

MAY 1, 2012

PAULSBORO, N.J.

5:30 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 5:35 p.m.), Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner.

Mayor Hamilton opened the floor to the public.

There wasn't any public participation.

Also present was Auditor Nick Petroni and Deanna Roller to discuss the 2012 Budget.

Administrator Salvatore stated there is a 0\$ tax increase in this year's budget. He explained he is using less surplus this year, police pensions went down, the trash budget went down, there was a better tax collection rate and he has budgeted \$70,000 less in the reserve for uncollected taxes. He has funded for the hiring of two (2) Street and Highway Department employees. He asked Mayor and Council to keep in mind the NuStar Appeal and that it is a revaluation year.

At this time, 5:35 p.m., Council President Giovannitti arrived.

Mr. Petroni stated there is good defensive position in the CAP bank which gives flexibility and the surplus is in good condition. This budget keeps the tax rate the same and actually is two-tenths lower than last year's budget.

Administrator Salvatore stated he would like to go into Executive Session to discuss the various union contract negotiations.

Administrator Salvatore stated there are some items to consider such as refurbishing the street sweeper, a trash truck or go with the recycling option at a cost of \$93,000.

Mr. Petroni introduced Deanna Roller who has been in his office for twenty some years.

Mayor and Council further discussed the status of the Essex Chemical Bond Note and the refurbishing of the street sweeper.

Mr. Petroni stated Council can introduce the Budget and then can always amend the budget as they have 28 days but once the budget is introduced Council has to hold the public hearing before they can amend the budget.

Mayor and Council discussed funding for a Police Officer position.

Councilman Kidd discussed the possibility of the Administrator retiring and having money in the budget to train someone else while the Administrator is still here.

Administrator Salvatore stated he would help whoever was hired and he wouldn't want to leave the town financially in bad shape.

Council President Giovannitti further discussed the retirement of the Administrator.

**R. #91.12: 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. #91.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

The Executive Session was called to discuss the union contract negotiations.

At this time, 6:27 p.m., Mayor and Council convened in Executive Session.

Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to open the meeting at 6:47 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF THE 2012 BUDGET:**

**R. #92.12: 2012 BUDGET.** Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to adopt R. #92.12 on Introduction and schedule the public hearing on June 6, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, 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 6:48 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 1, 2012 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