

**MAY 21, 2012**

**PAULSBORO, N.J.**

**5:00 P.M.**

**WORK SESSION MEETING**

Council Chamber:

Mayor Hamilton presided at a Work Session Meeting of Council held on the above date and place.

Members present were: Giovannitti, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner (arrived at 5:11 p.m.).

Mayor Hamilton called the meeting to order.

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

Mayor Hamilton opened the floor to the public.

Paula Hamilton, 913 North Chestnut Street, spoke on behalf of the Visions Christian Center to request the use of the parking lot next to the Visions Christian Center the first Friday of every month from 7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for their mobile food drives which is called the "Hope Mobile". If anyone had questions they can contact her at #856-308-8162 or call Bertha Avant at #856-423-6118.

Mayor and Council discussed the liability that the Borough may have in regards to this request.

Administrator Salvatore suggested the Church signing an indemnification agreement and/or getting a rider listing the Borough as an additional insured on the Church's insurance policy.

Mrs. Avant stated the Church has their own insurance and the Borough would not be responsible.

Councilman Haynes suggested if the church has insurance then to get a rider to their insurance.

Administrator Salvatore suggested an indemnification agreement and adding the Borough on their insurance. He also suggested having the Insurance Company contact the Church.

Solicitor Angelini stated the Borough should have the church add the Borough on their insurance and provide an indemnification agreement.

Councilman Kidd asked if the JIF could be contacted to ask what their policy is regarding these matters.

Administrator Salvatore stated it is not mandatory.

Councilman Haynes stated if they do not wish to put the Borough on their insurance, they don't have to but the Borough should have an indemnification agreement.

Solicitor Angelini further recommended adding the Borough as an additional insured and/or having a hold harmless agreement.

Ms. Hamilton stated they are not asking to park cars but to put up tables to give out food.

Solicitor Angelini stated he felt the Mayor and Council supported the church in this matter but wanted to protect the Borough.

Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to approve their request but review the cost involved to get a rider and revisit this matter at the June Work Session Meeting. All were in favor of the motion.

There wasn't any further public participation.

Letter from the Democrat Executive Committee regarding three candidates for the vacant Council position. Haynes moved and Stevenson seconded to receive and file the letter. All were in favor of the motion.

Mayor and Council discussed the Executive Committee Meeting and the procedure that was followed.

Council President Giovannitti stated all Executive Committee members were reached out to regarding the candidates. He stated for the record the Executive Committee submits the names and they should know the process by now.

Mayor Hamilton stated there were two (2) candidates present and they should be given the opportunity to be heard.

Ben Mento, 204 Billingsport Road, stated he has lived here for six (6) years and prior to living here he lived in Voorhees. He was the General Manager of the Fashion Bug/Charming Shoppe then he went into Real Estate as a Developer. He felt he had the experience and the years. He felt the Committee strongly reflects the population.

Alfonso Giampola, 204 Vanneman Boulevard, stated he has lived here most of his life, has been in the Fire Department and is now the Deputy Fire Chief. He cares and is involved and would like to see the town move forward. He would like to be a part of it.

Stevenson moved and Haynes seconded to move the name of Alfonso Giampola to fill the vacant Council position. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Haynes, Stevenson. Nays: Kidd, Turner. **Motion carried.**

**R. #107.12: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.** Haynes moved and Giovannitti seconded to adopt R. #107.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Mayor and Council went into Executive Session at 5:36 p.m. to discuss pending litigation – State of New Jersey vs. Sgt. Bish and Essex Chemical.

Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to open the meeting at 5:55 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Mayor and Council recessed at 5:55 p.m.

Mayor and Council reconvened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

At this time, Solicitor Angelini swore in Mr. Alfonso Giampola to the vacant Council position.

Minutes of a Special Meeting held on May 1, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to receive, file and adopt the above minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on May 1, 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. #108.12: 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. #108.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**R. #109.12: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO CANCELLING CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS.** Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to adopt R. #109.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**R. #110.12: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO OPPOSING**

**SENATE BILLS 1451 OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT AND 1452 OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT.** Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to adopt R. #110.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Receipt of Quotes: Paul House Stabilization, 212 East Broad Street:

1. \$9,450.00 MD Remodeling
2. \$9,800.00 Minniti Construction

Haynes moved and Giovannitti seconded to receive, file and spread the quotes in the minutes. All were in favor of the motion except Kidd.

Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to approve the quote by MD Remodeling for this project. All were in favor of the motion except Kidd.

Received Place-To-Place Transfer Application from PPN Investment Corp. t/a Rocking Stone Irish Pub & Grill. Giovannitti moved and Stevenson seconded to receive, file and turn over to the Police Department for review and recommendation. All were in favor of the motion.

