

MAY 3, 2011

PAULSBORO, N.J.

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING

Council Chamber:

Council President Haynes presided at the regular meeting of Council held on the above date and place.

Council President Haynes called the meeting to order.

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

Council President Haynes asked all those present to join in the salute to the flag.

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

Council President Haynes opened the floor to the public.

Sarah Redman, 501 Wert Avenue, thanked the Borough for getting rid of the trucks that park at the end of the fence on the Paulsboro Plaza parking lot but she also stated the tires are still there.

Ron Ford, 1115 Spruce Street, stated people are loitering in front of his property and he gives the Police Department carte blanche to get rid of them from his property. He has received tickets from the Code Enforcement Officer for trash and reminders from the Police Department for the people loitering on his property and porch. He needs the Borough's help in getting the "drug boys" off of his property. He felt something has to be done and he can't rent the property. He will be installing trash cans throughout the property. He further stated he is on active duty with the Military and wants to do whatever it takes.

Administrator Salvatore stated he has to designate someone to represent him in the County.

Mr. Ford stated the person in Apt. B is the manager.

Council President Haynes stated the Chief and Detective are present and Council hears his dilemma. He suggested Mr. Ford keep his property clean and between the police department get some kind of plan.

Barbara Dunn, 607 Mantua Avenue, stated something has to be done about speeding on Mantua Avenue. There have been several cars that have been hit and she is afraid someone is going to get hurt.

Almetha Rogers, 230 West Washington Street, stated she also has problems with the “drug boys” on Washington Street. It is getting dangerous. She questioned if the Borough is doing C.O. inspections on these rental properties.

Council President Haynes stated he felt sure the rental properties are being inspected.

Chief Grogan stated there have been nuisance violations and the Code Inspector is looking at a different direction. The drug offenses are disappointing as the Police Department has arrested 120 people a year and it is very disappointing with the outcome of the Police Department’s efforts. He further stated the Police Department will continue to do better and approach it differently to get better results.

Joyceline Gaines, 231 West Washington Street, stated the Police Department is trying very hard and are very rampant. She stated she is no longer picking up trash ½ of Washington Street. At 242-244 West Washington Street there are 15-17 people that sit on the property. There is a Black Ford car that rides up and down Washington Street all day starting at 7:00 a.m. She knows this person doesn’t live there. The people gather at 11:00 or 11:30 p.m as well as other hours.

Monica White, 222 West Washington Street, stated she agrees with the other residents. The Police Department is trying to help but she is disappointed with the Police Department. She stated kids are going to get hurt and if her kid gets hurt she is going to sue everyone from the Mayor on down. The Police Department is not stopping anyone or doing anything. These people are selling drugs and she wanted to know what is being done. She felt if the Police Department can’t stop it then to bring in someone who can.

Council President Haynes stated he disagreed with Ms. White as the Police Department does more than all other Police Departments. He informed her to stand there and say the Borough of Paulsboro does nothing, he takes offense to that.

The following individuals also discussed the drug problems that exist:

Tyesha Scott, 10 West Adams Street; Ann Good, 1101 Spruce Street; and Ron Ford spoke again.

Barry Corradetti, 1820 Overbrook Avenue, stated it is not the fault of the Police Department but the justice system. The Court system is far too lenient and it needs to be harder. It is also incumbent on the residents to come together as they would have a lot more power as a group. Everyone needs to stop talking and start acting. He further discussed where the Borough was with the Budget and merging of services but he doesn’t want to see

the Police Department merging with another community. The Borough needs a constant presence with the Police Department.

Administrator Salvatore stated there haven't been any budget discussions yet.

Council President Haynes stated for the record that as far as merging the Police Department there isn't any support for that whatsoever and he is dead set against it.

Angie Frisbey, 9 West Washington Street and Joyce Cooper, Buck and Pine Street discussed the drug dealing and loitering problems.

