

JUNE 6, 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, Giampola, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Absent: Haynes (excused).

Assemblyman Burzichelli performed the Swearing in of Councilman Alfonso G. Giampola.

Councilman Giampola thanked Mayor and Council for appointing him to Council and he stated he will serve the residents well.

Auditor Petroni was present to discuss the 2012 Budget. He stated the budget will reduce about .03 cents less than last year. The average home will pay about \$2.00 less than last year. The Borough is \$143,000 under the 2% levy cap. The budget utilized \$452,000 of surplus.

Councilman Kidd felt a line item should be added for a temporary custodian with no increase in the budget at \$10.33 per hour, four hours per night for a total 20 hours per week.

Auditor Petroni explained that to add a line item to the budget would require amending the budget. Borough Council would hold the public hearing but would not be able to adopt the budget.

Mayor and Council further discussed the added line item of temporary custodian and if

they wanted to hold off adopting the budget.

PUBLIC HEARING at 7:00 p.m. on R. #92.12 the 2012 Budget of the Borough of Paulsboro. Giovannitti moved and Stevenson seconded to open the meeting to the public. All were in favor of the motion.

Barry Corradetti, 1820 Overbrook Avenue, stated he didn't disagree that the Borough needs a custodian but why wasn't this discussed before the budget was to be adopted.

Mayor Hamilton stated because it was discussed at the Community Betterment Committee meeting and now it was being brought to the Governing Body.

Councilman Giampola stated he hasn't been on Council very long and he held a Community Betterment Committee meeting yesterday when this was discussed.

Mr. Corradetti stated he doesn't understand why it is being done the way it is being done.

Councilman Kidd stated the reason he asked to amend the budget is because last year it was voted to bring in a custodian and it wasn't done but if have to amend the budget to do this then Council should.

Mr. Corradetti stated he is not disagreeing that there isn't a need but it should have been discussed beforehand.

There wasn't any further public discussion for the 2012 budget.

Giovannitti moved and Stevenson seconded to close the meeting to the public for discussion of the 2012 budget. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #112.12: RESOLUTION TO READ 2012 BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY.

Giovannitti moved and Stevenson seconded to adopt R. #112.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #113.12: RESOLUTION CONFIRMING COMPLIANCE WITH NJAC 5:30-7; CONDUCTING LOCAL EXAMINATION OF 2012 ANNUAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER. Giovannitti moved and Stevenson seconded to adopt R. #113.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #92.12: 2012 BUDGET ADOPTION. Giovannitti moved and Stevenson seconded to adopt R. #92.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Hamilton opened the floor to the public.

Linda Pilger, Paulsboro Day Committee, stated the Committee is waiting to hear from the Borough in regards to the commitment of funding for Paulsboro Day. They will need \$10,000 for amusement rides, etc. They are not able to sign a contract with anyone as they don't have a money amount.

Giovannitti stated Councilman Kidd will schedule a meeting with the Administrator and the Finance Committee to receive an answer.

Mrs. Pilger stated the Paulsboro Day Committee is hosting a yard sale on June 16th at the Paulsboro High School parking lot and the cost to rent a space is \$10.00.

Mayor Hamilton stated the Borough will do the best it can to help out.

There wasn't any further public participation.

Minutes of a Work Session Meeting held on May 21, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. Giovannitti moved and Stevenson seconded to receive, file and adopt the above minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #114.12: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS OUT OF THE 2012 BUDGET. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #114.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #115.12: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN BALANCES ON WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to adopt R. #115.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #116.12: RESOLUTION APPOINTING A DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. Giovannitti moved and Stevenson seconded to adopt R. #116.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #117.12: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 102.12 FOR THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN BALANCES ON WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to adopt R. #117.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, 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.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

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 Stevenson seconded to open the meeting to the public. All were in favor of the motion.

There wasn't any public participation.

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

Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to adopt O. #04.12 on second and final reading. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None.
Motion carried.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

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 Giampola seconded to open the meeting to the public. All were in favor of the motion.

There wasn't any public participation.

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

Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to adopt O. #05.12 on second and final reading. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Memo from Administrator Salvatore regarding purchase of Computer Hardware under State Contract #A-70262 in the amount of \$11,294.46. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to receive, file the memo and approve the contract to Hewlett Packard Company. All were in favor of the motion.

Memo from Administrator Salvatore regarding purchase of Computer Hardware, Software and Services in the amount of \$15,044.00. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to receive, file the memo and approve the contract to United Computer Sales and Service. All were in favor of the motion.

Memo from Chief Wachter regarding Place-To-Place Transfer Application of PPN Investment Corp., t/a Rocking Stone Irish Bar & Grill. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to receive and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #118.12: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO GRANTING THE PLACE-TO-PLACE TRANSFER APPLICATION OF PPN INVESTMENT CORP. T/A ROCKING STONE IRISH PUB & GRILL. Giovannitti moved and

Giampola seconded to adopt R. #118.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Memo from Members of the AFSCME Local #3303 requesting to exchange Election Day. Giovannitti moved and Stevenson seconded to receive, file the letter and approve the request. All were in favor of the motion.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Kidd requested moving the time of the Work Session Meetings to 6:00 p.m.

