

APRIL 2, 2013

PAULSBORO, N.J.

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING

Council Chamber:

Council President Giovannitti presided at the regular meeting of Council held on the above date and place.

The Opening Prayer was given by Rev. Gerald Hodges.

Council President Giovannitti asked all those present to join in the flag salute, which was conducted by Borough Clerk VanScoy.

Council President Giovannitti called the meeting to order.

Borough Clerk VanScoy read the opening statement regarding the Open Public Meetings Act.

Members present were: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner.
Absent: Mayor Hamilton as he was sick.

Council President Giovannitti opened the floor to the public.

Barry Corradetti, 1820 Overbrook Avenue, discussed the Paulsboro Plaza application that was on the agenda for the Land Use Board Meeting on Monday, April 1st, 2013. He stated the overall plan looks really good but he has some concerns regarding the 120 more rental units which he felt the Borough was over saturated with rental units. He also questioned the lack of an on-site property manager. He felt one was necessary in case of issues with the tenants or code complaints, etc.

Mr. Corradetti also discussed the shooting at Benny's on the Rail bar and he believed it was time to take action against the bar.

Council President Giovannitti informed Mr. Corradetti to address his issues regarding the Paulsboro Plaza with the Mayor as the Mayor serves on the Land Use Board and Council will be discussing Benny's on the Rail later in the meeting.

Joan Lutz, 209 Huff Avenue, gave an update on the GAPCAP forums on Shelter-In-Place which will take place for Gibbstown and Paulsboro. The Paulsboro forum will be held on May 4th at the High School from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. A small video will be shown

regarding Shelter-In-Place and the Red Cross will be giving out handouts. She has also been in contact with the Paulsboro Action Committee.

Councilman Giampola recommended Ms. Lutz contact Tom Butts at the County as he will have someone there to sign up individuals for Global Connect.

Ms. Lutz stated she is working on that. The Gibbstown forum will be held on May 2, 2013 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Broad Street School.

Ron Victor, 169 McCorkell Avenue, questioned his request for a handicap parking spot.

Chief Wachter stated Council will decide on that issue later in the meeting.

There wasn't any further public participation.

Proclamations: Boys & Girls Club.

Council President Giovannitti presented the above proclamation to Rev. Gerald Hodges and several of the children of the Boys and Girls Club.

Rev. Hodges stated from April 7th to 13th there will be something going on at the Club and he encouraged everyone to come out to the Club.

Proclamation: Paulsboro Senior Citizens Club Past Presidents and Past Treasurer.

Council President Giovannitti presented the above proclamation to Paulsboro Senior Citizen Club President Mary Harris.

Mrs. Harris thanked Mayor and Council for the wonderful proclamation.

Employee Recognitions: Herman Schoch, Derek Hainey and Bill Virden –
Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties Joint
Insurance Fund – Outstanding Efforts To Address
Public Hazards Efficiently

Council President Giovannitti presented the above award to Borough Foreman Tinder.

Minutes of a Work Session Meeting held on March 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Kidd stated he would like to see a correction in the above minutes as there were two (2) nay votes for the Zoning Officer's Resolution.

Giampola moved and Stevenson seconded to receive, file and approve the minutes with

the correction. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #74.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS OUT OF THE 2012 RESERVE ACCOUNTS. Giampola moved and Stevenson seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #74.13. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola (abstain on fire bills), Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #75.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS OUT OF THE 2013 TEMPORARY BUDGET. Giampola moved and Stevenson seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #75.13. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola (abstained on fire bills), Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #76.13: RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDED DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AND GILL MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES. Giampola moved and Stevenson seconded to adopt R. #76.13.

Councilman Kidd thanked the Library Board of Trustees and the Library and felt someone should have been present to explain these resolutions.

Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #77.13: RESOLUTION APPROVING A MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AND THE GILL MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES. Giampola moved and Stevenson seconded to adopt R. #77.13. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #78.13: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ANGELINI, VINIAR & FREEDMAN, LLP TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. Giampola moved and Stevenson seconded to adopt R. #78.13. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #79.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALLOWANCE OF A SENIOR CITIZEN DEDUCTION.

