MARCH 6, 2012

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PAULSBORO. N.J.

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7:00 P.M.

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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 Mr. Stanford Johnson.

Mayor Hamilton asked all those present to join in the salute to the flag, 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, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson. Absent: Morina.

Mayor Hamilton announced that the Mayor and Council have adopted a five (5) minute time limit for the public to speak during the open portion of the meetings and copies of the Resolution is available.

Mayor Hamilton opened the floor to the public.

Kenneth Norris, 445 Summit Avenue, stated the lights are still out at the Dollar General in the Paulsboro Plaza.

Council President Giovannitti stated the Company was notified but the Borough can't force them to put on the lights.

Mayor Hamilton asked Chief Wachter to follow up on this matter.

Chief Wachter stated he will follow up with the owners of the Plaza in a week and will report to Mayor and Council at the next Work Session Meeting.

Mr. Norris also discussed the Paulsboro Refinery Crude Oil Spill incident as he couldn't leave his house due to being asthmatic.

Mayor Hamilton stated he spoke with Emergency Management and the foam that was

sprayed on the spill blew off with the high winds and caused the horrible odor. He further stated the NJDEP informed him that it was safe. He has a phone number Mr. Norris can call.

Mr. Norris stated there is a lot of traffic at 428 Summit Avenue as well as code issues such as there is a van with a flat tire sitting there. He further stated it is a single family residence by it is housing a multi family and asked that it be looked into.

Mayor Hamilton stated he has spoke with Chief Wachter and can only say that one of the properties is being looked at.

Larry Sheffield, 1658 Swedesboro Avenue, stated there have been communications between Councilman Stevenson and himself. He was informed that in a couple of weeks there will be movement on the property next to him as Council is moving toward foreclosure and making the owners do something. He complimented and thanked Mayor Hamilton.

Administrator Salvatore stated the Solicitor may want to elaborate as there are a lot of impediments and he wanted the public to know that it is not something that will happen in a month.

Solicitor Daniels discussed the procedure to foreclose on a property.

Barry Corradetti, 1820 Overbrook Avenue, stated there was an article in the newspaper regarding the New Jersey State Health Benefits plan which he noticed would eliminate the services of an Insurance Broker. He questioned if the Borough had an Insurance Broker.

Administrator Salvatore stated the Borough is in a self insurance pool called the South Jersey Health Insurance Fund which also eliminates the need for an Insurance Broker and it is not in a commercial coverage. The article wasn't accurate and the State Plan hasn't always been the cheapest.

Mr. Corradetti stated he is glad the Borough has looked into all options of insurance in order to save money.

Cheryl Torres, 208 West Broad Street, thanked everyone for their support in getting the Post Office open but she also wanted to express her outrage due to remarks that were made by the Post Master and a Postal worker that she overheard. It was horrendous. She tried to confront the Post Master and the person didn't even make eye contact and then she confronted the postal worker who "flipped out". She has lived here all her life and Mayor and Council should applaud themselves.

Mayor Hamilton stated it was Mr. Sheffield and Mr. Gatewood who got the petition around and sent it to the Federal and State Officials.

Councilman Stevenson questioned where the comment was made.

Ms. Torres stated it was in the Post Office.

Ms. Torres explained what took place in the Post Office.

Ben Mento, 204 Billingsport Road, thanked Mayor and Council for their fire and energy as well as their attitude for problem solving. He stated most towns ask what services can be eliminated but Paulsboro is not like that. He felt the Council was always conservative and he complimented Mayor and Council for being fiscally conservative as well as Administrator Salvatore.

Mr. Mento stated this is the window of opportunity to punish the Landlords as they are lawless and reckless. He felt Mayor and Council should hurt them in the wallet and take advantage of the opportunity.

Mozelle Dansby, 1655 Swedesboro Avenue, complimented the Borough workers and felt Paulsboro had the best Street and Highway workers in Gloucester County and even Camden County. He also thanked Mayor Hamilton and Councilman Stevenson.

