

JANUARY 2, 2013

PAULSBORO, N.J.

6:00 P.M.

**ANNUAL REORGANIZATION AND
FIRST REGULAR MEETING**

Council Chamber:

Mayor Hamilton presided at the annual reorganization and first regular meeting of Council held on the above date and place.

The opening prayer was given by Borough resident, Diane Jennings.

Mayor Hamilton asked all those present to join in the salute to the flag, which was conducted by Borough Clerk VanScoy.

Gloucester County Freeholder Director Robert Damminger performed the Swearing in of Councilman Larry Haynes, Sr.

Councilman Haynes thanked the residents of Paulsboro for allowing him to serve on Council. This year is his ninth term, three (3) year term for a total of 24 years. He further stated it is an honor to serve this community and he deeply appreciates it. He looks forward to working with all of Mayor and Council and he hoped Mayor and Council could continue the open communication with each other as they have been because if there isn't open communication and good communications, Mayor and Council can't make good decisions. He hoped that would continue and it has been a blessing since the newer people got on Council, working with Jennifer, Alfonse, Gary, Council President Giovannitti, Joe and the Mayor. He once again thanked everyone, wished everyone a Happy New Year and God bless.

Woodbury Councilwoman Gwendolyn Brown performed the Swearing in of Councilwoman Jennifer Turner.

Councilwoman Turner thanked everyone for being at the meeting including the Council and the Mayor. She is very grateful again to be on Council and thanked everyone for putting her there. She further stated the residents are the customers, the boss and Mayor and Council listens to the residents, Council wants to listen and move the Council forward. The Council is communicating and working together. She thanked everyone again and she will do her best and work very hard for the town over the next three (3) years. She will work with her committee members and with the Governing Body. She welcomed LeeAnn Ruggeri to the Borough in her position as Chief Financial Officer.

Mayor Hamilton acknowledged Congressman Andrews, Gloucester County Freeholder Director Damminger, Gloucester County Freeholders Chila and Barnes, Former Mayor Sabetta and Former Council President Giampola.

Congressman Andrews performed the dual Swearing in of Councilmen Gary Stevenson and Alfonso Giampola.

Councilman Stevenson stated the lines of communication is so important but Council may not always agree and don't always agree. There are discussions but in the end all of Council are sharing ideals of what they think is best for Paulsboro. Council may not get what they want individually but they will act as a team to the degree of making everybody's lives here better. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Councilman Giampola thanked Congressman Andrews for taking time out of his busy schedule which he has been very busy the past few days. He thanked the Congressman as a citizen and from Council. He thanked the residents for coming to the meeting. Council is here to work for the residents and if anyone needed anything to give him a call.

Congressman Andrews wished everyone a Happy New Year. He thanked Mayor and Council for being asked to be at the meeting as it was a special honor to swear in two (2) of the Councilmen. He is so glad he is not in Washington, DC. Being in Paulsboro is a very special place. After what he has been through the last couple of days in Washington, he wished that some of the "Paulsboro Pride" that the young people display in the classroom, in competitive sports fields and throughout the community, would have been learned by Washington, DC. When he looks at this Governing Body, he sees diversity of opinion but he sees cooperation and he sees everybody moving in the same direction to try to make the community better. When he sees Freeholder Director Damminger, Freeholder Chila and Freeholder Barnes, he sees diversity of opinion that sits on that board but people pulling in the right direction to work together. Washington was not all pulling in the same direction until very recently, about 11:30 p.m. last night to be precise. Congressman Andrews discussed Super storm Sandy and how fast Congress acted upon the funding. He felt Washington could learn something from Paulsboro as this community went through some very trying times in the last couple of weeks and there was an incredible amount of stress, dislocation and trouble for the good people in this community and turbulence but that isn't what he saw. He saw a sense of togetherness, character, strength and community. He saw volunteer fire fighters, EMTs and personnel out protecting their community when their own families probably needed them at home. He saw the school district pull together, he saw the Senior Citizens' groups, the Police Department, everyone pulling together to try to get the community through this time but it isn't through it yet. He assured the residents that until he is sure that the health resources are here for every resident of this community as long as it is needed, he will not quit and until he is sure that all the precautions have been taken so that the Borough never again has a problem like this, he will not quit. That "Paulsboro Pride" is not just something painted on a water tower, it is in scripted in the hearts and character of the people of this community and it certainly lives in the Governing Body. He is very proud to represent Paulsboro and very honored to have the privilege of standing for the

residents in Washington and he is very, very pleased to be at this meeting. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and God bless.

