

JUNE 5, 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 Mayor Hamilton.

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, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner.

Proclamations: Police Unity Tour – Detective Sgt. Gary Kille/Patrolman David

Belbin/Patrolman Michael Bielski
Curtis Banks – Retired Assistant Librarian

Presentation: Councilman/Fire Chief Alfonso Giampola by the Coast Guard.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR.

Mayor Hamilton opened the floor to the public and reminded everyone there was a five (5) minute time limit.

Carol King, 229 Billings Avenue, discussed three (3) issues. One issue is the Baseball field lights are being left on and she suggested they be on a timer.

Mayor Hamilton stated Little League usually turns them off but he will address it.

Mrs. King questioned if the Borough had a Housing Inspector as 242 Billings Avenue should be addressed. She has taken pictures on May 5th and a letter was written. The owner was supposed to have the issues fixed by August of 2012. He hasn't repaired anything and

the trash has been out since Sunday. Also, when she worked the election polls, she took Mrs. Chandler home and was shocked at what Mrs. Chandler has to look at every night.

Mayor Hamilton asked Mrs. King to talk with the Police Department and leave it in the hands of the Police Department.

There wasn't any further public participation.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to receive, file and approve the above minutes. All were in favor except Haynes abstained. **Motion carried.**

R. #106.13: 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. #106.13. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola (abstained on all Fire bills), Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #107.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN BALANCES ON WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS.

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R. #112.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN BALANCES ON WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS.

Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to adopt R. #107.13 to R. #112.13. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #113.13: RESOLUTION AMENDING THE LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AND ANGELINI, VINIAR & FREEDMAN LLP FOR THE GILL MEMORIAL LIBRARY PROJECT. (This Resolution amends R. #78.13 to include a "not to exceed amount".) Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to adopt R. #113.13. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola,

Haynes, 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.

Letter from New Jersey Senate & General Assembly requesting the use of the Municipal Building for a mobile office on Wednesday, July 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to receive, file the letter, approve their request and notify the property departments. All were in favor of the motion.

OLD BUSINESS: Proposal for Professional Services for Sickels and Associates for the Thomson Avenue Drainage System Feasibility Study from Huff Avenue to South Commerce Street. This matter was held to be discussed at the next Work Session Meeting.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Giampola stated he wanted the public aware that the Code Office has issued 300 citations and some concerns are being addressed such as the former Jewelry Store, The Office Bar and Grill, etc.

Councilman Giampola stated he has a copy of a sign ordinance and asked to turn it over to the Solicitor to review and report at the next Work Session Meeting.

Giampola moved and Stevenson seconded to authorize the Solicitor to review the sign ordinance and report at the next Work Session Meeting. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilman Giampola thanked the Firemen for coming to the meeting to show their support for him.

Councilwoman Turner thanked Councilman Giampola for the aggressive front with the Code Office.

Councilwoman Turner thanked the group for the litter clean up over Memorial Day as it was an excellent job and she further thanked Council President Giovannitti and the rest of Council who participated.

Councilwoman Turner asked everyone to be more conscious of where they live as she is disappointed to see the streets filled with brush, trash and garbage. She is going to be having more community and cleanup projects such as on Buck, Washington Streets, etc. The quality of life is important so when she knocks on the door or puts a flyer for support to get involved, she would expect assistance. She further discussed the cars speeding up and down the streets as she is afraid someone is going to get hurt. The kids ride on the bikes and some walking doesn't even move. She asked everyone for their support and to be patient and she knows it is frustrating but the Borough is trying to be more aggressive.

Councilwoman Turner stated she has tried to have Community Betterment Committee meetings but it appears there is a breakdown in communication. She has names to submit for the Recreation Committee. She is not getting the support from the members of the Committee. She is seeing things moving forward such as she is working with the Kiwanis Club for more programs but without her Committee's help it is difficult to do.

Councilwoman Turner stated there will be a Community Yard Sale on June 15th at 8:00 a.m. at the High School. Spaces are \$10.00. The Fourth of July Parade is coming.

Councilwoman Turner thanked everyone who went out to vote for the democrat ticket and there will be a Democrat Club Meeting tomorrow night.

Councilman Stevenson stated Councilwoman Turner does an excellent job on the Community Betterment Committee and he supports her.

Councilman Stevenson thanked the voters, the audience and everyone involved with the Election especially the poll workers.

Councilman Stevenson thanked Councilman/Fire Chief Giampola for his involvement with the Conrail Train Spill and the Fire Company for coming out to the meeting.