R. #80.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALLOWANCE OF A SENIOR CITIZEN DEDUCTION.

R. #81.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR DISALLOWANCE OF SENIOR CITIZEN DEDUCTIONS.

R. #82.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR DISALLOWANCE OF A SENIOR

CITIZEN DEDUCTION.

R. #83.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR DISALLOWANCE OF DISABILITY DEDUCTIONS.

R. #84.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR DISALLOWANCE OF SENIOR CITIZEN DEDUCTIONS.

R. #85.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR DISALLOWANCE OF DISABILITY DEDUCTIONS.

R. #86.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR DISALLOWANCE OF DISABILITY DEDUCTIONS.

R. #87.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALLOWANCE OF A VETERAN DEDUCTION.

Giampola moved and Stevenson seconded to adopt R. #79.13 to R. #87.13. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #88.13: RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY AND THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO REGARDING USAGE OF CERTAIN STAGE UNITS. Giampola moved and Stevenson seconded to adopt R. #88.13. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. Abstained: Haynes. **Motion carried.**

Summary of reports and copies of minutes of meetings. Giampola moved and Stevenson seconded to receive and file. All were in favor of the motion.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

O. #02.13: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AS IT RELATES TO VARIOUS FEES FOR BOROUGH SERVICES. Giampola moved and Stevenson seconded to open the meeting to the public. All were in favor of the motion.

There wasn't any public participation.

Giampola moved and Stevenson seconded to close the meeting to the public. All were in favor of the motion.

Giampola moved and Stevenson seconded to adopt O. #02.13 on second and final reading. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes (abstained on raising the Liquor License annual renewal fees), Stevenson, Turner. Nays: Kidd. **Motion carried.**

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

O. #03.13: AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT SALARY ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. Giampola moved and Stevenson seconded to open the meeting to the public. All were in favor of the motion.

There wasn't any public participation.

Giampola moved and Stevenson seconded to close the meeting to the public. All were in favor of the motion.

Giampola moved and Stevenson seconded to adopt O. #03.13 on second and final reading. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Letter from Patricia A. Owens, Sickels & Associates, Inc., regarding proposal for Professional Services for the Thomson Avenue Drainage System Feasibility Study Huff Avenue to South Commerce Street.

Councilman Haynes stated the CFO should check to see if funding is available and then approve the study.

Giampola moved and Stevenson seconded to receive, file the letter, check with the CFO to see if funding is available and if available, approve the study. All were of the motion.

Solicitor Angelini stated Council would have to pass a Resolution for the professional services at a subsequent meeting.

Letter from Erik Biermann, Sickels & Associates, Inc., regarding proposed sanitary sewer investigation at Delaware and Clonmell Streets. Haynes moved and Giampola seconded to receive, file the letter, authorize CFO Ruggeri to provide funds and approve the project. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Robert Parks, President, Paulsboro Little League, requesting permission to hold their annual Opening Day Parade on April 13th, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. from the Paulsboro Fire House. Haynes moved and Giampola seconded to receive, file the letter, grant permission and notify the proper departments of approval. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Owen C. Haynes, Sr., Riverside Inn, requesting permission to lift restriction to allow consumption of alcohol on the west side yard on Saturdays during the months of

April to August 2013 up to 7:00 p.m. Giampola moved and Stevenson seconded to receive, file the letter, and table this item until the Work Session Meeting on April 16, 2013. All were in favor of the motion except Haynes abstained.

Giovannitti moved and Stevenson seconded to notify Mr. Haynes to invite him to the Work Session Meeting on April 16, 2013 to discuss the above item. All were in favor of the motion except Haynes abstained.

Received Paulsboro Fire Department Membership Application for Alfonso G. Giampola, Jr. Stevenson moved and Haynes seconded to receive, file and approve the application. All were in favor of the motion except Giampola abstained.

Memo from Chief Chris T. Wachter requesting to hire part-time Crossing Guards. Giampola moved and Stevenson seconded to receive, file the memo and approve Chief Wachter's request. All were in favor of the motion.