Freeholder Director Robert Damminger stated it was a pleasure being at the meeting to swear his friend Larry in which is his dear friend. He thanked Congressman Andrews on behalf of residents not only in Gloucester County and Paulsboro but all working families, men and women across this country who stood with our brethren and made sure things were done the way they should be done. It is a great night, the elections are over and it is time to go to work for all the people. He wished everyone well and offered the Freeholder Board their assistance in anything they could do on the County level and look forward to working with Mayor and Council in 2013. He also wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Hamilton also recognized Chief Wachter, Captain Marino, Chuck O'Leary from the Prosecutor's Office and Chief Financial Officer Ruggeri.

Mayor Hamilton called the meeting to order and asked Borough Clerk VanSchoy to read the opening statement regarding the Open Public Meetings Act.

Members present were: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner.

Mayor Hamilton hoped everyone had a nice New Year. In 2013, the streets will be worked on; Council will receive an update on the development of the Plaza, the completion of the Water Tower, more communication with the community, and updating the Emergency Operating Plan to get everything in order. He hopes and feels Council can come together on the streets and the cleaning of the drains. He stated Council disagrees on a lot of things but can come together for the community.

Election of President of Council:

Councilman Haynes nominated John Giovannitti as President of Council.

Councilwoman Turner nominated Joe L. Kidd as President of Council.

Haynes moved and Giampola seconded to appoint John Giovannitti as President of Council. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: Kidd. **Motion carried.**

Turner moved and Kidd seconded to appoint Joe L. Kidd as President of Council. Roll call: Ayes: Kidd and Turner. Nays: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Stevenson. **Motion denied.**

Council President Giovannitti thanked everyone and he felt it was an honor to serve the community. He felt the Council could do better as they are a good dedicated group. He considers it an honor to work with the Mayor and Council and hopes the communication improves. There will be hard decisions and he will hold people accountable as well as himself. He asked for feedback and to call him.

Mayor Hamilton opened the meeting to the public.

Larry Sheffield, 1658 Swedesboro Avenue, questioned the process for the nomination of President of Council. He felt Council should offer an opportunity for change and further felt Councilman Kidd has been around for 20+ years and Council President Giovannitti is around a lot of experience. He would like to see something happen.

Mayor Hamilton stated the process is done by vote.

Mike Pidliskey, 572 Mantua Avenue, questioned if the Borough would look into a pedestrian bridge on Delaware Street due to the railroad.

Mayor Hamilton stated it can be looked into.

Jeanne Giampola, South Delaware Street, corrected Mr. Pidliskey as Washington, DC paid for the bridge on Billingsport Road. She wanted to clear the record that Congressman Andrews got the funding for that bridge.

Mozelle Dansby, Swedesboro Avenue, stated there are dogs, especially pit bulls, running loose on the street and something has to be done. There is a drug situation and if he can see it, others can see it. There is a HUD situation as people are moving in on the weekends and about a month ago, in front of Mrs. Scordo's, the people moved out and then people moved in. He is only asking for something that is readable and he doesn't feel he is asking too much. He felt Council should make sure the person is doing their job. There is trash being put out at all times. He suggested getting the Code Enforcement Officer to ride around on a Sunday to see the trash being put out.

Mayor Hamilton stated he will find out the Code issues through the Code Officer and he felt the drugs problem should be discussed with the Chief and the Captain.

Marc Kamp, 250 West Broad Street, thanked the Police Department, the Street and Highway Department, Councilwoman Turner and everyone else who helped with the Tree Lighting Ceremony and he appreciated all their help.

There wasn't any further public participation.

Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to close the floor to the public at 6:45 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Mayor Hamilton announced the following Councilmanic Committee Appointments for 2013:

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Chairperson: Joe L. Kidd

Larry Haynes, Sr.

