

APRIL 3, 2012

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 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 (arrived at 7:30 p.m.), Turner. Absent: Morina.

Official swearing in of Councilwoman Jennifer Turner was performed by Woodbury Councilwoman Gwendolyn Brown and Gloucester County Freeholder Adam Taliaferro.

Gloucester County Freeholder Taliaferro congratulated Councilwoman Turner.

Councilwoman Turner thanked Mayor and Council for appointing her and she stated she is proud of this community.

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.

George Gallenthin, Block 1, Lot 3, stated he received a letter from Appraisal Systems, Inc. regarding appraising the above property. He has asked to put this appraisal in abeyance as it would be impossible to have a meaningful assessment. He asked that the assessment is held until the Court comes out with its findings.

Joan Lutz, 209 Huff Avenue, commended Officer Haas and the new Officer when her daughter fell. She is very happy with the Police Department.

Glenn Roemmich, 112 Cedar Avenue, reported the Early Warning System will be installed; he is working on updating the Emergency Operating Plan as well as the Reverse 911 system.

Marvin Hamilton, 913 Chestnut Street, commended the Mayor and Council as the lights are on at the Plaza. He further stated the drainage needs to be cleaned out at Chestnut and Jefferson Streets. He also complained regarding a house on Madison and Chestnuts Streets as there is trash stored in the back of the property and he hoped something could be done.

Minutes of a Work Session Meeting held on February 27, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to receive, file and adopt the above minutes. All were in favor of the motion except Turner abstained.

Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on March 6, 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 except Turner abstained.

Minutes of an Executive Session Meeting held on March 6, 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 except Turner abstained.

Minutes of a Work Session Meeting held on March 19, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to receive, file and adopt the above minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #74.12: 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. #74.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Haynes, Kidd, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #75.12: RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AND NERI'S CONSTRUCTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.9. Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to adopt R. #75.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Haynes, Kidd, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #76.12: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF UP TO: (i) \$2,835,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, USDA SERIES 2012A; AND (ii) (i) \$656,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, USDA SERIES 2012B, OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO; MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS TO MAINTAIN THE EXEMPTION OF THE INTEREST ON SAID BONDS FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION; AND AUTHORIZING

SUCH FURTHER ACTIONS AND MAKING SUCH DETERMINATIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO EFFECTUATE THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE BONDS. Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to adopt R. #76.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Haynes, Kidd, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Administrator Salvatore explained the above Resolution is the closing on the bonds from temporary financing to permanent financing.

R. #77.12: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR DISALLOWANCE OF A SENIOR CITIZEN DEDUCTION.

R. #78.12: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR DISALLOWANCE OF A SENIOR CITIZEN DEDUCTION.

R. #79.12: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR DISALLOWANCE OF SENIOR CITIZEN DEDUCTIONS.

R. #80.12: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR DISALLOWANCE OF A DISABILITY DEDUCTION.

R. #81.12: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR DISALLOWANCE OF SENIOR CITIZEN DEDUCTIONS.

R. #82.12: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALLOWANCE OF A SENIOR CITIZEN DEDUCTION.

R. #83.12: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALLOWANCE OF A WIDOW OF VETERAN DEDUCTION.

Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to adopt R. #77.12 to #83.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Haynes, Kidd, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Summary of reports and copies of minutes of meetings. Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to receive and file.

Councilman Kidd questioned the Code Office reports and that it doesn't show whether the property was approved or denied.

Administrator Salvatore stated that it does show if the property passed or failed by using a "P" or "F".

Councilman Kidd stated it should tell what it means.

Memo from Solicitor Angelini regarding Paulsboro Ordinance Ch. 46, Peace and Good Order. Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to receive and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

Solicitor Angelini explained the above memo. He stated there could be a challenge or question to the Ordinance. He can review the ordinance, then get back to Mayor and Council and let them know if the Ordinance should be rescinded which could get costly or he suggested the Chief review the Ordinance.

Administrator Salvatore suggested repealing the Ordinance in its entirety and then amend a new Ordinance.

Solicitor Angelini stated he hasn't formally undertaken the research to repeal the Ordinance in its entirety but once reviewed the Ordinance can be repealed or amended if worth saving.

Letter from Gloucester County Department of Health & Senior Services, regarding transportation for the Senior Citizens to the annual "Golden Follies Entertainment Show" on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at Auletto Caterers from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to receive, file the letter, approve their request and notify the proper departments. All were in favor of the motion.

At this time, 7:30 p.m., Councilman Stevenson arrived for the meeting.

Received the following tax appeals:

1105 Chestnut Street – Block 81 Lot 9

1546-1548 South Delaware Street – Block 126 Lot 22

703 North Delaware Street – Block 25 Lot 10

726 Beacon Avenue – Block 17 Lot 7

Berkley Road – Block 95 Lot 7

20 West Monroe Street – Block 63 Lot 4

450 Thomson Avenue – Block 108 Lot 45

Mantua Creek – Various

926 Pennline Road – Block 56 Lot 1

11 Roosevelt Avenue – Block 39 Lot 5

Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to receive, file the appeals and turn the residential appeals over to the Solicitor. All were in favor of the motion.

Administrator Salvatore discussed appointing John Lloyd to represent the Borough on any industrial appeals under a non-fair and open appointment.

