

APRIL 5, 2011

PAULSBORO, N.J.

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING

Council Chamber:

Mayor Burzichelli presided at the regular meeting of Council held on the above date and place.

Mayor Burzichelli informed everyone that Borough Clerk Kathy VanScoy was not present as she is away at a Conference which she is required to take for continuing education purposes and Administrator Salvatore will fill in and keep notes. Also, Mayor Burzichelli introduced Alicia Hoffmeyer who is filling in for Solicitor Jeff Daniels.

Mayor Burzichelli called the meeting to order.

Mayor Burzichelli read the opening statement regarding the Open Public Meetings Act.

Mayor Burzichelli recited "Harry Truman's Prayer as the opening prayer.

Mayor Burzichelli asked all those present to join in the salute to the flag.

Members present were: Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Morina, Tedeski. Absent: Haynes.

Mayor Burzichelli presented a Proclamation to Derek J. Flask who has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

Mr. Flask thanked Mayor and Council. He stated it is a lot of hard work and it took a lot of time but it was worth it.

Mayor Burzichelli opened the floor to the public.

Sarah Redman, 501 Wert Avenue, complained about the trash behind her house and down the path of the Lube Plant. People are throwing tires (11), oil cans, and cigarette boxes from the store, bubble gum boxes, etc. There is too much trash for her to pick up and it is overwhelming.

Mayor Burzichelli stated he will send the Code Inspector out tomorrow.

Ms. Redman also complained about the 18 wheelers that are parking at the end of the fence on the Paulsboro Plaza lot, staying all night and also leave the trucks running all

night.

Mayor Burzichelli stated it is against the law in New Jersey to leave a diesel truck idling. He informed Ms. Redman that the Lieutenant is present and heard what Ms. Redman has said. He will send the Code Official out for the trash and the Police will be more alert regarding the trucks.

Barry Corradetti, 1820 Overbrook Avenue, stated about a year ago in March 2010, two families from the community reached out to the Neighborhood Watch and asked if they could help and support them in regards to the court system and getting their cases moved along. Those two families are Chuck and Lisa Shaw and Wayne and Linda Pilger. He stated it is a year later and they are still tied up in the Court system. He further discussed the court system asked what could be done to get the cases resolved.

Mayor Burzichelli stated he would talk with the Prosecutor and get a status regarding these cases. He is pretty much up to date with the cases up until the last round. He stated the judicial is a separate branch of government and the answer is no as it is not the Governing Body's position as the court is run separately. He further stated based on what he knows about those circumstances, it hasn't been that nothing has happened, it just hasn't been the permanent resolution everyone has hoped for in a shot time but he will check with the Prosecutor.

Monica White, 222 West Washington Street, discussed the duplex across the street from her at 217-219 West Washington Street, She calls the police and they respond but still things are going on. She questioned why something isn't being done and why she has to continually call the police about things that are going on there.

Mayor Burzichelli stated he was glad Ms. White calls the police and they respond. The property is a rental property which means there is an absentee landlord. He also stated that every time the police goes out, the landlord gets a notice and at some point the landlord could be subject to a hearing or could be subject to a number of things but it takes time to build that up. He couldn't speak as to why people are inconsiderate or disrespectful. The Borough will eventually catch up to them but in the short term he asked her to keep calling 911. A record is being built and at some point the Borough will act on it.

Shirley Chandler, 1014 Spruce Street, stated the town is dirty and something has to be done to clean up the town.

Mayor Burzichelli stated he is asking every neighbor to go out and sweep in front of their property in the short term. It has gotten so bad that the Borough employees have added to their day and is picking up trash now. The Borough thought it was going to be successful, as there was a program that Valero thought they could get the Borough a new street sweeper under but it is taken longer and thought the Borough would have had something by now. The committee is trying to come up with some short term fix to get the old machine back or make a deal with another town to come through and do some general sweeping. The

Borough is not in a position to buy a new sweeper.

Mrs. Chandler questioned if Spruce Street could be paved especially at the corner of Broad and Spruce Street and down to Buck Street.

Mayor Burzichelli stated the Borough is not in a position to put in a new street but maybe a segment of the street could be done, he doesn't know. He further stated it is on the list and it has to be done short term because it is bad.

Linda Pilger, 600 King Street, discussed her situation that Barry Corradetti spoke about which she appreciated. She has been to court seven times regarding this matter.

Mayor Burzichelli stated he is going to speak with the Prosecutor and see why this is taking so long.

Tyesha Scott, 10 West Adams Street, stated her concern is regarding an issue with the police department and the disrespect of the officers.

Mayor Burzichelli informed Ms. Scott that if she feels she has an issue, she could ask for an internal investigation.

Ms. Scott stated that is already in progress.

There wasn't any further public participation.

Minutes of the Work Session Meeting held on February 14, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 1, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Work Session Meeting held on March 14, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

Kidd moved and Hamilton seconded to receive, file and approve the above minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #59.11: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS OUT OF THE 2011 TEMPORARY BUDGET. Kidd moved and Hamilton seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #59.11. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Morina, Tedeski. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #60.11: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALLOWANCE OF A WIDOW OF VETERAN DEDUCTION.

