

OCTOBER 4, 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, which was conducted by Borough Clerk VanScoy.

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

Swearing In: Captain Vernon Marino.

At this time, Council President Haynes performed the Swearing in of Captain Vernon Marino.

Captain Marino thanked Mayor and Council. He looks forward to working with Mayor and Council and the Police Department as well as the Detective unit. He thanked his family for their support especially his wife and his three boys. He stated the Officers are the backbone of the Department. He thanked everyone for coming.

Council President Haynes opened the floor to the public.

Ray Miller, Riverview Avenue, discussed item #16 on the agenda which is the request to lift the restrictions at the Riverside Inn. He would hate to see the restrictions rescinded and he would be opposed to lifting the restrictions.

Council President Haynes stated the request is to lift the restrictions for a one day event.

Mr. Miller stated he would not have any problem with lifting the restrictions for one day.

Marc Kamp, 250 West Broad Street, stated the Tinicum Rear Range Lighthouse

Challenge is going to be held October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> and he looked forward to Mayor and Council stopping by.

Mary Harris, 265 Vanneman Avenue, questioned why the residents were not informed of the Post Office closing.

Council President Haynes stated it will be looked into.

Mrs. Harris also questioned why the whistle does not blow for the 10:00 o'clock curfew as the children should have something to remind them of the curfew.

Chief Wachter stated the whistle is not functional and it is cost prohibitive to repair.

Mozelle Dansby, 1655 Swedesboro Avenue, discussed several issues which were: the curfew whistle; quality of life; speeding of cars; dispatch system; street sweeper; code enforcement; trash issues; privacy fence at the Manor and the house next to Mr. Sheffield.

Michael Pidliskey, 572 Billings Avenue discussed the fence at Fort Billings Park.

Terrance Jones stated he was here at the meeting of September 6<sup>th</sup> and spoke about the Police abusing authority and excessive force. He again discussed this issue.

Solicitor Daniels stated there is an ongoing investigation being done.

Mr. Jones stated the Mayor refused receiving his complaint at the last meeting that he wanted to serve.

Council President Haynes stated Mr. Jones was told to go through the proper procedure in processing his complaint.

Mr. Jones further discussed issues with the Police Department, several investigations and lawsuits against the former Chief and the Captain.

Solicitor Daniels informed Mr. Jones there is a due process and allegations are being made. The individuals are entitled to due process.

Mr. Jones continued to discuss the Police Department's allegations of brutality, etc.

At this point, Council President Haynes had to ask for order on the floor.

Councilman Kidd stated he has observed what Mr. Jones is saying but some things Mayor and Council can't do or say and he asked Mr. Jones not to press the point in order to get the residents upset.

Mr. Jones again continued to discuss his allegations.

Cheryl Scott, 1645 Swedesboro Avenue, stated she agrees with a lot of what Mr. Jones is saying about the Police Department. The town is in trouble as there aren't any businesses and now there isn't a Post Office. She questioned what the Borough has in town for the taxes that she pays. She is no longer going to sit back. She would like to get some answers or there should be some kind of changes.

Barry Corradetti, 1820 Overbrook Avenue, stated if the residents wanted to know where it starts, he felt it starts with the residents. He felt nothing will change if the residents don't get actively involved. He stated Neighborhood Watch is sponsoring a street clean up and asked everyone to come out to help this Saturday. He also felt Mr. Jones' allegations were not to be discussed at this type of forum.

Mr. Corradetti thanked the Paulsboro Day Committee as Paulsboro Day was a beautiful event.

Mr. Corradetti stated he had talked with someone at the Post Office and he was told the Post Office was closed due to flooding issues.

Mr. Dansby stated for the \$6,500 per year in taxes, he shouldn't have to clean any street but in front of his house.

There wasn't any further public participation.

**R. #151.11: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS OUT OF THE 2011 BUDGET.** Giovannitti moved and Hamilton seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #151.11. Roll call: Haynes, Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Morina, Tedeski. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**R. #152.11: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN BALANCES ON WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS.** Giovannitti moved and Hamilton seconded to adopt R. #152.11. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Morina, Tedeski. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**R. #153.11: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING THE AWARDED OF BID AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AND CALDWELL TANKS, INC. FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS "CONSTRUCTION OF THE WATER TOWER LOCATED AT 555 LINCOLN AVENUE BLOCK 37 LOT 23".** Giovannitti moved and Hamilton seconded to adopt R. #153.11. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Morina, Tedeski. 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.

Letter from Eileen Savaiinaea Paulsboro High School, 2012 Class President, requesting

permission to conduct the annual Homecoming Parade on Saturday October 15, 2011 from 10:30 a.m. Giovannitti moved and Hamilton seconded to receive, file the letter, approve the request and notify the proper departments. All were in favor of the motion.

