

MAY 28, 2013

PAULSBORO, N.J.

4:30 P.M.

SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chamber:

Mayor Hamilton presided at the Special Meeting of Council held on the above date and place.

Mayor Hamilton called the Special Meeting to order.

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

Members present were: Giovannitti (arrived at 4:36 p.m.), Giampola, Haynes (arrived at 5:39 p.m.), Kidd, Stevenson, Turner (arrived at 4:35 p.m.).

Mayor Hamilton opened the floor to the public.

There wasn't any public participation.

This Special Meeting was scheduled to discuss the 2013 Budget.

Also present was Auditor Nick Petroni.

Administrator/CFO Ruggeri questioned if there were any questions or concerns regarding the document she presented at the last meeting.

Mayor and Council discussed the items on the wish list as well as recycling, the Getz building, the Borough parking lot, police officer, etc.

Auditor Petroni stated any capital items can be bonded if they have a life span of five (5) years or more. The Borough would have to set money aside to do a Bond Ordinance but Council didn't have to worry about that at this time.

Council President Giovannitti stated the residents need to see more streets being done and asked to put more money in the Budget for this summer to do Chestnut Street or Beacon Avenue.

Auditor Petroni stated Council could borrow \$1.6 million dollars to bond the capital improvements.

Councilman Stevenson stated the Borough needed another Police Officer.

Administrator/CFO Ruggeri stated there is money in the budget that includes the Officer that is no longer with the Borough.

Mayor and Council discussed hiring an additional police officer.

Auditor Petroni stated one (1) cent equals (=) \$40,000 and the average home of \$114,078 would pay an increase of \$35.00 per year at \$1.4 cents. Last year the Borough used \$452,000 of surplus and he is proposing for this year to use \$462,000.

Chief Wachter stated he would like to see 18 officers in the department but he would rather pave roads then hire another Police Officer as the roads need to be fixed because they are wear and tear on the Police cars.

Councilwoman Turner discussed a lawn service to help the Street and Highway employees with cutting grass at a cost of \$7,500.

Administrator/CFO Ruggeri stated Council could introduce the 2013 budget with a 1.4 cents increase which equals \$35.00 per increase per household.

### **INTRODUCTION OF THE 2013 BUDGET:**

**R. #105.13: 2013 BUDGET.** Giampola moved and Giovannitti seconded to adopt R. #105.13 on Introduction and schedule the public hearing on July 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

There wasn't any further Borough business for the Special Meeting.

Stevenson moved and Giovannitti seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

This is a brief summary of the Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Paulsboro held on May 28, 2013 and should not be considered a verbatim transcript of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathy A. VanScoy, RMC/CMC  
Borough Clerk

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W. Jeffery Hamilton, Mayor