Marvin Hamilton, 913 Chestnut Street, complimented Mayor Hamilton in regards to the Borough's Shredding events.

Mayor Hamilton thanked Council President Giovannitti and Borough Foreman Tinder as they are the ones who put in place the Shredding Events.

Mayor Hamilton informed Mr. Terence Jones of the five (5) minute time limit as he was not present when he made the announcement.

Terence Jones, Mullica Hill, Public Safety Consultant and Advocate, stated he saw someone stopped by the Police and took out his I-Phone to record as he did not like the way the Police talked to a young man when they told him to get across the street. He was about 40-50 feet away when he was recording. The Police then turned the lights on him, told him to stop recording and get into his vehicle. He asked them why but was asked to get into his vehicle and then asked for his license, registration and insurance card. He wanted to know why and then the Officer called for backup. The Officer knew his name before getting his information. He told the Sergeant he wanted to file a complaint against the Officer and was told to file the complaint in the Station. He further discussed this matter.

Mayor Hamilton informed Mr. Jones that his time was up and when Mr. Jones' wants to then go sign the complaint.

Mr. Jones further discussed this matter.

Mayor Hamilton banged his gavel and informed Mr. Jones that he was finished.

Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on February 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to receive, file and adopt the above minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #64.12: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS OUT OF THE 2012 TEMPORARY BUDGET. Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #64.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #65.12: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING FORECLOSURE UNDER THE IN REM TAX FORECLOSURE ACT OF 1948 AS AMENDED, AND ESTABLISHING THE TAX FORECLOSURE LIST OF LIENS TO BE FORECLOSED UPON. Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to adopt R. #65.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

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

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

O. #01.12: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF LAND LOCATED WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AND EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to open the meeting to the public. All were in favor of the motion.

There wasn't any public participation.

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

Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to adopt O. #01.12 on second and final reading. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Haynes, Stevenson. Nays: Kidd. **Motion carried.**

Letter from Erik K. Biermann, Sickels & Associates, Inc., regarding Performance Bond Release Block 124, Lot 12, p/o Lots 2 & 13.01, Wawa, Inc. Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to receive and file the letter. All were in favor the motion.

R. #67.12: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND AND REQUIRING MAINTENANCE BOND BY WAWA FOR THE WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS AFFECTING PARCEL KNOWN AS BLOCK 124 LOTS 12, PART OF 2 AND 13.01 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY. Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to adopt R. #67.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Memo from Chief Chris T. Wachter regarding approval to convert seized vehicle to the fleet. Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to receive, file the memo, approve and take the proper action. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter of resignation from Councilwoman Elsie Tedeski. Giovannitti moved and Kidd seconded to receive, file the letter, accept the letter and send a letter to the Democratic Executive Committee to submit nominations to the vacancy. All were in favor of the motion.

Receipt of Bids: Solid Waste and Recyclables:

1. Casworth Enterprises, Inc.

	Option #1	Option #2
Year One (1)	$156,000.00	$249,600.00
Special Collection: Including disposal per container per lift		
2 yd. rear load	$ 25.00	$ 25.00
3 yd. rear load	$ 35.00	$ 35.00
4 yd. rear load	$ 45.00	$ 45.00
Year Two (2)	$157,560.00	$251,160.00
Special Collection: Including disposal per container per lift		
2 yd. rear load	$ 25.00	$ 25.00
3 yd. rear load	$ 35.00	$ 35.00
4 yd. rear load	$ 45.00	$ 45.00
Year Three (3)	$159,135.00	$252,735.00
Special Collection: Including disposal per container per lift		
2 yd. rear load	$ 25.00	$ 25.00
3 yd. rear load	$ 35.00	$ 35.00
4 yd. rear load	$ 45.00	$ 45.00

Giovannitti moved and Stevenson seconded to receive, file, accept, spread the bids in the minutes and finalize at the next Work Session Meeting. All were in favor of the motion.

