

**CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC**  
**6:30 p.m. APRIL 12, 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, Donna Riegel

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** John Bonthron

**MAYOR:** Gary Giberson

**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 MARCH 8, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Bonthron

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE APRIL 2016 BILL LIST**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Bonthron

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Bonthron

**ABSTAIN:**

**Tax Assessor Bill Johnson Update for Revaluation**

Mr. Johnson informed that both residential and commercial inspections have been completed. The revaluation company, Professional Property Appraisers Inc., is now in the process of completing call backs. After that time a revaluation letter will go out sometime after Thanksgiving. Residents will then be able to have an informal meeting to discuss the new assessment. Residents will also be able to file a tax appeal once they get their postcard in 2017 with a filing deadline of May 1<sup>st</sup> instead of April 1<sup>st</sup> due to the revaluation.

**ORDINANCE 02-2016 CAP RATE**

*Public Hearing/Adoption*

**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.

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Bonthron

**ABSTAIN:**

**BUDGET 2016**

*Public Hearing*

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

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**RESOLUTIONS:**

*First Reading/Introduction*

**40-2016** Resolution of Amend 2016 Budget

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Bonthron

**ABSTAIN:**

**Police/Emergency Management:**

Municipal Court ticket activity for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2016: DWI 1, Other 116 for a total of 117 of which 115 were issued by the NJSP and 2 by the sheriff's dept. The city is up to date with Emergency Management paperwork. We will be ordering sand to replenish the beach.

**Administrative/Personnel:**

No report. Everything is going smooth.

**Public Works:**

Report submitted by public works department.

**Recreation:**

Councilwoman Bugdon reported that the lifeguards and clean team have been hired. Mayor Giberson is going to set up a meeting with the State and Marine Police regarding the jet skiers. One section of the dock is damaged; it appears the water was never drained which resulted in it freezing and cracking. Additionally, Dane Colton is manufacturing a connector to stabilize the dock. Furthermore, the roof shingles flew off the pavilion during the last heavy rain. Nick Capille found that the shingles were not nailed properly.

Councilwoman Bugdon advised that City-wide roadside clean-up is April 30<sup>th</sup>; she is asking for councils' assistance.

**Fire and Ambulance:**

Roast beef dinner is May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Nick Lampe reported that Galloway dispatch has upgraded their radios which means the fire department needs to upgrade as well. The cost is radio is approx. \$1,000.

**Board of School Estimates:**

Mayor Giberson reported that he has filled Jacob Nass's vacancy with Steve Martin.

**Planning Board:**

Councilwoman Riegel reported that the planning board met April 11<sup>th</sup>. The master plan was finalized. Mayor Giberson made informal presentation regarding the solar panels at the gravel site; planning board gave endorsement to proceed. Additionally,

Councilwoman Riegel added that resident John Fallucca requested stone or gravel at the transfer station.

**Code Enforcement:**

The following issues are being addressed: 178 Clarks Landing Rd., 57 Pomona Ave and 80 Blakes Lane.

**Construction:**

For the month of March a total of 19 inspections were made; the following permits were issued 8 alterations, 1 zoning, 1 CO resale and 1 fence for a total of 11 permits.

**Senior Services:**

Councilwoman Bugdon reported that four PTR1 forms have been handed out to 1<sup>st</sup> time applicants. Health aids continue to be lent out and acquired a few pieces. This year's senior tea is May 28<sup>th</sup> with the theme being a sinister sleepover.

**Building:**

The bathroom toilets still continue to be an issue. Councilman Giberson has reached out to Kisby Shore regarding the issue.

Bob Adams will be coming out to meet with Councilman Wessler regarding the application of an aluminum skin on the backdoor; Clerk Campellone is to reach out to Pedersen Architects for suggestions regarding the backdoor.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Bill Smallwood, Clarks Landing Road reported several projects are in the works throughout the park. Additionally, he is asking for councils help to fill in for Council President Rummler and provided an update on the race, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Resignation letter from Council President Craig Rummler  
*Council President Craig Rummler thanked Mayor and Council*

Letter to Republican County Committee Female Doris Bugdon from Municipal Clerk Campellone, regarding vacancy issue.  
*Acknowledged*

Letter from Steven Scherzer representing the Jewish War Veterans regarding the Boling Cemetery.

*Councilwoman Bugdon asked that the City take over the cemetery as requested in the letter.*

Letter from Mike Turner requesting a reduction in the bond or letter of credit amount for Holly Creek.

*Council has directed Matt Doran to inspect the area and provide recommendation to the request.*

Letter from Bill Smallwood requesting sponsorship.

*Acknowledged*

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**41-2016** Concurring Resolution

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Bonthron

**ABSTAIN:**

**ORDINANCES:**

**03-2016** Beach Fees

*Public Hearing/Adoption*

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Kathy Cox, 123 Moss Mill Rd, asked that council confirm the date that seasonal tag prices increases and the reason for the increase.

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Bonthron

**ABSTAIN:**

**04-2016** Salary Ordinance

*Public Hearing/Adoption*

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Bonthron

**ABSTAIN:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Redevelopment (email)

*Acknowledged*

Trail Work (Gerry Creighton)

*Approval granted for logo*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Proposed candidates to fill City Council vacancy

*Councilwoman Bugdon presented Steve Allgeyer, John DeMario and Brad Hooper as candidates. Ray Went, Esq. advised that council will need to select a new president and new president pro tem; similar to a mini-reorg. The new candidate will be sworn in at the June meeting.*

*Steve Allgeyer, 253 Allgeyer Lane, stated he would be honored to service Port Republic.*

Solar Panels (Packet Mayor Giberson)

*Planning board was happy with the proposed solar field idea. The first step is to secure DEP's approval for the site. Mayor Giberson submitted a letter to Bob Martin of the DEP. Mayor will be meeting with Bob Martin on April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Conference of Mayors event to discuss further. Mayor further advised that solar fields can only be placed on a brownfield or landfill. Planning board suggested that the area in front become residential development; the area would need to be rezoned. Mayor would like to set up a committee and meet with Matt Doran and the solar company which Galloway Twp. is using for a similar project.*

Councilman Giberson thanked the Port Republic Volunteer Fire Dept. along with the NJ Forest Fire Service for the outstanding job of handling of the fire at the game farm; they are important and need to be supported.

**PROCLAMATION:**

01-2016 Gurine Isaksen 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Bob Haviland, 316 English Creek Rd, noted several cracks along the streets of Mill Road and County Route 575.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, seconded of Councilmember Bugdon and carried to adjourn at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC  
Municipal Clerk