There wasn't any further public participation.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 5, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Work Session Meeting held on April 18, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

Giovannitti moved and Hamilton seconded to receive, file and adopt the above minutes. All were in favor of the motion except Haynes abstained on the minutes of April 5, 2011 as he was not present at that meeting.

R. #70.11: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS OUT OF THE 2011 TEMPORARY BUDGET. Hamilton moved and Giovannitti seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #59.11. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #71.11: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALLOWANCE OF A SENIOR CITIZEN DEDUCTION. Giovannitti moved and Hamilton seconded to adopt R. #71.11. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #72.11: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND TO GLORIOUS LIGHT CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES FOR THE PROJECT LOCATED AT 104 EAST BROAD STREET, BLOCK 105 LOTS 1, 1.01, 5 AND 6. Hamilton moved and Giovannitti seconded to adopt R. #72.11. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

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

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

O. #07.11: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 78 OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED "WATER", TO REVISE THE BOROUGH WATER REGULATIONS. Giovannitti

moved and Hamilton seconded to open the meeting to the public. All were in favor of the motion.

There wasn't any public participation.

Giovannitti moved and Hamilton seconded to close the meeting to the public. All were in for of the motion.

Giovannitti moved and Hamilton seconded to adopt O. #07.11 on second and final reading. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:

O. #08.11: BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE B.P. OIL/DOW REDEVELOPMENT AREA. Giovannitti moved and Hamilton seconded to adopt O. #08.11 on introduction and first reading and schedule the second reading and public hearing on May 16, 2011. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Letter from Gerard Velazquez, III, Triad Associates, regarding Paulsboro Library – USDA Grant and Loan Projects Implementation Services. Giovannitti moved and Hamilton seconded to receive, file the letter and hold this matter until the Work Session Meeting. All were in favor of the motion.

Received Bingo License Application, BA-548 for Guardian Angels Regional School Board to hold their annual Sunday Bingo. Hamilton moved and Giovannitti seconded to receive, file the application and approve the above Bingo License. All were in favor of the motion.

Received Raffle License Application, RA-549, Paulsboro Day Committee for an Off-Premise Merchandise Raffle on July 4, 2011. Hamilton moved and Giovannitti seconded to receive, file the application and approve the above Raffle License. All were in favor of the motion.

Received Amusement Games Application from Billingsport Spirits t/a Benny's on the Rail for two games (all inspections have been completed). Hamilton moved and Giovannitti seconded to receive, file the amusement games application and approve the license. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Michelle Relation, Student Council President, Paulsboro High School, regarding invitation and donation for the 54th Annual Brotherhood Award on Friday, May 13, 2011. Hamilton moved and Giovannitti seconded to receive, file the letter and approve their request for a donation. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Willie Carroll, George D. Patton, Jr., Post 678, Inc. regarding donation for the Memorial Day Services. Giovannitti moved and Hamilton seconded to receive, file the letter, approve their request for a donation and notify the proper departments. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Dawn Cooper, Gloucester County Department of Health & Senior Services, regarding transportation for the Senior Citizens to the annual “Golden Follies Entertainment Show” on Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at Auletto Caterers from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Giovannitti moved and Hamilton seconded to receive, file the letter, approve their request and notify the proper departments. All were in favor of the motion.

Receipt of Bids: Delaware Street Demolition:

1. Neri's Construction & Rental	\$58,380.00
2. Mazza & Sons, Inc.	\$67,464.00
3. Richard E. Pierson Construction	\$71,230.00
4. W. Hargrove Demolition	\$78,320.00

Giovannitti moved and Hamilton seconded to receive, accept, file and spread the bids in the minutes. All were in favor of the motion

R. #73.11: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING THE AWARDING OF BID AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AND NERI'S CONSTRUCTION AND RENTAL COMPANY FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS “BUILDING DEMOLITION ON BLOCK 58 LOTS 11 AND 12 LOCATED AT 760-762 NORTH DELAWARE STREET”. Hamilton moved and Giovannitti seconded to adopt R. #73.11. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Public Hearing: Place-To-Place Transfer: Billingsport Spirits, Inc. t/a Benny's on the Rail.