R. #84.12: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH JOHN LLOYD, ESQUIRE OF THE LAW FIRM OF NOWELL, AMOROSO, KLEIN, BIERMAN, PA TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES AS TAX COUNSEL FOR CERTAIN INDUSTRIAL TAX APPEALS IN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to adopt R. #84.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Received Amusement Games Applications from the following (all inspections have been completed):

Woodbury Moose Lodge 2585 – (Haynes abstained.)
George D. Patton, Jr. VFW Post 678
Greater Paulsboro Elks Lodge 575
Frank's Pub
Alibi Inn
The Office Bar & Grill
Benny's on the Rail
Riverside Inn – (Haynes abstained.)

Giovannitti moved and Stevenson seconded to receive, file and approve the above Amusement Games Licenses. All were in favor of the motion except for the abstentions made by Haynes.

Received Raffle License Application, RA-558, Paulsboro Day Committee for an On-premise 50/50 Raffle on April 28, 2012 at 8:45 p.m. Giovannitti moved and Stevenson seconded to receive, file and approve the above Raffle License. All were in favor of the motion.

Received Raffle License Application, RA-559, for Paulsboro Day Committee to hold an Off-Premise 50/50 raffle on September 8, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. Giovannitti moved and Stevenson seconded to receive, file the application and approve the above raffle license. All were in favor of the motion.

Memo from Administrator Salvatore regarding the solid waste bids. Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to receive and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

Administrator Salvatore recommending awarding Option 1 which is the collection of trash only and award the recycling to Casworth at a later time. The Borough would still collect the recycling.

R. #85.12: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING THE CONTRACT WITH CASWORTH ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR THE COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE. Giovannitti moved and Stevenson seconded to adopt R. #85.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Letter from Joan Stetser, Guardian Angels Regional School, requesting permission to hold a Walk-a-thon on Friday, June 1, 2012 at 9:15 a.m. and also requesting the assistance of the Police Department. Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to receive, file the letter, approve the request and notify the proper departments. All were in favor of the motion.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Stevenson apologized for walking in late and he congratulated Councilwoman Turner.

Councilman Stevenson stated the Borough held a vehicle auction and raised almost \$7,000.

Councilman Stevenson stated the playground has been taken down on Lincoln Avenue due to the Water Tower Project.

Councilman Stevenson stated he met with some citizens this week in regards to some neighboring properties that have become "pseudo-junkyards". In checking with the Code Office, most of these properties have already received notices to comply with certain provisions of the Code Book such as the "Clean Community Act" but some have been this way for some time. The Committee is working with the Code Official to see where changes can be made. He further discussed the placement of a dumpster for about a month so that residents can clean out their yards of the larger items and offer an amnesty period in order to give the residents a chance to clean up their yards. After the amnesty period then the Borough can take action on the property.

Councilman Stevenson discussed the PEOSHA inspections of the Fire Department and would like to ask that the Borough file for an extension of time in order to finalize taking care of two (2) issues from the report.

Councilwoman Turner thanked Mayor and Council and everyone for their support. She had residents complain about people begging for money outside of the Rite Aid and she spent some time there and did not have anyone approach her.

Councilwoman Turner stated she invited everyone for light refreshments at her house after the meeting.

Councilman Kidd expressed his condolences to Mayor Hamilton on the passing of his brother.

Councilman Kidd discussed the Easter Egg Hunt that no one knew anything about. He stated it is the little things that really hurt and it hurts the kids. There has to be better communication.

Council President Giovannitti expressed his condolences to Mayor Hamilton and Marvin Hamilton on the passing of their brother.

Council President Giovannitti congratulated Councilwoman Turner.

Council President Giovannitti stated the Borough will be holding a movie night on May 23rd at Fort Billings Park. There will be a magic show and the movie is called “Dolphin Tale”.

Council President Giovannitti thanked Emergency Management Coordinator Glenn Roemmich regarding the Early Warning System as well as the Reverse 911 System.

Council President Giovannitti thanked Borough Clerk VanScoy on a successful Rabies Clinic.

Council President Giovannitti stated he received a letter from Leslie Brown of 720 Beacon Avenue regarding a drainage issue.

Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to have Borough Foreman Tinder and Water and Sewer Superintendent Daly meet with Mrs. Brown and report back for the next Work Session Meeting. All were in favor of the motion.

Council President Giovannitti thanked Borough Foreman Tinder as the interview process for the Street and Highway Department is ongoing. He thanked the residents for their input and wished the best of luck to Councilwoman Turner.

Councilman Haynes also expressed his condolences to Mayor Hamilton on the passing of his brother.

Councilman Haynes welcomed Councilwoman Turner on board.

Councilman Haynes reported the contractors are in the process of testing the wells and in the next several weeks the system will be put online at the new Water Treatment Plant.

Councilman Haynes also reported the foundation is being worked on and the concrete is getting ready to be poured at the Water Tower Project. He stated both projects are on schedule.

Mayor Hamilton thanked the residents as they are making a difference in trying to solve the problems in Paulsboro. He further stated all items brought forth will be addressed.

R. #86.12: 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. #86.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

This Executive Session was called to discuss litigation in reference to Heredia v. Borough of Paulsboro.

Mayor and Council recessed the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Mayor and Council convened in Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

Mayor and Council reconvened the Regular Meeting at 8:19 p.m.

R. #87.12: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTER. Haynes moved and Stevenson seconded to adopt R. #87.12. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson. Nays: Giovannitti. Abstained: Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

There wasn't any further Borough business.

Haynes moved and Stevenson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 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 3, 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