Received Raffle License Application, RA-548, for the Loyal Order of Moose #2585 Woodbury Lodge for their annual instant raffles (pull tabs). Giovannitti moved and Hamilton seconded to receive, file the application and approve the license. All were in favor of the motion except Haynes abstained.

Letter from Christopher L. Baxter, Baxter & Kourlesis, regarding State v. Investigator Gary Kille. Hamilton moved and Morina seconded to receive and file the letter. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Steven J. Petersen, Bruce Charles Compaine, regarding State of New Jersey v. Marino, et al. Giovannitti moved and Tedeski seconded to receive and file the letter. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Owen Haynes, Riverside Inn, requesting lifting the restrictions on R. #166.10. Hamilton moved and Morina seconded to receive, file the letter and lift the restrictions for the one day event. All were in favor of the motion except Haynes abstained.

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

### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Councilman Kidd stated he thought the reason the fire whistle for curfew stopped because the State felt it was a noise concern.

Councilman Kidd discussed the Post Office closing yesterday. He saw an article in the Courier Post and he contacted Federal Representatives Senator Menendez and Congressman Andrews and they were not aware the Paulsboro Post Office was closing nor was there anything they could do.

Giovannitti moved and Hamilton seconded to send a copy of the article to the Federal Representatives. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilman Kidd stated it is pretty upsetting as elected officials that they were not notified the Post Office was closing. He questioned how hard would it have been for the Post Office to put notices in the mailboxes of all residents.

Councilman Kidd discussed the redevelopment of the Paulsboro Plaza and felt a grocery store was needed in the Borough.

Councilman Kidd discussed the construction of the new water tower and whether cell phone antennas would be installed on the new tower.

Administrator Salvatore stated it has been designed that way as the ones on the tower now will have to be installed on the new tower.

Councilman Kidd felt the residents should be told.

Administrator Salvatore stated any new cell antennas would have to go through the Land Use Board and the residents would be notified then.

Councilman Kidd questioned what is going to happen to the playground as the kids have to come first.

Councilman Giovannitti thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He informed everyone that everything has to go through the chair. He stated when people come to the microphone, not all of Council can respond, only the chair. He also stated the Governing Body does not support any abuse to residents but there is a process to go through. He supports the Department Heads and the Police Department and he takes the allegations seriously. He also takes the residents, family, etc. serious. He asked to go on record that he supports the Administrator, the Department Heads and the Police Administration.

Councilman Giovannitti will present names to hire part time employment in the Street and Highway Department at the next Work Session Meeting.

Councilwoman Tedeski thanked everyone for staying for the meeting. She felt it was a productive meeting as it is important to hear the concerns of the residents. She also felt it is very frustrating as she can only speak to the residents through the chair.

Councilwoman Tedeski thanked the Paulsboro Day Committee for a wonderful Paulsboro Day.

Councilwoman Tedeski discussed the Fort Billings Park fence, the Municipal Alliance funding and the ordinances that got put on hold that was initiated by the Crime Free Housing Committee but was told it couldn't go through that Committee.

Councilman Hamilton stated he doesn't have much to say because of the investigations.

Councilman Hamilton stated there have been a string of robberies of homes, cars, gas stations and bars. He asked everyone to keep homes and cars locked.

Councilman Hamilton stated there are some street lights that are out. He will have Atlantic City Electric come and address the street lights. He will stay on top of this issue.

Councilman Hamilton stated as to Mr. Jones, he is not able to speak about his concerns.

Councilman Morina stated the first week of October is respect week at the school. He felt

everyone has to stick together in town. If the Police are wrong, he will not support them. He further stated it is frustrating as he cannot speak. He also stated he always tries to find the positive.

Council President Haynes thanked the residents who come to the meetings on a regular basis. He stated in the late 1980's or 1990's there was a person who made allegations and through the process the allegations were wrong. He further stated he can't address the issues Mr. Jones spoke about as the Mayor and Council may be the Hearing Authority in some of the allegations and some things stated may have hurt the issues. He stated to let it go through the process. He did take offense when someone commented on his red face but he is Irish and he always has a red face.

Administrator Salvatore stated the Police Department is requesting the purchase of an automatic License Plate Reader unit utilizing the Buffer Zone Grant and through the Gloucester County Cooperative Purchase Program in the amount of \$20,040.00 to General Sales.

**R. #154.11: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO  
AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) SLATE-810-LE-P  
FOUR CAMERA AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE RECONGNITION SYSTEM  
(ALPR) UNIT UNDER THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE  
PROGRAM.** Kidd moved and Morina seconded to adopt R. #154.11. Roll call: Ayes:  
Haynes, Kidd, Morina, Tedeski. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Administrator Salvatore discussed an auction to sell Borough vehicles. He will further discuss this matter at the next Work Session Meeting.

There wasn't any further Borough business.

Hamilton moved and Tedeski seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 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 October 4, 2011 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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John J. Burzichelli, Mayor