Memo from Chief Chris T. Wachter requesting consideration to hire full-time Crossing Guards. Giampola moved and Stevenson seconded to receive, file the memo and approve Chief Wachter's request. All were in favor of the motion.

Memo from Captain V. Marino regarding handicapped parking at 169 McCorkle Avenue recommendation.

Council President Giovannitti stated the Captain has recommended denying this request.

Councilman Stevenson questioned the reason for the denial.

Captain Marino stated risk is an issue but also everyone who has a handicap tag will be able to park in that spot. It wouldn't be Mr. Victor's designated spot and then before it is known there will be a lot of handicap parking spots on the streets.

Councilman Stevenson questioned Mr. Victor if he has spoken with his neighbors about his issue. He felt this approval would set a bad precedent in the Borough.

Mr. Victor stated he has spoken with the neighbors and they do not care.

Councilman Stevenson questioned if Mr. Victor would like someone from Council to talk with his neighbors.

Councilman Kidd stated this is why Council turns over handicap parking requests to the Police Department as it is touching a fine line when Council starts talking with the constituents as it should be handed to someone that is neutral.

Councilman Haynes questioned if there is any state statute.

Chief Wachter stated the Borough can designate but if approved it would be anyone's parking spot with handicap authority. Any handicap person would be able to park there.

Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to receive, file the memo and support Captain Marino's decision to deny the request. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Stevenson. Nays: None. Abstained: Kidd, Turner. Motion carried.

Memo from Captain V. Marino regarding Liquor Law violation re: Billingsport Spirits t/a Benny's License #0814-33-010-004, 28-30 East Monroe Street. Giampola moved and Stevenson seconded to receive and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

Giampola moved and Stevenson seconded to schedule a Special Meeting to hold a hearing on Benny's on the Rail liquor license on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: There wasn't any old business at this time.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Turner stated the Easter Egg Hunt was very successful and she thanked the volunteers and the Mayor and Council.

Councilwoman Turner presented a list of events that is taking place as follows:

April 13th - Glorious Light Ministries will host a seminar on Understanding Trauma; Building Resilience 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

April 20th - Paulsboro Day Committee is holding a Chinese Auction at the Billingsport School.

May 7th - Gang Awareness Seminar at the Borough Hall at 4:30 p.m.

May 11th - Open Shred Day.

September 6th - Movie Night at Fort Billings Park.

September 7th - Paulsboro Day.

Councilwoman Turner further stated the Billingsport School, Chief Wachter and Councilman Kidd are working on a solution regarding the parking situation at the School.

Council President Giovannitti stated his daughter went to the Easter Egg Hunt and had a good time.

Councilman Giampola stated the Construction Office has reorganized the office and the Zoning Office has moved to the Construction Office. Packets are being prepared for anyone inquiring about a Zoning Permit.

Council President Giovannitti congratulated Councilman Giampola on his son following

in Councilman Giampola's footsteps in becoming a Fireman.

Councilman Kidd felt a letter of thanks should be sent to Tax Assessor Hammond on her years of service working for the Borough.

Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to send a letter of thanks to Tax Assessor Robyn Glocker-Hammond. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilman Kidd discussed recognizing the many employees that have 20 or more years of service. He felt they should be recognized including Tax Assessor Hammond.

Giovannitti moved and Kidd seconded to authorize Borough Clerk VanScoy to prepare proclamations for all employees with 20 or more years of service for the Regular Meeting of June 5th. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilman Kidd discussed the drainage problem at the Paulsboro Plaza and felt it should be repaired before development at the Plaza. It is the State's line and their responsibility. He felt a letter should be sent to the Borough's State Representatives to get NJDOT to replace the line or check it out and clean it.

Council President Giovannitti felt the Engineer should write the letter.

Solicitor Angelini stated the Borough could have the Engineer check it out and questioned if Councilman Kidd knew where it was located.

Councilman Haynes stated it is on Broad Street by Don & Bert's Custard Stand.

Giovannitti moved and Kidd seconded to send a letter to Senator Sweeney, Assemblypersons Burzichelli and Riley regarding the above letter. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilman Kidd discussed the problem at Billingsport School. He has met with the Principal and the Chief and felt it was a 15 minute problem. They suggested letting the children in at 7:30 a.m. The Police Department, the Superintendent and the Principal will meet with the parents, grandparents, etc.

