

APRIL 7, 2009

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

Mayor Burzichelli asked all those present to join in the salute to the flag, which was conducted by Borough Clerk VanScoy.

Mayor Burzichelli called the meeting to order.

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

Members present were: Haynes, Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Tedeski. Absent: Morina as he was excused.

Mayor Burzichelli opened the floor to the public.

Barry Corradetti, 1820 Overbrook Avenue, stated he saw that the crew from the Corrections Office was in town today and the Borough should have them here more often. He further stated he is a big supporter of community service. He also talked about the property taxes. He questioned what the budget would be like this year.

Mayor Burzichelli stated that the Borough gets the crews ever once in a while. He further stated the budget will be no where near last year's figure.

Joyceline Gaines, 231 West Washington Street, stated she met with Mr. Shaw at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> and he helped her clean up the street from 250 West Washington Street and past her house and the house that was demolished. She sent a letter thanking him for his assistance and thought Mayor and Council should do the same.

Mayor Burzichelli thanked Mrs. Gaines and Mr. Shaw for cleaning up West Washington Street and he was grateful.

Shirley Chandler, 1014 Spruce Street, questioned why there wasn't a curfew sign

anymore.

Mayor Burzichelli stated he did not know but that he would talk with Chief Grogan about the sign.

Mrs. Chandler discussed the "Press" newspapers that are distributed throughout the town. They are just tossed out even if there isn't a house to toss it to.

Councilwoman Tedeski stated she is working on this matter and is in contact with the Times to get them to stop delivering this newspaper.

Mrs. Chandler also questioned Mayor Burzichelli on his statement that a portion of the Water and Sewer bill was free for Senior Citizens.

Mayor Burzichelli stated the Senior Citizen deduction is driven by an income level and if the Senior Citizen qualifies then  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the taxes are paid.

Ann Good, 1101 Spruce Street, questioned why the bus stops were moved.

Mayor Burzichelli stated the bus stops have been moved twice due to complaints regarding littering, urination, etc.

Barry Corradetti, 1820 Overbrook Avenue, on behalf of the Neighborhood Watch Association, informed everyone that there will be a neighborhood clean up called "Make a Difference Day" at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> which will encompass the center of town. They will bring the trash bags out to Delaware Street. The Environmental Commission is joining them in this event.

There wasn't any further public participation.

Mayor Burzichelli stated the tax appeal that occurred with Citgo has been resolved. It will cost a total of \$12.5 million but there is a 65% and 35% split with West Deptford. The Borough will have to borrow \$4 million to pay it back.

Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on March 3, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to receive, file and adopt the above minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

Minutes of a Work Session Meeting held on March 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to receive, file and adopt the above minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

**R. #66.09: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS OUT OF THE 2009 TEMPORARY BUDGET.** Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #66.09. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Giovannitti,

Hamilton, Kidd, Tedeski. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Burzichelli combined Resolution #s 67.09 to 71.09.

**R. #67.09: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR DISALLOWANCE OF SENIOR CITIZEN DEDUCTIONS.**

**R. #68.09: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR DISALLOWANCE OF A SENIOR CITIZEN DEDUCTION.**

**R. #69.09: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR DISALLOWANCE OF SENIOR OR DISABILITY DEDUCTIONS.**

**R. #70.09: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN BALANCES ON WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS.**

**R. #71.09: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN BALANCES ON WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS.**

Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to adopt R. # 67.09 to R. #71.09. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Tedeski. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**R. #72.09: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO TO COMBINE BILLINGS AVENUE PHASE I PROJECT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008 WITH THE BILLINGS AVENUE PHASE II PROJECT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009 UNDER THE NEW TITLE OF “THE RECONSTRUCTION OF BILLINGS AVENUE PHASES I & II.** Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to adopt R. #72.09. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Tedeski. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

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

Received Request for Proposal’s for Financial Advisory Services:

1. Capital Financial Advisors
2. Phoenix Advisors, LLC
3. Acacia Financial Group, Inc.

Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to receive, file and accept the RFP’s. All were in favor of the motion.

**R. #73.09: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO EMPLOY A FINANCIAL ADVISOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.** Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to adopt R.

#73.09. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Tedeski. Nays: None.

**Motion carried.**

Memo from Philip A. Norcross, Esq., Parker McCay, regarding Tax Appeal Refunding Bonds of 2009. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to receive and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

**R. #74.09: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:2-51 et. seq.** Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to adopt R. #74.09. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Tedeski. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**O. #02.09: REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A TAX REFUNDING PAYMENT OF AMOUNTS DUE AND OWING TO THE OWNER OF CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE BOROUGH; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$4,600,000.00 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION TAX REFUNDING BONDS OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY, TO FINANCE THE COSTS THEREOF; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECT WITH THE FOREGOING.** Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to adopt O. #02.09 on introduction and first reading and schedule the second reading and public hearing on May 19, 2009. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Tedeski. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Received Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act Notification of Eligibility for TD Bank, National Association. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to receive and file the notification. All were in favor of the motion.

Received Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act Notification of Eligibility for Wachovia Bank, NA. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to receive and file the notification. All were in favor of the motion.