Jennifer Turner

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Chairperson: Gary Stevenson
Alfonso Giampola
Jennifer Turner

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:

Chairperson: John A. Giovannitti
Alfonso Giampola
Joe L. Kidd

UTILITIES COMMITTEE:

Chairperson: Larry Haynes, Sr.
Gary Stevenson
Jennifer Turner

PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

Chairperson: Jennifer Turner
Larry Haynes, Sr.
John Giovannitti

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT COMMITTEE:

Chairperson: Alfonso Giampola
Jennifer Turner
Gary Stevenson

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON COMMITTEE:

Chairperson: Joe L. Kidd
Larry Haynes, Sr.
Gary Stevenson

CONSTRUCTION AND LICENSING OFFICE:

Chairperson: John Giovannitti
Alfonso Giampola
Jennifer Turner

ECONOMIC AND NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Chairperson: Mayor W. Jeffery Hamilton
Larry Haynes, Sr.
Joe L. Kidd

Haynes moved and Giovannitti seconded that the appointments be confirmed.
Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Minutes of a Work Session Meeting held on November 19, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to receive, file and approve the above minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

Minutes of an Executive Session Meeting held on November 19, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to receive, file and approve the above minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Hamilton stated Council will decide on the Resolutions from R. #01.13 to R. #40.13 except R. #32.13 is tabled and the meeting time for next year's Reorganization Meeting will commence at 6:00 p.m. on January 2, 2014 on R. #02.13.

R. #01.13: RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.

R. #02.13: RESOLUTION SETTING THE DATES, TIME AND PLACE OF THE VARIOUS MEETINGS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2013. Change Reorganization Meeting time – January 2, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

R. #03.13: RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES OF ALL PUBLIC MONIES AND OTHER FUNDS OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2013.

R. #04.13: RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR 2013.

R. #05.13: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PETTY CASH FUNDS FOR THE BOROUGH CLERK FOR 2013.

R. #06.13: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO EMPLOY A BOROUGH ATTORNEY FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO IN GLOUCESTER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.

R. #07.13: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO EMPLOY A BOROUGH AUDITOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2013.

R. #08.13: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO EMPLOY A BOROUGH PROSECUTOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2013.

R. #09.13: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO EMPLOY A PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO,

COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2013.

R. #10.13: RESOLUTION APPOINTING A BOROUGH TEMPORARY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2013.

R. #11.13: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR BOROUGH ENGINEER PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 ET SEQ. (GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES).

R. #12.13: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 ET SEQ. (WATER & SEWER ENGINEERING SERVICES).

R. #13.13: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOROUGH COUNCIL TO EMPLOY A BOROUGH INSURANCE AGENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR 2013.

R. #14.13: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO APPOINTING REDEVELOPMENT COUNSEL FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.

R. #15.13: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO EMPLOY A BOROUGH APPRAISER FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.

R. #16.13: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PROFESSIONAL GRANT CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.

R. #17.13: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF BOND COUNSEL FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.

R. #18.13: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE YEAR 2013.

R. #19.13: RESOLUTION APPOINTING DEPUTY MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR 2013.

R. #20.13: RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MUNICIPAL COURT RECORDER FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR 2013.

R. #21.13: RESOLUTION APPOINTING SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR 2013.

R. #22.13: RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL OFFICERS FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2013.

R. #23.13: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RULES OF ORDER FOR THE

CONDUCT OF BOROUGH MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR 2013.

R. #24.13: RESOLUTION APPOINTING LANDLORD LICENSING SECRETARY FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE YEAR 2013.

R. #25.13: RESOLUTION APPOINTING WATER AND SEWER SEARCH CLERK FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE YEAR 2013.

R. #26.13: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO ADOPTING A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

R. #27.13: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO APPOINTING FUND COMMISSIONER FOR THE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND FOR THE YEAR 2013.

R. #28.13: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO APPOINTING ALTERNATE FUND COMMISSIONER FOR THE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND FOR THE YEAR 2013.

R. #29.13: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO APPOINTING SAFETY COORDINATOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND FOR THE YEAR 2013.

R. #30.13: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO APPOINTING A FUND COMMISSIONER FOR THE SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND.

R. #31.13: RESOLUTION APPOINTING A PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER AS PER N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.5 FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.

R. #32.13: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO APPOINTING MARC KAMP AS THE PAULSBORO ECONOMIC AND NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM DIRECTOR. This Resolution was tabled.

R. #33.13: A RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO'S CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY WITH RESPECT TO ALL OFFICIALS, APPOINTEES, EMPLOYEES, PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT COME INTO CONTACT WITH MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS.

R. #34.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2012 RESERVE ACCOUNTS.

R. #35.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2013 TEMPORARY BUDGET.

R. #36.13: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO PROVIDING FOR INTEREST AND A GRACE PERIOD ON TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2012.