R. #61.11: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALLOWANCE OF A SENIOR CITIZEN DEDUCTION.

R. #62.11: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR DISALLOWANCE OF A

DISABILITY DEDUCTION.

R. #63.11: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR DISALLOWANCE OF A SENIOR CITIZEN DEDUCTION.

R. #64.11: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR DISALLOWANCE OF SENIOR CITIZEN DEDUCTIONS.

Kidd moved and Hamilton seconded to adopt R. #60.11, 61.11, 62.11, 63.11 & 64.11. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Morina, Tedeski. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #65.11: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER FOR A 2011 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT. Kidd moved and Hamilton seconded to adopt R. #65.11. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Morina, Tedeski. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Summary of reports and copies of minutes of meetings. Kidd moved and Hamilton seconded to receive and file. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Tax Collector Barbara Sockwell regarding uncollectible taxes. Kidd moved and Hamilton seconded to receive and file the letter. All were in favor of the motion.

Received the following tax appeals:

541 Billings Avenue – Block 15 Lot 32
543 Billings Avenue – Block 15 Lot 32.01
115 Thomson Avenue – Block 101 Lot 11
432 Cook Avenue – Block 115 Lot 18
24-26 West Broad Street – Block 102 Lot 3

Kidd moved and Hamilton seconded to receive and file the appeals. All were in favor of the motion.

Received Raffle License Application, RA-546, Paulsboro Day Committee for an on-premise 50/50 Raffle on April 30, 2011 at 8:45 p.m.

Received Raffle License Application, RA-547, Friends of the Greater Paulsboro Chamber of Commerce for an off-premise merchandise Raffle on June 18, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

Kidd moved and Hamilton seconded to receive, file and approve the above Raffle Licenses. All were in favor of the motion.

Received Amusement Games Application from the following (all inspections have been completed):

Riverside Inn

Kidd moved and Hamilton seconded to receive, file and approve the above Amusement Games Licenses. All were in favor of the motion.

Mayor Burzichelli stated the Administrator has sent a letter to Burt Lopez of Atlantic Electric in reference to abandoned poles. He also stated the Administrator, over time, has created an inventory of poles Atlantic Electric hasn't taken down. There is a process starting with Atlantic Electric, then maybe the cable company and then the phone company. The Administrator is going to turn these over to the Solicitor who is going to write a strong letter to Atlantic Electric saying the Borough is going to start assessing a \$100 a day fine on them.

Kidd moved and Hamilton seconded to turn over the letter from Administrator Salvatore to Burt Lopez of Atlantic Electric to the Solicitor regarding the above. All were in favor of the motion.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Tedeski welcomed everyone especially her seventh grade student Anazealeque Gaines.

Councilwoman Tedeski stated there was a Crime Free Housing Committee Meeting this past month and Inspector Phil Zimm was present to give an overview of the fire code inspections that he has been doing along with Glenn Roemmich and Joan Lutz. They have been doing a real nice job going to all the businesses in town making sure the fire codes are up to the State level and the Committee asked if they could also inspect some of the rental properties over top of the businesses. He stated no as they are all private but the alleyways and entrances, etc. they can actually have say over.

Councilwoman Tedeski thanked and commended Marc Kamp for following through with the CDBG grant and all the hard work he put into it.

Councilwoman Tedeski stated the Paulsboro Day Committee is having a Chinese Auction on April 30th at the Billingsport School. If anyone has any new items that anyone would like to donate to the charity, they can drop off the donations anytime to Marc's office. The doors will open at 5:00 p.m. and the raffle and program will start at 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Morina stated the Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for this Sunday, April 9th at Fort Billings Park at 10:00 a.m. He also stated on April 16th the Little League is holding their annual Opening Day Parade at 10:00 from the Fire House down Billings Avenue to the field.

Councilman Giovannitti welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming out.

Councilman Giovannitti thanked Chuck Tinder and Bill Virden in preparing the baseball fields and keeping up with the park.

Councilman Giovannitti stated there was a department meeting last month. He reported there are some issues with the equipment especially the sweeper as it is being looked at. At one time it was thought it was not worth repairing but it has since been taken to another mechanic and it looks like it may be salvageable but they are still looking at it. It is a piece of equipment that the Borough bought and hasn't even finished paying it off and that was part of an agreement with the County. Hopefully, it will be resolved.

Councilman Giovannitti congratulated Coach Morina for his successful season as well as being awarded New Jersey Coach of the Year in wrestling.

Councilman Kidd stated the employees are doing a good job chipping but for the last couple of weeks they haven't been cleaning up after they chip.

Councilman Kidd also stated in front of Mrs. Hardy's house on West Jefferson Street there is a sink hole and it should be checked.

Councilman Hamilton thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. The County is holding a Hazardous Waste Program at the Gloucester County Solid Waste Complex for chemicals to be disposed of and not to place them in the trash or bury them in the backyard. He informed the resident to call him and he will come get some of them.

Mayor Burzichelli thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and the next regular meeting will be the first Tuesday in May at 7:00 p.m.

There wasn't any further Borough business.

Kidd moved and Hamilton seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 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 April 5, 2011 and should not be considered a verbatim transcript of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. VanScoy, RMC/CMC
Borough Clerk

John J. Burzichelli, Mayor