

DECEMBER 17, 2012

PAULSBORO, N.J.

6:00 P.M.

WORK SESSION 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, Stevenson, Turner.

Mayor Hamilton presented a proclamation to the Gezzi family honoring former Police Chief Ray Gezzi.

Mayor Hamilton opened the meeting to the public.

Shirley Chandler, 1014 Spruce Street, questioned the emergency shelters.

Councilman Giampola stated if it is a County wide emergency, the shelters would be set up by the County at West Deptford High School or Rowan University. If it is a local emergency, it is on a case by case basis but for the Conrail Train Derailment, Nehausey School in Gibbstown and Kingsway High School in Woolwich Township was used.

Mrs. Chandler stated everyone on her street was evacuated except for three (3) houses and questioned why.

Councilman Giampola stated one side of Spruce Street was evacuated but if someone from the other side of Spruce Street went to the Fire House for assistance, they were provided with shelter. The evacuation area was done by area not by addresses. It was the side closest to the creek.

Chief Wachter stated the West side of Spruce Street was not evacuated.

Paula Giampola, 204 Vanneman Boulevard, thanked the Mayor and Council, the First Responders, Police Department and all who helped during this emergency as well as the agencies from the Federal, State and County. She felt everyone acted as a team.

There wasn't any further public participation.

Stevenson moved and Haynes seconded to close the floor to the public. All were in favor of the motion.

Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on November 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to receive, file and adopt the above minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

Minutes of an Executive Session Meeting held on November 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to receive, file and adopt the above minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #213.12: 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. #213.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #214.12: 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. #214.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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R. #215.12: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM CERTAIN ACCOUNTS TO OTHER ACCOUNTS IN THE 2012 BUDGET. Giovannitti moved and Stevenson seconded to adopt R. #215.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #216.12: RESOLUTION CORRECTING AN ERROR IN POSTING A BANKRUPTCY PAYMENT IN TAXES. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to adopt R. #216.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #217.12: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN BALANCES ON WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNT.

R. #218.12: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN BALANCES ON WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNT.

R. #219.12: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN BALANCES ON WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNT.

Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to adopt R. #217.12, #218.12 and #219.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #220.12: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF THE GRACE PERIOD FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER 2012 WATER AND SEWER BILLS FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. Giovannitti moved and Stevenson seconded to adopt R. #220.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #221.12: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN BALANCES IN THE 2012 BUDGET TO SURPLUS. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to adopt R. #221.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #222.12: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL OF A PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER OF A PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE #0814-44-007-006 NOW HELD BY RINAL AND MANU, INC. T/A HANY'S LIQUORS TO MA BHADRA LLC T/A HANY'S LIQUORS. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to adopt R. #222.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

#### SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

O. #09.12: AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT SALARY ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to open the meeting to the public. All were in favor of the motion. There wasn't any public participation.

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

Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to adopt O. #09.12 on second and final reading. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, 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.

Report regarding the 2012 Revaluation – Preliminary Revaluation Report. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to receive and file the report. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilman Kidd stated Tax Assessor Robyn Glocker-Hammond is present to discuss this report.

Email from Thomas G. Campo, Gloucester County, regarding Borough of Paulsboro County Assessor Cooperation Agreement. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to receive and file the email. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilman Haynes stated this is a standard agreement the County is asking all municipalities to approve.

R. #223.12: RESOLUTION APPROVING COUNTY ASSESSOR COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AND THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to adopt R. #223.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Received Bingo License Application, BA-565, from Paulsboro Volunteer Fire Association #1 for their 2013 Bingos. Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to receive, file the application and approve the Bingo License. All were in favor of the motion.

Memo from Chief Chris Wachter regarding requesting re-issue of Resolution for Temporary signage for port project. Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to receive and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #224.12: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY STOP SIGNS FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to adopt R. #224.12. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Tax Assessor Robyn Glocker-Hammond reported on the progress of the County wide Revaluation which is in the final stage. Letters are being mailed to the homeowners on January 2<sup>nd</sup> regarding their assessments and a 1-800 number will be listed for the homeowners to call. There were about 48 % of the homes that the Reval Company did not gain access into the homes which then allows the Company to estimate. She asked Mayor and Council to get the word out. The homeowner will have 10 days from the date they receive the letter to contact the Company to schedule an appointment.