R. #37.13: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO APPOINTING JOAN LUTZ AS FIRE OFFICIAL.

R. #38.12: RESOLUTION APPOINTING CONTACT PERSON FOR THE EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITY ATTORNEY CONSULTATION SERVICE FOR THE GLOUCESTER, SALEM, CUMBERLAND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND.

R. #39.13: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO APPOINTING THE LAW FIRM OF BARKER AND SCOTT AS SPECIAL LABOR COUNSEL FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.

R. #40.13: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO APPOINTING THE LAW FIRM OF RUDERMAN & GLICKMAN AS SPECIAL LABOR RELATIONS COUNSEL FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.

Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to adopt R. #01.13 to R. #40.13 except correcting R. #02.13 as indicated above by Mayor Hamilton and tabling R. #32.13. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

APPOINTMENT OF VARIOUS OTHER BOROUGH OFFICIALS BY MAYOR HAMILTON AND CONFIRMED BY MOTION:

TAX SEARCH CLERK: Barbara Sockwell. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to confirm the appointment. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

IMPROVEMENT SEARCH CLERK: Kathy A. VanScoy. Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to confirm the appointment. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

ZONING OFFICER: This appointment was tabled. Haynes moved and Giovannitti seconded to table the appointment. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

APPOINTMENTS TO THE VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS BY MAYOR HAMILTON AND CONFIRMED BY MOTION IF NECESSARY:

GILL MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Mayor Appoints with Consent of Council:

5 Year Term – Loretta Savidge

Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to confirm the appointments. Roll call: Ayes: Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. Abstained: Giovannitti. **Motion carried.**

LAND USE BOARD: Mayor Appoints without Consent of Council:

Class I: Mayor W. Jeff Hamilton

Class II: Official: Phil Zimm

Class III: Member of Council: Lawrence Haynes, Sr.

Alternate Member of Council: Joe L. Kidd

Class IV: Citizens:

1. 4 Year Term – James Scott
2. 4 Year Term – Allen Gray

2. Alternate 1 – 2 Year Term – Alice Williams
3. Alternate 2 – 2 Year Term – Irma Stevenson

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION: Mayor Appoints without consent of Council: 7 Members – One (1) would be Liaison to Land Use Board (Terms to be determined)

1. 3 Year Term – Allen Gray
2. 3 Year Term – Shirley Chandler

Appointment of Mayor's Special Committees:

Fort Billings Project Committee: Chairperson: Walter Quint
Public Celebration/Events Committee: Chairperson: Marc Kamp
Lighthouse Committee: Chairperson: Marc Kamp
Crime Free Housing Committee: Chairperson: Gary Stevenson
Friends of the Paul House/Library Committee: Chairperson: Walter Quint

Summary of Reports and copies of Minutes of meetings. Giampola moved and Haynes seconded to receive and file the above. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from John J. Vinci, Sr., Executive Director, The Gloucester County Utilities Authority, regarding annual estimated usage: Fiscal Year 2013. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to receive and file the letter. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from John J. Vinci, Sr., Executive Director, The Gloucester County Utilities Authority, regarding Fiscal Year 2013 annual budget and rate Schedule (no increase). Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to receive and file the letter. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Mary Harris, President, Paulsboro Senior Citizens, Inc., requesting use of the Shuttle Bus to transport the Paulsboro Senior Citizens to their annual Christmas Party at Nicolosi Caterers in West Deptford on Saturday, January 5, 2013 from 12:00 to 4:30 p.m. (Rescheduled due to the Train Derailment). Giampola moved and Giovannitti seconded to receive, file the letter, approve their request and notify the proper department. All were in favor of the motion.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Giampola wished everyone a Happy New Year. There aren't any trains in the water so the Borough is doing well, the Fire Department ended this year well. The committees did well and he looked forward to getting started. He again wished everyone a happy and safe New Year.

Councilwoman Turner stated she didn't have anything to report. She wished everyone a Happy New Year. She and the Chief have been talking about having a Gang Awareness Workshop and she has been in touch with the Detective. He is ready to come out and schedule. She will look for a date to have that workshop in the evening. Flyers will be sent out to the students and have it posted on the mobile board.