Memo from Robb Willis, TrashPro, regarding Bid Results for the Solid Waste. Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to receive, file the letter, invite Mr. Willis to the next Work Session Meeting on March 19, 2012 and take action at that meeting. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #68.12: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY. Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to adopt R. #68.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

1. Police Personnel Matter.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Kidd stated he had a resident ask him about the Paulsboro Refinery crude oil spill and the NJDEP said it wasn't supposed to affect anyone's health. Anyone can contact the information line at #856-224-6177.

Councilman Kidd stated he appreciated the two residents that were responsible for the Post Office opening.

Councilman Kidd further stated he heard on the news that Councilman Donald Payne from Newark passed away. He knew Councilman Payne as he was a personal friend and it upset him.

Councilman Stevenson thanked Mr. Sheffield and Mr. Dansby for their kind words. Council may not be able to solve all issues but communication lines need to remain open.

Councilman Stevenson stated he will stay on top of some of the issues such as the Blue Manor, the house on Swedesboro Avenue and he is working with Economic and Neighborhood Development Director Marc Kamp with an issue on Broad Street at the Car Repair Shop which he thanked Mr. Kamp for his help. He further stated if little things can be taken care of then the big things take care of themselves. He supported and thanked the Police Department. He also congratulated Joan Lutz on her position as Fire Official and thanked Phil Zimm for his work as the Fire Official. He felt Ms. Lutz was doing a goof job. He thanked Mr. Corradetti for picking out the article regarding health benefits. He stated he would like to make changes in the Code Office.

Councilman Haynes gave a report on the Water Tower project. The construction was supposed to start but there was a little issue regarding size of plates and the Engineer resolved the issue. He recommended Caldwell Tanks to use smaller plates in the stem with 12 vertical welds. The Borough will receive a reduction of $25,000.

Haynes moved and Giovannitti seconded to authorize Administrator Salvatore and the Water Department to proceed with the recommendation. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilman Haynes stated work is continuing on the Water Treatment Plant. He gave a list of what was going to be done this week. The work is ongoing and the Borough will process water in April.

Council President Giovannitti thanked everyone for coming out and it was good to hear more compliments instead of complaints. It is important to realize that the Borough workers do work hard. He thanked Councilman Haynes, Administrator Salvatore and Water and Sewer Superintendent John Daly as the Water Tower and Water Treatment Plant projects

are big projects. He stated Mr. Dansby is right that the Street and Highway Department is an excellent department.

Council President Giovannitti stated Robb Willis who is the Borough's Trash Consultant put the solid waste bids together and that trash will actually be cheaper.

Council President Giovannitti gave "kudos" to Administrator Salvatore for managing the Budget as his conservativeness is paying off. He further gave "kudos to the Police Department as there was an incident at a sporting event which the Police Department oversaw the safety of everyone involved.

Mayor Hamilton stated he was very glad to see the Post Office is opened back up which is a plus for Paulsboro. He commended Council, Senators, the Assembly along with the two (2) gentlemen who circulated the petition and he also thanked the residents for their support.

Mayor Hamilton discussed the crude oil spill at the Paulsboro Refinery and he was informed that it wasn't a health hazard. The information number was given in order to speak with someone at the Refinery.

Mayor Hamilton stated the community is trying very hard to move forward but the Mayor and Council needs the help of the residents.

Mayor Hamilton further stated the County is holding the Tire Amnesty Program on Saturday, March 17th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and anyone can call #856-478-6045 extension 14.

Mayor and Council recessed at 8:07 p.m. before going into Executive Session.

Mayor and Council went into Executive Session at 8:22 p.m.

Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to open the meeting to the public at 9:10. All were in favor of the motion.

Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to authorize Special Labor Counsel to negotiate a settlement to resolve the Police personnel matter that was discussed in Executive Session. All were in favor of the motion.

There wasn't any further Borough business.

Haynes moved and Stevenson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 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 March 6, 2012 and should not be considered a verbatim transcript of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. VanScoy, RMC/CMC Borough Clerk	W. Jeffery Hamilton, Mayor