Received Tax Appeal from the Tax Assessor for Block 124 Lot 12 and Block 124 Lot 13 – Berkley Road. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to receive and file the appeal. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Seth I. Davenport, Davenport & Associates, regarding Mobil Oil Corp. V. Paulsboro Borough, Block 56.02 Lot 25. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to receive and file the letter. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Seth I. Davenport, Davenport & Associates, regarding Nustar Asphalt Refining vs. Borough of Paulsboro. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to receive and file the letter. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Robert W. Parks, Paulsboro Little League, requesting permission to hold their annual Opening Day Parade. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to receive, file the letter, grant permission and notify the proper departments. All were in favor of the motion.

Memo from William G. Dressel, Jr., New Jersey State League of Municipalities, regarding immediate need for Binding Arbitration Reform. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to receive and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

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

Memo from Chief F. Grogan regarding Safe & Secure Grant P-4618 for calendar year 2009. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to receive and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

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**R. #75.09: RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN A SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY.** Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to adopt R. #75.09. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Tedeski. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Letter from Gerard Velazquez, III, Triad Associates, regarding Contract for Professional Services – Paulsboro Port Development Program – Application for USEDA Funding – Phase II. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to receive and file the letter. All were in favor of the motion.

**R. #76.09: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRIAD ASSOCIATES TO PREPARE THE USEDA PRE-APPLICATION AND SUBMITTAL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WATER TOWER.** Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to adopt R. #76.09. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Tedeski. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Memo from Dawn Cooper, Gloucester County Division of Senior Services, regarding transportation for the Senior Citizens to and from Auletto Caterers for their annual “Golden Follies Entertainment Show” on May 11, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to receive, file the memo and grant approval. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilwoman Tedeski suggested a stipulation in the approval letter that so many Senior Citizens would be riding the bus as there were only two people who used it for the last event and it took away from the normal run for that day.

Borough Clerk VanScoy stated there was already a policy in place that there had to be ten senior citizens who would need to ride the bus.

All were in favor of the motion.

Email from Maria Rios, Gloucester County Administrator's Office, regarding Tax Assessment Support Resolution. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to receive and file the email. All were in favor of the motion.

**R. #77.09: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 2356 AND ASSEMBLY BILL 3722 – COUNTY PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT REFORM ACT.** Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to adopt R. #77.09. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Tedeski. Nays: None.  
**Motion carried.**

Memo from Patrolman Kenneth D. Ridinger and Patrolwoman Jennifer L. Zubec regarding Contractual Medical Benefits Opt-Out Grievance. Kidd moved and Hamilton seconded to receive, file the memo and move this item to the next Work Session Meeting Agenda. 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:**

Councilwoman Tedeski stated the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Fort Billings Park for Grades 3 and under.

Councilwoman Tedeski also stated there have been people using the park for parking and they are going to help sod, seed and asphalt the entrance to the park for the Borough allowing them to park there.

Councilwoman Tedeski thanked the Neighborhood Town Watch Association for holding "Make a Difference Day" which is the clean up Mr. Corradetti was talking about.

Councilwoman Tedeski discussed the Senior Citizen Bus.

Mayor Burzichelli suggested having a "Litter Free Day".

Councilman Kidd stated that Mrs. Gaines asked to send a thank you letter to Mr. Shaw from the Borough.

Mayor Burzichelli felt it was a good idea.

Councilman Kidd discussed the Senior Citizens' using the bus and he stated someone from the Senior Citizens' always contacts someone about the bus. If that is done then it can be resolved.

Councilman Kidd discussed the bus stops.

Councilman Giovannitti discussed the bus stops and thanked everyone who was involved for coming. There are 24 bus runs for the 402 and 455 routes and about 50 people use the bus. There was an enormous amount of complaints about the previous bus stops. It wasn't an easy decision to move them and Council did the right thing. If those stops do not work out, then Council can move them again.

Councilman Giovannitti congratulated Mayor Burzichelli and former Mayor Hampton on being honored by the New Jersey Conference of Mayors.

Councilman Giovannitti thanked Councilwoman Tedeski, Solicitor Pierson and the Code Office for looking at the Ordinance and Licensing.

Councilman Giovannitti thanked Borough Foreman Tinder for keeping the town clean.

Councilman Giovannitti stated the ExxonMobil Earn and Learn Program will be continuing this year.

Councilman Giovannitti also discussed the Senior Citizen bus.

Council President Haynes discussed the new well project. The Borough is waiting on water tests. There will be two test pilots, one with green sand filter and one with green sand filter with ion. The Borough will be preparing request for proposals for the above.

Council President Haynes stated the water tower project will take two to three months after the pre-application for approval. It will cover 80% of the funding.

Council President Haynes suggested having the weekend man for the Water and Sewer Department pick up the bags from "Make a Difference Day".

Councilman Hamilton thanked the Chief and the Department on their movement against the gangs.

Councilman Hamilton stated he is getting complaints from the residents about the sneakers on the wires.

Mayor Burzichelli suggested getting the Borough workers to take them down.

Councilman Hamilton stated the Gloucester County Clean Communities awarded funding in the amount of \$500.00 to all organizations and are qualified as long as they have a Federal I.D. They can call #856-478-6045 extension 14 for more information.

Councilwoman Tedeski stated Gibbstown Fire Company has a ladder truck and maybe could assist the Paulsboro Volunteer Fire Association with removing the sneakers.

Mayor Burzichelli stated that Loretta Savidge has resigned from the Gill Memorial Library Board of Trustees and he recommended Virginia Scott to fill the unexpired term.

Giovannitti moved and Haynes seconded to appoint Virginia Scott to the Gill Memorial Library Board of Trustees. All were in favor of the motion.

Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 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 7, 2009 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