Mayor Hamilton thanked Tax Assessor Glocker-Hammond for presenting the revaluation report.

Mayor Hamilton introduced LeeAnn Ruggeri as the Treasurer and she will start on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mayor Hamilton gave a briefing on the November 30<sup>th</sup> train derailment. The rail service has been shut down and it was a blessing there were no lives lost. The bad news was the release of vinyl chloride. Mayor and Council were trying to communicate with the residents. This incident is an ongoing investigation and there were 250 professionals working around the clock. Mayor Hamilton acknowledged the members of Council, Lt. Governor Guadagno, Senator Sweeney, Congressmen Menendez and LoBiondo, Chief Wachter, Captain Marino, Fire Chief Giampola, Deputy Fire Chief Stevenson, Emergency Management Coordinators Roemmich and Lutz, the Borough employees, the Board of Chosen Freeholders and volunteers from the County. The Red Cross also played a big part with food to eat. He thanked everyone. He stated Conrail is going to move from the Fire House to Billingsport across from Dr. Villari's Office.

Councilman Giampola thanked Mayor and Council for their support as well as the Police Department.

Councilwoman Turner thanked everyone and felt Conrail took care of 110% of the residents.

Councilwoman Turner stated there is a tentative Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 22, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

Councilwoman Turner stated the address for Conrail's Help Center will be 541 Mantua Avenue and the phone number is 1-800-230-7094.

Councilman Stevenson also thanked everyone with a big thank you to all those workers. He did have a problem with certain politicians for grand standing. He gave a big thanks to Councilman Giampola. He felt the Governing Body should sit down to see what could be done better.

Councilman Stevenson stated they had the 1<sup>st</sup> Health and Safety Meeting in which they discuss the pros and cons and trying to connect everything. He discussed the shelter in place, GAPCAP, and he was glad to see the Center for Disease Control was in town. The Borough was dealing with an uncontrolled chemical in an industrial community.

Councilman Kidd stated Mayor and Council need to sit down and discuss this incident, to be "sunshined", to make sure the bridge is corrected and safe.

Councilman Kidd asked for a moment of silence to honor the victims of Sandy Hook in Newtown, CT.

Councilman Haynes gave a personal thanks to the Borough community, Street and Highway Department, Water and Sewer Department, Police Department, Councilmen Giampola and Stevenson. He doesn't know how they did it but it showed they care about their community. He thanked Mayor and Council as they have a duty, specific duties within

the Emergency Operating Plan. There is a lot of behind the scenes work and he gave his “hat off” to Mayor Hamilton. This was a learning process and he felt the operation needed critiquing. He also felt every emergency is different.

Councilman Haynes stated Erik Biermann, Borough Water and Sewer Engineer, from Sickels and Associates is present to update everyone on the Water Tower Project.

Mr. Biermann gave an update on the Water Tower Project which they will have to finish painting in the spring and they are behind schedule. There are contractual obligations and they will be back in early March. He further stated there are items to be discussed such as the lettering that will go on the tank. He will keep on top of things.

Councilman Stevenson questioned if the tank sits, wouldn't it rust.

Mr. Biermann stated when the Company comes back they will sandblast the seams and if there is any rust they will sandblast that as well.

Councilman Haynes questioned if the submitted letter for liquidated damages is why they were behind.

Mr. Biermann stated no, the submittals weren't in time. The foundation was built on schedule but the actual delivery of the steel took a while.

Councilman Giampola questioned if the equipment would be going to a secure site.

Mr. Biermann stated yes, they will be locking up the equipment and demobilizing. There will be some electrical and utility work being done.

Council President Giovannitti stated the trail derailment could have been worse and he was thankful to everyone involved.

Mayor Hamilton wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Hamilton asked for a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the massacre in Connecticut at this time.

At this time, Mayor and Council paused for a moment of silence.

Councilman Giampola discussed the meeting schedule for next year; he would like to make a motion that Council go to Tuesday meetings, the first and third Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. to try to keep it consistent, like Council used to have it.

Giampola moved and Stevenson seconded to schedule the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. for next year, 2013. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Haynes, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Councilman Stevenson agreed with Councilman Giampola on the consistency of the meetings.

There wasn't any further Borough business.

Giampola moved and Stevenson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 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 December 17, 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