Solicitor Angelini stated Council will have to amend the annual meeting notice to reflect the change in times of the Work Session Meetings.

Kidd moved and Giovannitti seconded to move the time of the Work Session Meetings to 6:00 p.m. effective immediately. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilman Kidd stated he hoped everybody read the budget.

Councilman Giampola stated he had a meeting yesterday to discuss the cleaning of Borough Hall.

Councilman Giampola stated he will be having a meeting with other website companies and Mayor Hamilton. He would like the website to be more interactive to the public. He would also like to see the Borough man a table at Paulsboro Day.

Councilman Stevenson stated he was pleased to report that the Fire Department has passed their re-inspection from PEOSHA with high marks and those cases have been closed.

Councilman Stevenson stated the Borough will be having a vehicle auction of three (3) old pieces of fire apparatus and three (3) old police cars on June 21st. He asked to remove the ambulance from the list of vehicles to be sold. He hoped the Borough can raise the same or even more money than the first auction held earlier this year, which was quite successful.

Councilman Stevenson stated as head of the Public Safety Committee, he recently had a meeting with the Police Chief. One of the things he is happy to report about is the initiative to begin some foot patrols this summer. He is a big proponent of this as part of a community policing effort. As he stated when he was first sworn in, he thinks it is very important that everyone in the Borough, regardless of department or title, get out from behind the desks or out from their vehicles and on a somewhat regular basis walk the streets of the Borough to get a better feel on what's going on and what has to be done to make it better.

Councilman Stevenson thanked all those who helped in the Memorial Day Programs such

as the Borough workers, VFW members and firefighters as well as those citizens who showed up to pay their respects to those heroes who have fallen in their service to this great nation.

Councilman Stevenson thanked Administrator Salvatore for a budget with no tax increase.

Councilman Stevenson congratulated Councilman Giampola on his swearing in this evening. He further stated Councilman Giampola and him have been great friends since they were about four (4) years old. They have served together on the Fire Department for almost 30 years. Councilman Giampola is a “doer”, though he may rile a few feathers once in a while, he is not afraid to step on a few toes at times to get things done. Councilman Stevenson felt that is what is needed to tackle the issues in this Borough and he looks forward to serving with him on this Council for many years.

Councilwoman Turner stated she wanted to recap regarding the election and thanked everyone for voting and thanked the Election Board workers.

Councilwoman Turner discussed the cleanliness of the building and stated that it could be cleaned.

Councilwoman Turner stated she is looking forward to working with her committee regarding Paulsboro Day.

Councilwoman Turner congratulated Councilman Giampola and is looking forward to working with him on Council.

Council President Giovannitti stated “ditto” on what Councilman Stevenson said about the Memorial Day service.

Council President Giovannitti stated he recognized community involvement such as Dr. Scambia being here at the meeting. He further stated there are new Council people and change is hard. He stated the Mayor is here at Borough Hall every night and there is constant communication but the Council cannot meet with more than three (3) Council people at a time.

Council President Giovannitti stated recently there were two (2) new people hired in the Street and Highway Department and the Borough Foreman is more than pleased with those individuals.

Council President Giovannitti stated it is great work by the Administrator as there isn't going to be a tax increase.

Council President Giovannitti stated the PBA has worked without a contract for three (3) years and there could be a settlement but he hoped Council has reviewed the contract in order to vote at the next Work Session Meeting.

Council President Giovannitti stated the ExxonMobil student work program has been approved and he would like to hire former employee, Chuck Kulbacki to oversee the students.

Giovannitti moved and Stevenson seconded to hire Chuck Kulbacki as Student Supervisor for the summer student work program. All were in favor of the motion.

Council President Giovannitti stated the Borough is doing what it can on the quality of life issues such as high grass, pigs, etc.

Council President Giovannitti stated that no tax increase is great news and the Borough can move forward.

Mayor Hamilton thanked the Council for their reports and it looks like Council is trying to get some things worked out. There is cooperation between the Mayor and Council in working together. He felt the Police Department is on top of disturbances on Spruce and Monroe Streets as there have been arrests made and he thanked the Police Department for their efforts especially with patrolling on bikes and on foot. He felt it was better when the Police are walking or riding bikes as the children are not on the streets and the selling of drugs has calmed down. He asked everyone to watch out for the children when they get out of school.

Mayor Hamilton congratulated all members who ran for office from the Local offices to the Senate.

Mayor Hamilton stated commencing June 25th to the 27th, Isaac Redman, Paulsboro resident, will be returning to the Paulsboro High School for a clinic from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. It is wonderful he is giving back to Paulsboro as he is a Professional athlete with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Councilman Kidd stated he talked with Borough Foreman Tinder regarding a pothole on Hoffman Avenue as there were several people looking at the house that is for sale and felt who would buy that property with the big pothole. He asked Mr. Tinder to help correct the pothole.

Mayor Hamilton stated he is at Borough Hall during the week between 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and sometimes between 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. if anyone would like to visit. Although he can give 15 minutes of his time to express their concerns as he has to spread out to give others time as well.

There wasn't any further Borough business.

Stevenson moved and Giovannitti seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 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 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