Councilman Kidd stated he will contact Conrail regarding the Little League Parade so the trains won't come through during the parade. He will also contact Conrail regarding the schedule for the school. Conrail is steady changing people.

Council President Giovannitti stated he will give Councilman Kidd the calendar for the school. He thanked Councilman Kidd for meeting with the Chief, the Superintendent and the Principal.

Councilman Stevenson thanked the Police Department for work on a multitude of issues

such as the school, Benny's on the Rail, etc.

Councilman Stevenson discussed the Paulsboro Plaza Redevelopment. He stated the rental units will be age restricted but that means only one (1) person has to be 55. He felt it will be a disaster and further felt it is going to be a huge issue down the road.

Councilman Stevenson stated he recently had the opportunity to sit in on a couple of meetings with residents and business people that were held. One of their biggest concerns was in regards to the bridge being built by Conrail, its timing and its effect on the community and business, as well as other safety issues in regards to the railroad. He recently spoke to a representative from Conrail who stated that the bridge is still in the design phase. He thinks it is prudent that the Governing Body has some preliminary meetings with Conrail to discuss the aforementioned issues. He would like the Governing Body to designate the Public Safety Committee as go between for Borough and Conrail and begin the process of meeting with each other. Included in the meetings could be other members of the community like business, school, community leaders and residents. This way all can be sure that their voices are heard. He further stated a resident had discussed a "walk over" on Delaware Street and gates are being put up.

Solicitor Angelini stated the Paulsboro Plaza redevelopment is being properly venued through the Land Use Board and at some point a decision will be made. The Mayor and Council have the right to provide questions and input but it is the Land Use Board's decision. He cautioned Council as something said at the meeting can be misconstrued. He recommended that if there are any pertinent questions, to go to the Land Use Board meeting.

Councilman Stevenson thanked the Solicitor and asked if Mayor and Council were going to meet with the Land Use Board.

Council President Giovannitti stated Mayor Hamilton, Councilmen Haynes and Kidd serves on the Land Use Board.

Councilman Kidd stated this is just the preliminary stage. Age 55 and up housing is the first phase. It is going to move forward. Age 55 and up units are going to be one (1) and two (2) bedroom apartments.

Council President Giovannitti stated the Mayor is planning on holding a Town Forum and he is sure he will bring up these issues.

Councilman Haynes stated there are a lot of open items being brought up and to be discussed. Some issues are being worked on and there are pending issues to be finalized.

Council President Giovannitti trusts Mayor Hamilton and the Council that are on the Land Use Board and they wouldn't settle for second best.

Councilman Kidd stated he realizes the issue is in front of the Land Use Board but Mayor and Council can't sit and think they can supersede the Land Use Board.

Councilman Haynes gave an update on the painting of the Water Tower. The contractor has pulled off of the job for three (3) to 4 (four) weeks and will be back on the site. There were a couple of complaints from residents regarding the tarp and the tarp has been addressed.

Council President Giovannitti thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Council President Giovannitti stated Council has received resignation letters from Police Officer Michael Jamerson and Shuttle Bus Driver Wayne Pilger.

Giovannitti moved and Stevenson seconded to accept Police Officer Jamerson's resignation and authorize Chief Wachter to start the hiring process. All were in favor of the motion.

Giampola moved and Stevenson seconded to accept Shuttle Bus Driver Pilger's resignation. All were in favor of the motion.

Council President Giovannitti stated Mr. Pilger will be missed as he has received numerous compliments regarding Mr. Pilger.

Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to send letters of thanks to both Mr. Jamerson and Mr. Pilger. All were in favor of the motion.

Council President Giovannitti stated Council will meet at 6:00 p.m. for a Special Meeting on April 16th.

Council President Giovannitti stated Council appointed LeeAnn Ruggeri as CFO/Administrator. He felt the Borough was moving in the right direction and wished LeeAnn Ruggeri well.

There wasn't any further Borough business.

Haynes moved and Giampola seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

This is a brief summary of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Paulsboro held on April 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