

NOVEMBER 7, 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, Haynes, Kidd, Turner. Absent: Stevenson (excused).

Mayor Hamilton presented a proclamation to Brenda Stevenson, Retired Municipal Court Administrator and Glenn Folker, Retired Street and Highway Department Employee, congratulating them on their retirement.

Mayor Hamilton opened the meeting to the public.

Carol Kessler, 28 East Adams Street, stated there are “no parking” signs on her street but they are not readable. She also stated there is a person who parks the wrong way on her street. She further requested the “speed machine” on her street as the people speed.

Mayor Hamilton stated he will have Borough Foreman Tinder review the “no parking” signs and he further suggested Mrs. Kessler speak with the Chief regarding her other concerns.

There wasn't any further public participation.

Minutes of a Special Meeting held on October 9, 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.

Minutes of a Work Session Meeting held on October 15, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to receive, file and adopt the above minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #193.12: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS OUT OF THE 2012 BUDGET. Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to pay all bills

properly signed and adopt R. #193.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola (except he abstained on the Fire Department bills), Haynes, Kidd, Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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R. #194.12: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM CERTAIN ACCOUNTS TO OTHER ACCOUNTS IN THE 2012 BUDGET. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to adopt R. #194.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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R. # 195.12: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET IN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY PURSUANT TO N.J.S. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948). Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to adopt R. #195.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #196.12: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN BALANCES ON WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS. Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to adopt R. #196.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #197.12: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN BALANCES ON WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS. Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to adopt R. #197.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #198.12: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO APPROVING RENOVATIONS TO THE GILL MEMORIAL LIBRARY AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING UNDER THE COMMUNITY FACILITIES GRANT/LOAN PROGRAM. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to adopt R. #198.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #199.12: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to adopt R. #199.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #200.12: RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 24, 2012 AS "SHOP LOCAL SATURDAY" TO SUPPORT AND PROMOTE SMALL BUSINESS. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to adopt R. #200.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #201.12: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ROBERT & AMY PETRO AND THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to adopt R. #201.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, 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. #08.12: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF LAND LOCATED WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AND EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. 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. #08.12 on second and final reading. R/C: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Received Amendment to Bingo License #BL-550 from St. Clare of Assisi Parish to add Bingo Games on December 15, 22 and 29, 2012 at St. John's Gym Hall from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to receive, file and approve the amendment to Bingo License #BL-550. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from William G. Dressel, Jr., New Jersey State League of Municipalities, regarding sample Resolution in support of A-3393, clarifies Verizon's responsibility to remit business personal property taxes. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to receive and file the letter. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #202.12: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO IN SUPPORT OF A-3393, LEGISLATION TO PROTECT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAXPAYERS FROM THE LOSS OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS TAX SUPPORT. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to adopt R. #202.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Letter from Anna Docimo, Director, Gloucester County Division of Senior Services, requesting the shuttle bus to transport the Paulsboro Senior Citizens Club to Auletto Caterers in Almonesson for the Annual Senior Services Christmas Party on December 4, 2012 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Kidd moved and Giampola seconded to receive, file the

letter, approve the request and notify the proper departments. All were in favor of the motion.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business at this time.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Turner stated she did not have anything to report but wanted to thank everyone for their collaboration during Hurricane Sandy. She hoped everyone continues to work together. She also thanked Borough Foreman Tinder and his department for cutting the lawn at the property that a resident mentioned at the last meeting.

Councilman Giampola congratulated Councilwoman Turner, Councilmen Haynes and Stevenson on winning the election.

Councilman Giampola stated he has sent specifications to Website Companies and will have them for the next meeting.

Councilman Giampola stated he had members of the Fire Department standing by during Hurricane Sandy.

Councilman Kidd congratulated everyone on winning their elections.

Councilman Kidd stated he has read the Library's minutes and saw they were making renovations and he has concerns about the windows.