Councilman Stevenson stated recently, himself, Chief Giampola and other members of the Paulsboro Fire Department attended the Transcaer training in Woodbury. The training was sponsored by major players in the Chemical and Hazardous Materials transportation industry, such as DOW Chemical & Conrail. They were trained in HAZMAT operations in relationship to the shipping of chemicals and such, and how to handle emergencies such as leaks and fire. Not only did they receive training certifications in railcars, but also tank trucks and large and small gas cylinders, all of which are in or pass through the Borough. He also attended the next day with the Paulsboro Chamber of Commerce who was given a basic awareness course. He along with some others from this body will be on the train ride on June 19th to learn about rail safety.

Councilman Stevenson further stated the Public Safety Committee will be meeting with the Police Chief in the near future to discuss some traffic issues. As head of the Public Safety Committee, he would like to bring up at the next Work Session Meeting how the Committee can better function in working with the Police Department. This is in relation to all of Council being the Public Safety Committee in regards to the Police Department.

Councilman Stevenson also stated he is scheduling a meeting with the Public Safety Committee to discuss ways they can ask Conrail to make the railroad crossings a little safer such as gates at certain intersections. Mantua Avenue comes to mind with the future increase of rail traffic because of the Port.

Councilman Stevenson congratulated Fire Chief Giampola and he gives him credit and he is doing a great job.

Councilman Stevenson asked the Solicitor the status of the foreclosed properties.

Solicitor Angelini stated he would find out.

Councilman Stevenson further stated the Public Safety Committee would like to meet with the Chief and he will bring this up at the next Work Session. He felt the Public Safety Committee could meet with the Chief as an Advisory panel which he felt would work a lot smoother then if the Chief had to meet with all of the Governing Body.

Giampola moved and Giovannitti seconded to discuss the Chief meeting with the Public Safety Committee at the next Work Session Meeting. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilman Kidd questioned what time is the 4th of July parade.

Councilwoman Turner stated it starts at 10:00 a.m. and probably goes for 1½ to 2 hours.

Councilman Kidd discussed the Library and Paulsboro is probably the only town to have its own Library in Gloucester County and then gave some history regarding the Gill Memorial Library.

Councilman Kidd stated the first phase of the Budget passed and the Administrator/CFO did a great job and she went through a lot. He further stated the public puts Mayor and Council in office and all of Mayor and Council have made a commitment to provide service to the public. The Governing Body tries to vote on what is best for Paulsboro.

Mayor Hamilton informed the residents that the Public Hearing on the Budget will be held on July 2, 2013.

Councilman Haynes stated he will hold the discussion regarding the Nassau Avenue flooding issue until the next Work Session Meeting.

Councilman Haynes stated the water tower painting has been completed, the interior and the exterior with the word Paulsboro written on the exterior. They filled the tank with potable water and once the quality of water passes, it will be operational.

Councilman Haynes also stated there is a critical issue with T-Mobile removing their antennas. They would like to recoup the cost to remove the antennas from the Borough in an amount around \$100,000. The Council needs to give the Administrator clear direction and T-Mobile is looking to reduce their monthly payment from the lease for them to put their equipment on the new tower. This has to be addressed as soon as possible.

Councilman Haynes further stated an Executive Session will be needed to discuss the liquidated damages with the contractor of the water tower. The Administrator should work with the Solicitor and the Water and Sewer Engineer.

Solicitor Angelini will review the lease agreement regarding T-Mobil and have a discussion with the Administrator. He is not entirely sure he agrees with T-Mobile's position.

Council President Giovannitti thanked Borough Clerk VanScoy for the election.

Council President Giovannitti stated the Borough had an excellent Budget meeting and felt the Borough was going in the right direction. He further stated Council needs to work through their Committees. He also stated the employees are not paying the Chapter 78 contributions.

Council President Giovannitti thanked Councilman Haynes for the Water Treatment Plant and the Water Tower.

Council President Giovannitti stated the residents' issues are being addressed and if there are any complaints to call the Borough Hall as there are good personnel at the building.

Council President Giovannitti stated he will have the Engineer at the next Work Session Meeting to discuss the Plains project.

Council President Giovannitti thanked Councilwoman Turner, Councilman Giampola and Mayor Hamilton for the cleanup project as it is nice to give back but more help is needed.

Council President Giovannitti thanked and congratulated Fire Chief Giampola for his handling of the "nasty" spill and kudos should be given to the Fire Department and the volunteers.

Council President Giovannitti congratulated Councilman Stevenson on his election.

Mayor Hamilton thanked all the poll workers who worked the election from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. He also congratulated all the candidates who ran. He thanked the Police who participated in the Police Unity Tour and he thanked Mrs. Banks on her years of service as the Assistant Librarian. He further thanked Fire Chief Giampola on his recognition from the Coast Guard.

There wasn't any further Borough business.

Haynes moved and Giovannitti seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 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 June 5, 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