Received Liquor License Renewal applications for the 2012-2013 License term from the following:

George D. Patton, Jr. VFW Post 678	Greater Paulsboro Lodge No. 575
Paulsboro Sportsmen's Assoc., Inc.	Woodbury Moose Lodge No. 2585
Burt's Liquor Store	Hany's Liquors
Frank's Pub	Alibi Inn
Billingsport Spirits	The Office Bar & Grill
Nino Gervasi Restaurant	Rocking Stone Irish Pub & Grill
Carmel S. Morina Lodge #2580	Jolly Raj, Inc.
Riverside Inn	

Council President Giovannitti abstained to the Paulsboro Sportsmens' Association, Inc. and the Carmel S. Morina Lodge #2580.

Councilman Haynes abstained to the Paulsboro Sportsmens' Association, Inc., Woodbury Moose Lodge 2585 and the Riverview Inn.

Councilman Stevenson abstained to the Paulsboro Sportsmens' Association, Inc.

Councilman Giampola abstained to the Paulsboro Sportsmens' Association, Inc. and the Carmel S. Morina Lodge #2580.

Giovannitti moved and Haynes (except for the abstentions) seconded to receive, file the

applications and turn them over to the Police Department for review and recommendation. All were in favor of the motion except the abstentions mentioned above.

Letter from Charles J. Sprigman, Jr., Esq., Hoffman, DiMuzio, regarding 764 Delaware Street. Kidd moved and Giovannitti seconded to receive, file the letter, turn this letter over to the Economic Development Committee and the Economic and Neighborhood Development Director for review, response and report back to Mayor and Council.

Solicitor Angelini stated, in reference to the above letter, that they have to submit a tort claim in 90 days or get an extension.

Administrator Salvatore stated this project was originally done by the former Mayor and Mr. Kamp. The County is going to give the Borough the money to complete the project. It was acknowledged that the building would be knocked down and restored.

Mayor and Council discussed the request to install a gas line at 554 Billings Avenue as there is a moratorium on this street of five (5) years.

Giovannitti moved and Stevenson seconded to reach out to the homeowner to see if they are aware of any heating assistance programs while this is being reviewed. All were in favor of the motion.

Mayor and Council discussed adopting a resolution to support Senator Sweeney's Tax Relief Plan.

**R. #111.12: RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO SUPPORTING SENATE PRESIDENT SWEENEY'S PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PLAN.** Giovannitti moved and Stevenson seconded to adopt R. #111.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Mayor and Council discussed the Paulsboro Day Committee utilizing the Borough's Federal Tax ID.

Administrator Salvatore requested the Solicitor review the legality of the Paulsboro Day Committee using the Borough's Tax ID Number.

Solicitor Angelini stated if it is a close enough organization to the Borough it would be okay but he can look into it as he doesn't have a definite answer. He also suggested asking the Auditor to look into it as he may be able to answer this question.

The consensus of Council was to direct the Administrator to discuss this matter with the Auditor and Solicitor Angelini will take it under consideration.

## Administrator's Report:

Administrator Salvatore discussed the purchase of computers and the funding Ordinances that would be needed. The total cost to fund this expense is \$64,000 which can be paid from the General Capital Fund and the Utility CAP Fund.

## INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:

**O. #04.12: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING \$32,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A COMPUTER SYSTEM.** Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to adopt O. #04.12 on introduction and first reading and schedule the second reading and Public Hearing on June 6, 2012. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**O. #05.12: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING \$32,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A COMPUTER SYSTEM.** Giovannitti moved and Stevenson seconded to adopt O. #05.12 on introduction and first reading and schedule the second reading and Public Hearing on June 6, 2012. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

## Police Chief's Report:

Chief Chris Wachter requested permission to appoint Mr. Todd Gelfand of Barker, Scott & Gelfand as Labor Attorney for consultation services in a police disciplinary matter.

Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to approve the appointment of Todd Gelfand of Barker, Scott & Gelfand for consultation services in a police disciplinary matter. All were in favor of the motion.

Chief Chris Wachter stated the new police cars will be in and several cars will be coming out of the fleet such as his as it has 212,000 miles on it.

Chief Chris Wachter stated the department has received a van through forfeiture which is in exceptionally good shape. He is kicking around the idea to get rid of the police truck and use the van instead. He felt the truck could be offered to the Street and Highway Department or the Water and Sewer Department.

Chief Christ Wachter informed Mayor and Council that the FCC narrow banding mandate deadline for the radios is January 1, 2013. The radios will have to be replaced and it will be extremely expensive. He felt the cost could be around \$78,000 and the Fire Department's cost could be around \$50,000. He will sit down with the Fire Department in September to look at the impact and what has to be done.

Councilman Haynes questioned if this money could come from the Homeland Security Grant funds through the County.

Chief Wachter stated it is preliminary and he hoped to have more information in June or July and hoped by September he is able to have figures, dates and times.

Chief Chris Wachter stated Patrolman Bielski participated in a Community Bike Tour that originated in Florham, New Jersey and ended in Washington, DC which was 300 miles on the bike.

There wasn't any further Borough business.

Stevenson moved and Giovannitti seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

This is a brief summary of the Work Session Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Paulsboro held on May 21, 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