Councilman Kidd stated the Administrator is retiring and there will be changes made that everyone will have to adjust to and he wanted everyone to get ready and be prepared to complete the transition. He further stated there is a new Mayor, three (3) new Councilpersons and a new Chief Financial Officer this year and felt everyone should step lightly.

Councilman Haynes thanked the residents for electing him to his ninth (9th) three (3) year term. He congratulated Councilwoman Turner and Councilmen Giampola and Stevenson for winning their elections and felt they will bring on new vigorous ideas. He felt it was pretty impressive for each to take the initiative. He informed them that he will work with them and help them as it is always a pleasure.

Councilman Haynes stated Elite Construction will be in town to fix the water main on Wednesday.

Councilman Haynes also stated paint crews are on site to paint the inside of the tank at the Water Tower. There is a meeting tomorrow regarding the Water Tower Project with the Engineers.

Council President Giovannitti read Councilman Stevenson's report into the record as follows:

"I apologize for not being here this evening but as a Funeral Director you learn that things happen in this business at the last minute, so I have to work this evening. I congratulate all of those that were honored this evening. And thank you for your service to the Borough.

First I would like to congratulate my fellow Councilpersons on winning their elections and thank the citizens of Paulsboro for voting for us. Only as a TEAM are we going to solve the issues that confront all of us.

As Public Safety Chairman, I would like to thank all of the Borough's Departments and their leaders, Glenn Roemmich – Emergency Management, Al Giampola - Fire Chief, Chris Wachter – Police Chief, Chuck Tinder – Streets & Highway and John Daly – Water Dept., for all their efforts in being prepared for Hurricane Sandy and also handling any issues that arose because of the storm. All of the departments worked hand – in – hand with each other to make sure the safety of its citizens was never jeopardized. Fire & street crews promptly responded to down tree calls and removed them out of harm's way. Finally a big thank you to my fellow firemen who volunteered their time during the storm with some even staying over 2 nights at the fire station to make sure there were crews to respond. Their dedication is greatly appreciated.

Today, Councilman Giampola and I began working on the Safety & Issues Concept that I introduced at the last Council meeting. We have drafted a preliminary outline on the process we are going to use to address the issues that confront all of us. In the very near future we are going to be meeting with the Police Chief and Code Official to have a very "frank" roundtable discussion on what the problems are and how we, as a governing body, should begin to handle those issues. As time goes on we will be expanding our Concept to other departments as well as to the citizens themselves for their input. We will keep everyone informed of our progress".

Council President Giovannitti "dittoed" the remarks made regarding Hurricane Sandy. The Borough was fortunate and when bad things happen, people unite. He is very impressed and proud with the paid employees, the volunteers and the Governing Body.

Council President Giovannitti congratulated Councilmen Stevenson, Giampola, Haynes and Councilwoman Turner for winning their elections. He thanked all the residents and the State for all electoral votes in New Jersey. He further congratulated the County, State and Federal candidates who won their elections especially President Obama.

Council President Giovannitti felt all departments came together during hurricane Sandy such as the Police Department, the Street and Highway Department, The Water and Sewer Department and the Fire Department. There was one incident on Queen Street where a tree was uprooted. He stated that if anyone had any damage to contact FEMA.

R. #203.13: 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. #203.13. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The general nature of the subject to be discussed at said Executive Session meeting shall be to discuss personnel – CMFO position.

At 7:38 p.m., Mayor and Council convened in Executive Session.

At 8:15 p.m., Councilman Haynes excused himself from the meeting.

Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to open the meeting to the public at 8:42 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Mayor Hamilton stated he received a call from Megan Davis of 4 Seawall regarding utilizing the County inmate program to clean up the beach. A letter has to be written to the Sheriff or the Warden requesting the inmates' assistance to clean the beach.

Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to send a letter to the Gloucester County Warden requesting the inmates' assistance in cleaning the beach at 4 Seawall. All were in favor of the motion.

There wasn't any further Borough business.

Giampola moved and Kidd seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 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 November 7, 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