

MAY 7, 2013

PAULSBORO, N.J.

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING

Council Chamber:

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

The Opening Prayer was given by Mrs. Emma Hackley.

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

Mayor Hamilton called the meeting to order.

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

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR.

Mayor Hamilton opened the floor to the public.

Joan Lutz, 209 Huff Avenue, thanked those members of Mayor and Council for their attendance at the Shelter-In-Place Seminar. The video of Shelter-In-Place is on the Red Cross website and there were a lot of individuals who signed up for the Gloucester County Global Connect alert system.

Jerome Beverly, 24 West Buck Street, questioned if the Borough had an Emergency Operating Plan.

Mayor Hamilton stated the Borough has one but Council is waiting on the Emergency Management Coordinator to get back to them on the update.

Mr. Beverly volunteered to assist with the Plan and any other assistance that is needed.

Barry Corradetti, 1820 Overbrook Avenue, discussed the employees' health plan and if the State Health Plan has been considered. He felt it would be a great savings for the

Borough.

Councilman Stevenson stated it would definitely be an avenue to consider at the end of the year.

Mayor Hamilton stated the Borough has been looking at insurance and will get the best deal it can.

There wasn't any further public participation.

Proclamations: Robyn Glocker-Hammond
Mozelle Dansby

Mayor Hamilton presented the proclamation to former Tax Assessor Robyn-Glocker-Hammond.

Mrs. Glocker-Hammond thanked Mayor and Council for the privilege of working for the Borough of Paulsboro which she felt was an honor and Paulsboro will always be in her heart.

Mayor Hamilton read the proclamation honoring Mozelle Dansby and the family as Mr. Dansby has passed away.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to receive, file and approve the above minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #94.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS OUT OF THE 2013 TEMPORARY BUDGET. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #94.13. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #95.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN BALANCES ON WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to adopt R. #95.13. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #96.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR DISALLOWANCE OF A VETERAN DEDUCTION. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to adopt R. #96.13. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #97.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR DISALLOWANCE OF A DISABILITY DEDUCTION. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to adopt R. #97.13. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

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

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

O. #04.13: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2013. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to open the meeting to the public. All were in favor of the motion.

Barry Corradetti, 1820 Overbrook Avenue, asked for an explanation of this Ordinance as he thought the Borough could not exceed a 2% Cap under Gov. Christi's rules.

Mayor Hamilton stated this Ordinance is not a part of the 2% Cap Limit. This just increases line item appropriations and to establish a Cap bank.

There wasn't any further public participation.

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

Giovannitti moved and Stevenson seconded to adopt O. #04.13 on second and final reading. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Letter from Peter Mercanti, Gloucester County Department of Purchasing, regarding Shared Service Agreement for the use of the County's Public Works Vehicle Wash Facility. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to receive and file the letter. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #98.13: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER FOR USE OF THE COUNTY VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT WASH FACILITY. Giovannitti moved Giampola seconded to adopt R. #98.13. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Email from Paul Forlenza, Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund, regarding Opposing Assembly Bills 2756 Workers Compensation for Surviving Spouses and 1196 First Responders' Workers' Compensation Presumption. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to receive and file the email. All were in favor.

R. #.13: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO OPPOSING A-2756 WORKERS COMPENSATION FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES.

R. #13: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO OPPOSING A-1196 FIRST RESPONDERS'WORKERS' COMPENSATION PRESUMPTION.

Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to table the above resolutions until the next Work Session Meeting. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Janice S. Mironov, President, New Jersey State League of Municipalities, regarding Sustainable State Funding Source for Open Space and Farmland Preservation. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to receive and file the letter. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #99.13: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE STATE FUNDING FOR PRESERVATION AND STEWARDSHIP OF OPEN SPACE, PARKS, FARMLAND AND HISTORIC SITES IN NEW JERSEY. Giovannitti moved and Stevenson seconded to adopt R. #99.13. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Letter from Mary Harris, President, Paulsboro Senior Citizens, Inc., requesting to use the grounds of the former Paulsboro Ambulance for their outside activities such as yard sales, food sales, cook outs, flower sales, etc. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to receive, file the letter, approve the request but to inform the Senior Citizens Club that they will still have to go through the proper procedures for certain permits. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Tax Collector Barbara A. Sockwell regarding statement of Uncollectable Taxes. Giovannitti moved and Stevenson seconded to receive and file the letter. All were in favor of the motion.