Councilman Stevenson wished everyone a happy, safe and prosperous New Year. He thanked his fellow Councilmembers for their assistance, advice and help during his first

year as a Councilman. He has learned quite a bit, what you can and can't do and how things don't happen right away. He thanked them for their patience and he certainly appreciated it. Especially with getting that leaning house torn down on Berkley Road as it was an eyesore and a danger to the community. There is still a lot of legal work being done on the other properties such as the house on Swedesboro Avenue as well as the houses on Adams Street and Jefferson Street. He assured Mr. Sheffield it is coming along and he is sure they will be adding more to the list sometime this year. He thanked Water and Sewer Superintendent Daly and Borough Foreman Tinder for conversing with him and their workers are doing a great job. The first thing on his list as Public Safety Chairman is to address the Train Derailment. His goal is to get all the major parties that were involved especially within the Borough together to critique the response, security, evacuation and other elements to see how we could all do better should a situation like this arise again. The Borough has a better pipeline to the hierarchy of Conrail because of this incident and can speak to them more on what is being seen that is wrong, what they need to fix, what are they carrying, etc. Once the Port comes on line the chances increase dramatically on another incident. Everyone needs to be better prepared. He also stated Councilman Giampola, Police Chief Wachter, Captain Morina, Code Official Hogle and himself held a preliminary meeting in November to talk about certain Health, Community and Safety Initiative issues that need to be addressed such as crime, housing, etc. and what can be done better to address those issues, fix those issues and make sure they don't come back. He was hoping to have a more full and detailed report at this meeting but the train derailment set him back. The Borough has to make sure that once the phone call is received that something is being checked on whether it is drugs or housing and it is being followed up. They will prioritize what has to be done and what can actually be implemented. Hopefully every month he will have a report to let everyone know where they are at and expand the committee as needed. His last thing to discuss is the repairing of certain streets such as Thomson Avenue. Everyone knows it is the worst street in the Borough and has been for his entire 53 years in this town. The time for "band-aid" repairs has long since passed. Council needs to make this priority one on the item list this year. Council has to bring in, hire, whatever it needs to do to get an expert opinion on what needs to be done and while the Borough is paving something, the parking lot at Borough Hall needs to be done. He again wished everyone a safe and happy new year.

Councilman Kidd wished everyone a Happy New Year and he hoped 2013 will bring togetherness. He also hoped Mayor and Council can meet to discuss the train derailment as it is a serious issue. Also, he would like to hold a safety meeting as safety is very serious. Council needs to discuss the positives and the negatives. It is a top priority to discuss this. There are a lot of people who have concerns about landlords and the Police Department. He has talked with the Legal Department and the corrections to the ordinance that had to be done, he heard are done. It is important to make sure that it is done and it is done legally. Council can move forward on the Ordinance once it is received. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and he hoped 2013 is a definite improvement. The only way it can be improved is to abide by the speeches that were stated at this meeting.

Councilman Haynes wished everyone a happy and safe New Year. He thanked the

Department Heads for all the work they do throughout the year and he looked forward to working with everybody in 2013. He especially thanked the Chief and the Captain for the job they do. He recognized and thanked Jeanne Giampola and Jim Sabetta who are good, long friends and supporters of his throughout the years. Their input and knowledge is always welcomed.

Council President Giovannitti wished Mayor Hamilton a happy belated birthday. There is a lot of love amongst the Mayor and Council even though they don't always see eye to eye. He talked a little bit about the Street and Highway Department which he couldn't be more proud of the jobs that they have done with the department. There are two (2) new employees who elevated the department to a different level. They got equipment that was headed for a junk yard and turned it into a snow blower and equipment. Also, the Borough hired a new employee in the Water and Sewer Department who seems to do extra such as painting fire hydrants on the weekends. A game plan has to be put in place on the repairing of streets. He appreciates Borough Foreman Tinder for all his hard work and Water and Sewer Superintendent Daly with the new Water Treatment Plant. He stated the property committee will be looking into getting rid of some Borough property. He thanked Mayor Hamilton, Larry and Joe as they are the senior members on Council. He wished everyone the best of luck, Happy New Year and he looks forward to a successful year.

Council President Giovannitti stated the third district legislators are having their mobile/satellite office on January 16, 2012 at the Library from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Hamilton recognized Leon Manchester from the Land Use Board and Erik Biermann from Sickels and Associates. He also recognized LeeAnn Ruggeri who is the Chief Financial Officer for the Borough. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Haynes moved and Giovannitti seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

This is a brief summary of the Reorganization and First Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Paulsboro held on January 2, 2013 and should not be considered a verbatim transcript of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. VanScoy, RMC/CMC
Borough Clerk

W. Jeffery Hamilton, Mayor