to have a key to city hall. The city will purchase a Knox Box for the city hall, school and fire department.

Nick Lampe reported that final payment has been made on 214. The storm kept the fire department busy with arcing wires.

Councilman Bonthron asked how the fire department felt about the county wide dispatch. Councilman Wessler reported that the firemen are in favor of the county wide dispatch for two reasons (1) there have been several issues in the past with Galloway dispatch and (2) the closest company to the incident would be called resulting in a quicker response.

**Board of School Estimates:**

School Board has first budget meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. The school is searching for a new superintendent.

**Planning Board:**

No Report

**Code Enforcement:**

Letters have been sent to 385 English Creek Rd, 57 Pomona Ave and 80 Blakes Lane.

**Construction:**

No report

**Senior Services:**

Councilwoman Bugdon reported that a few health aides have been issued since last meeting.

**Building:**

Councilman Wessler reported that he worked on the front door which was sticking; the back door will be addressed this spring.

**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 from the public, Councilmember Bugdon moved, seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried to close the public portion.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Minutes from the Port School  
*Acknowledged*

Letter dated January 28, 2016 from Risk Management Consultant regarding High Risk Zones

*Doran Engineering advised that only four structures in the high hazard flood zone are the pavilion, concession stand, gazebo and city hall; only the city hall and concession stand need a flood certificate.*

Letter from the National MS Society dated January 14, 2016 (requesting permission to ride through Port Republic on Sunday May 22, 2016.)

*Acknowledged*

Letter from Atlantic County regarding zoning and mapping

*Acknowledged*

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**33-2016** Authorizing the Purchase Knox Boxes for City Hall, Fire Department and Port School

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Giberson

**ABSTAIN:**

**34-2016** Opposing the Petition Before the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities Regarding the Intended Discontinuance of Maintenance of Copper Landline Telecommunications Wiring By Verizon New Jersey, Inc. (Verizon NJ)

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Giberson

**ABSTAIN:**

**35-2016** Supporting an Agreement with Atlantic County for Anti-Poaching

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Giberson

**ABSTAIN:** Bonthron

**ORDINANCES:**

**01-2016** Requiring the Registration and Maintenance of Certain Real Property by Mortgagees

*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading/Adoption*

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

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**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Giberson

**ABSTAIN:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Boat ramp fees/Beach Badge fee update

*Discussed under Recreation*

Unregistered Vehicles

*Council agrees that the ordinance is too detailed as it is currently written.*

Redevelopment (email from City Solicitor Keith Davis)  
*Tiffany CuvIELLO is currently working on setting up a meeting between the City, ACIA and professionals.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Jersey Genesis/Fire Department Dinner  
*Councilman Wessler expressed his concern that the Jersey Genesis race is the same day as the fire department dinner; his concern is specifically public safety.*

Solar Panels (*Mayor Giberson*)  
*Matt Doran currently working on setting up a meeting.*

**PROCLAMATION:**

N/A

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Nick Lampe 486 Chestnut Neck Rd., asked if the unregistered vehicle ordinance applied to tractors. Council President Rummler stated that tractors would be excluded.

**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**

On the motion to go into Executive Session Councilmember Bugdon moved, seconded by Councilmember Wessler and carried.

ES **02-2016** Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

1. Curbing

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC  
Municipal Clerk