Memo from Chief Chris T. Wachter regarding request to make application for COPS Grant. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to receive, file the memo and approve the Chief's request. All were in favor of the motion.

Memo from Chief Chris T. Wachter request to have Borough complete land-use research. Giovannitti moved and Stevenson seconded to receive, file the memo and turn this over to the Solicitor. All were in favor of the motion.

Received the 2013 tax appeals (See attached List). Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to receive, file the appeals and turn them over to the Solicitor. All were in favor of the motion.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Giampola stated a complaint was received on the Car Wash. Code

Enforcement Officer Hogle has taken the appropriate action. He further stated there is a lot of high grass and there are six (6) employees in the Street and Highway Department. If anyone has a complaint to call the Code Office and they will take the complaint but to be patient with the workers as it is a small department and they will prioritize the locations.

Councilwoman Turner questioned the status of a janitorial service for the Municipal Building.

Administrator/CFO Ruggeri stated she has solicited quotes and has also been approached by the School Board for a shared service. The School Business Administrator will look into this service.

Councilwoman Turner thanked Borough Foreman Tinder and the Borough workers for taking care of the Park. She also questioned the safety issue of the ground covers under the playground.

Borough Foreman Tinder stated he is due to get more of it.

Councilwoman Turner discussed a shared service with the school for maintaining the parks and playgrounds.

Councilwoman Turner stated there are some people who are interested in vacant land.

Councilwoman Turner requested a report on the façade (upkeep) of the store fronts.

Councilman Giampola stated there isn't an ordinance (beautification ordinance) that tells people how to keep their store front windows; it is up to the landowners.

Councilwoman Turner stated she is working with the Chamber of Commerce in beautifying the store fronts. She questioned if the Borough could pass an ordinance regarding this.

Solicitor Angelini stated aesthetically, he is not sure but will look into it and report back to Mayor and Council.

Councilman Kidd suggested reaching out to the store owners and talk to them personally regarding the store front windows.

Councilwoman Turner wished Councilman Kidd a Happy Belated Birthday.

Councilwoman Turner gave the following list of events that will be taking place:

1. May 11th – Glorious Light Ministries - 1st Annual Walk-a-thon
2. May 16th – Paulsboro High School – Exclusive Viewing Movie at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium

3. June 15th – Community Yard Sales – at PHS at 8:00 a.m.
4. September 6th – Borough’s movie night – at Fort Billings Park and the movie is Hotel Transylvania
5. September 7th – Paulsboro Day

Councilwoman Turner stated the Borough is working on getting the flags up in the Business District for Memorial Day Services and the Fourth of July Parade.

Councilwoman Turner also stated she has met with the Gloucester County Kiwanis Club and have discussed joint projects for youth activities.

Councilman Stevenson thanked Borough Foreman Tinder on the Paul House and the Ben Fish property.

Councilman Stevenson thanked Joan Lutz and the GAPCAP for holding the Shelter-In-Place Seminars.

Councilman Stevenson informed Mr. Beverly that he is not going to wait forever on the NTSB Report and he will start having meetings and reaching out to the Community Action Group.

Councilman Stevenson thanked the Fire Department for their handling of the incident at the High School and the house fire on Nassau Avenue.

Councilman Stevenson stated TRANSCEAR (Transportation Community Awareness and Emergency Response) will be holding a training tour regarding transportation of hazardous materials on May 30th at 8:30 a.m. at the Barber Avenue Train yard in Woodbury.

Councilman Kidd stated there are two (2) different trainings. One will be held on May 29th for Emergency Responders and will continue through June 2nd. The training is free but registration is required as class size is limited to 80 individuals.

Councilman Kidd informed that the Administrator has been talking with providers of Health Benefits for the employees.

Councilman Kidd questioned what time the Memorial Day Service will be held which was answered that the Fire House Service will be held at 9:00 a.m. and the Veterans Park Service is at 10:00 a.m.

Councilman Kidd thanked former Tax Assessor Robyn Glocker-Hammond and her father for their service to the Borough and he appreciates it.

Councilman Kidd reported that he had a Finance Meeting and the Budget is in the preliminary stages and once they are close, he will get a meeting together with Mayor and Council. He further stated there is a new computer service for the front office and the

employees have gone through two (2) sets of training. This is an adjustment period and asked everyone to be patient.