Letter from Laura Gilmore, Billingsport Spirits, Inc., regarding intentions with place-to-place transfer. Hamilton moved and Giovannitti seconded to receive and file the letter. All were in favor of the motion.

Memo from Chief Grogan regarding the place-to-place transfer of Billingsport Spirits – Expansion of premises. Hamilton moved and Giovannitti seconded to receive and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

This matter was held until the Council went through the rest of the Agenda.

Memo from Chief Grogan regarding Officer Recipient of Life Saving Award. Giovannitti moved and Giovannitti seconded to receive, file the memo and present a proclamation at a future meeting. All were in favor of the motion.

Memo from Chief Grogan regarding Notice of Retirement. Giovannitti moved and Hamilton seconded to receive and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Susan A. Feeney, McCarter & English, regarding Borough of Paulsboro vs. Verizon New Jersey, Inc. Hamilton moved and Giovannitti seconded to receive and file the letter. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilman Kidd questioned if this appeal had to do with the Verizon property on Broad Street

Administrator Salvatore stated no, this is for all the telephone lines.

Email from Solicitor Jeff Daniels regarding Greenwich's request for water supply to Paulsboro residents. Giovannitti moved and Hamilton seconded to receive and file the email. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #74.11: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE WATER SERVICES TO PROPERTIES WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. Giovannitti moved and Hamilton seconded to adopt R. #74.11. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Kidd stated in the 200 block of West Adams Street there is a huge mud puddle that he felt was leaking underground.

Councilman Giovannitti felt President Obama and the United States military did good work in capturing and killing Osama Bin Laden.

Councilman Giovannitti thanked the residents for coming to the meeting. He will talk with the Municipal and County Prosecutor regarding the court system and ask to schedule a meeting with both of them. He asked the residents to please be careful when dealing with these types of people.

Councilman Giovannitti thanked the Paulsboro Day Committee for holding their Chinese Auction and that the Neighborhood Watch Association will also be holding one on June 4th.

Councilman Hamilton stated he hears everything the residents are saying and he is just as frustrated. He felt everyone had to work harder to solve the problems and to do the best he can to make a better community.

Council recessed at 8:43 p.m.

Kidd moved and Hamilton to reconvene the meeting at 8:50 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Public Hearing: Place-To-Place Transfer: Billingsport Spirits, Inc. t/a Benny's on the Rail:

Solicitor Daniels questioned Laura Gilmore the owner of Benny's on the Rail.

Ms. Gilmore informed Council what her intentions were in regards to extending her property to the outside patio and the horseshoe area. The horseshoe area would be enclosed, gated and locked. A waitress would serve the customers.

Solicitor Daniels and Council further questioned Ms. Gilmore regarding extending her premises.

Solicitor Daniels questioned if a report was received from the Police Department.

Chief Grogan stated yes and further stated the Police Department has received numerous complaints from July 2010 to 2011 which there have been 43 calls for service. He further explained the nature of the calls. He does not feel comfortable expanding the premises as it will only exacerbate the problems.

Ms. Gilmore responded by saying that wrist bands are provided on Friday and Saturday nights which the patrons have to show valid ID to obtain a wrist band. Furthermore, she has bought metal detectors so weapons won't be allowed in the bar which she is starting this weekend. The area is currently for horseshoes but if she fenced it in it would prohibit loitering and it would be a benefit to the bar as it would be gated and locked.

Giovannitti moved and Hamilton seconded to deny the place-to-place transfer of Benny's on the Rail. Roll call: Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd. Nays: None. Abstained: Haynes.

Motion carried.

Solicitor Daniels stated a formal resolution will be memorialized and adopted at the next meeting.

Solicitor Daniels also stated Ms. Gilmore has the right to appeal.

There wasn't any further Borough business.

Giovannitti moved and Hamilton seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

This is a brief summary of the Regular of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Paulsboro held on May 3, 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