Councilman Kidd stated everyone has received a wish list of items for the budget. He sees a raise in the budget of 1.4 cents and Council will have to see what can or can't be done. He is asking the employees to review what ways their departments could save money.

Councilman Kidd asked Mayor and Council if they had anything for the school, to let him know and he will let the school know as this is the purpose of the Council manic Committees and this is his committee. He further asked the Governing Body to go through the Borough Administrator and go through committees for the Department heads.

Council President Giovannitti thanked Joan Lutz and the residents who participated in the Shelter-In-Place Seminars. He further thanked the Fire Department, the Police Department, Councilmen Stevenson and Giampola who handled the fires last week.

Council President Giovannitti stated he had a Street and Highway Meeting today and they discussed a part time bus driver, part time employees, trash/recycling guide, policy manual, the HIF employee benefits and a bucket truck.

Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to advertise for a part time bus driver. All were in favor of the motion.

Giovannitti discussed hiring substitute/part time workers for the Street and Highway Department. He stated he would hold this discussion at the next work session meeting.

Council President Giovannitti discussed the trash and recycling guide. He stated televisions are to be placed out on the first Friday of the month which includes all electronics. The Borough will be placing door hangers and giving citations to all residents who violate the Code. There will be a letter sent to all residents regarding electronics having to be recycled.

Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to ask the Administrator to review the Policy Manual with the Department Heads and bring back to Mayor and Council at the June Work Session Meeting. All were in favor of the motion.

Council President Giovannitti discussed the Health benefits for the employees which are considered a joint Health Insurance Fund (HIF). The Borough is constantly looking to see how it could get better rates but the Borough is not going to give the employees lousy insurance as he respects the employees. The HIF has saved the Borough thousands of dollars.

Councilwoman Turner questioned if the Borough had the equipment to hang the flags such as a bucket truck.

Council President Giovannitti stated the Borough doesn't have a bucket truck and he is looking at other towns for a shared service. He suggested she use the same company as has been used in the years before.

Councilman Kidd stated Woodbury Heights has a bucket truck and maybe something could be worked out with Woodbury Heights which he suggested Borough Foreman Tinder look into.

Mayor Hamilton thanked former Tax Assessor Robyn Glocker-Hammond for her service to the Borough.

Mayor Hamilton stated today was the Gang Awareness Seminar. He further stated on April 27th, Comcast helped out the Boys and Girls Club and Comcast will be coming to a meeting to discuss how to get funds to help out the Boys and Girls Club.

Mayor Hamilton also stated he has received a complaint from a resident on Broad Street that the fire whistle is too loud and turned it over to the Public Safety Committee.

Mayor Hamilton further stated he has met with the Gloucester County Improvement Authority regarding the bridge for the Port. The bridge is coming along but the bulkhead bids were rejected and will be re-bid. The Port project has been pushed back to 2016.

Mayor Hamilton discussed the Paulsboro Plaza and the occupants need not worry as they will be in the first stage. The Developers have to send plans to Gloucester County and the State for the roads and that could take 60-90 days and then it can move forward. They expect to start in the early fall into December but they still have to go before the Land Use Board.

Mayor Hamilton thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Administrator/CFO Ruggeri discussed the video inspection of Delaware Street and Clonmell Road.

Erik Biermann, Sickels and Associates, explained there are two (2) manholes and this section of the roadway is pretty beat up. Plains All American would like to install gas lines. He has solicited three (3) quotes and only one (1) quote was received. He recommended awarding this project to Video Pipe in the amount of \$3,660.

Councilman Giampola questioned why the Borough was paying for this if Plains All American wanted to put their pipes on top of the Borough's pipes.

Mr. Biermann stated it is the Borough's responsibility but Plains All American hasn't been asked.

Councilman Giampola suggested approaching Plains to pay for this and it would be smart

business if they did as there would not be any gain to Paulsboro for them to install their pipeline.

Solicitor Angelini felt it would be in Plains best interest to pay for this.

Mr. Biermann stated no it would not as it would not help their pipeline. He further stated it would have to be something the Borough's Engineer has to negotiate. He felt it would be in the Borough's best interest to get the video done.

Giampola moved and Giovannitti seconded to allow the Administrator and the Engineer to negotiate with Plains to pay for the video inspection and bring back to the Mayor and Council at the May Work Session Meeting or the June Regular Meeting. All were in favor of the motion.

There wasn't any further Borough business.

Giampola moved and Stevenson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 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 May 7, 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