

JUNE 3, 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 called the meeting to order.

Mayor Burzichelli stated that Borough Clerk VanScoy is not present due to a death in her family.

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 (arrived at 7:10 p.m.), Tedeski. Absent: Haynes.

Mayor Burzichelli presented a proclamation to Jack Suiter for 50 years of service to the Paulsboro Volunteer Fire Association.

Mr. Suiter gave a speech and thanked Mayor and Council for the honor.

Borough Fire Chief Michael Licciardello introduced Mark Pawlowic and informed Mayor and Council that Mark entered into the Firefighter 1 Program at the Gloucester County Fire Academy in January and has successfully completed the class. Mark finished with the highest honors in the practical exam and also the highest average and honors in the written exam. It is the first time it has ever happened at the Gloucester County Fire Academy as no department has ever won both awards. He is very proud of Mark as a member of the Department.

Mayor Burzichelli congratulated Mark on his achievements.

Borough Fire Chief Licciardello also stated that two firefighters and himself recently finished the State's Certified EMT Course.

Mayor Burzichelli opened the floor to the public.

Joyceline Gaines, 231 West Washington Street, gave gratitude to the Maintenance Department who took care of the property next to her property and the property on Adams Street in which the grass was 4-5 feet tall. She congratulated the Councilpersons and the Mayor and may they proceed with gusto in November.

Barry Corradetti, 1820 Overbrook Avenue, stated he noticed on the Agenda that Mayor and Council received the letter of request for the Fort Billings Park to hold the annual National Night Out and he would like to receive approval as soon as possible in order to get the invitations sent out to the organizations. He thought this would be a better location and wanted to hold it in another area of town. He also stated that he attended the Land Use Board meeting on Monday night. Bohemian Development came out but they didn't need to as it didn't pertain to the Code but wanted to come and let the community know what was going on at 313 Lincoln Avenue. They want to put a group home there for disadvantaged, developmentally disabled people. He thought it was good that they came out. He stated there was another issue on the agenda regarding the hours for Crown Fried Chicken and asked what the outcome was.

Mayor Burzichelli stated it was postponed because their filing was not in order and all the information wasn't in place. This issue will be re-discussed at the next meeting.

Emma Hackley, 201 West Buck Street, stated last Sunday afternoon there was a party next door to her. The party was orderly but there were too many people for the backyard. She questioned if there was any ordinance or code to enforce the amount of people that can be on a property.

Mayor Burzichelli stated there isn't any municipal restrictions regarding how many people can be in one's yard as long as there weren't any noise problems or any other problems. The Borough is limited by constitutional perimeters of how this sort of thing is approached. If it is excessively noisy, the Borough can help, if the street is blocked with too many parked cars, the Borough can respond and ask that the cars be moved to someplace else but the Borough cannot place an occupancy limit on a backyard. If they spill over and become obtrusive to her property with either loud noise or with the physical bodies then the Borough can do something.

Shirley Chandler, 1014 Spruce Street and Anne Good, 1101 Spruce Street asked about the group of children on their corner and asked if there was any way to get them dispersed.

Mayor Burzichelli stated if the children are being unruly or throwing a ball into the street and if they can't enjoy the comfort of their home such as the windows can't be up or when they are sitting on their front porch then call 911 and the Police will come. The children can't be disturbing to the residents that live there.

Mrs. Chandler stated last week there were kids in the street with boxing gloves and there were about 50 kids out there. By the time they call the police and the police get there, the kids are gone and she further stated these aren't little kids.

Mayor Burzichelli informed her to call the police and they will come. The Police may not respond right away if they are on another call and sometimes they will come immediately but it starts with calling the Police Department.

Mrs. Good discussed the speeding on Spruce Street and the sweeper.

Mayor Burzichelli stated the radar machine is not working. It is about ten years old and was purchased with a grant. He further stated that the Borough is looking by way of Valero that there is a chance that the Borough may be able to get a new sweeper which would be more efficient, work faster and the Borough would keep the older one so that theoretically the Borough would have two sweepers.

Joyceline Gaines also concurred with Mrs. Chandler and Mrs. Good. She also questioned if there was any thing on the books regarding hanging their laundry on the front porch when there is a lawn in the back and on the side at 242 West Washington Street. She felt it was unacceptable.

Mayor Burzichelli stated the Borough has sent out the Code Enforcement Officer to ask the Landlord to have the homeowner put their laundry in the backyard but is the Borough constitutionally able to do that, it is a stretch. The Borough can do something about it but it has to be handled a certain way.

Mrs. Hackley discussed the laundry hanging on the front porches.

There wasn't any further public participation.

Minutes of a Work Session Meeting held on May 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of a Special Meeting held on May 26, 2009 at 4:15 p.m.

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

PUBLIC HEARING at 7:00 p.m. on R. #92.09 to amend the 2009 Budget of the Borough of Paulsboro. 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 favor of the motion.

R. #93.09: RESOLUTION CONFIRMING COMPLIANCE WITH BUDGET SELF EXAMINATION IN 2009. Giovannitti moved and Hamilton seconded to adopt R. #93.09. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Morina, Tedeski. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #84.09: 2009 BUDGET. Giovannitti moved and Hamilton seconded to adopt R. #84.09 as amended. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Morina, Tedeski. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #94.09: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS OUT OF THE 2009 BUDGET. Giovannitti moved and Hamilton seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #94.09. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Morina, Tedeski. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #95.09: RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN UNDERWRITING SERVICE FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. Giovannitti moved and Hamilton seconded to adopt R. #95.09. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Morina, Tedeski. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #96.09: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF UP TO \$940,000 OF TAX APPEAL REFUNDING NOTES OF THE BOROUGH; MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS TO MAINTAIN THE EXEMPTION OF INTEREST ON SAID NOTES FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION; AND AUTHORIZING SUCH FURTHER ACTIONS AND MAKING SUCH DETERMINATIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO EFFECTUATE THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE NOTES. Giovannitti moved and Hamilton seconded to adopt R. #96.09. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Morina, Tedeski. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #97.09: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF OFFERING DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE OF THE BOROUGH'S GENERAL OBLIGATION TAX REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2009; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND AWARD OF SAID BONDS; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS RELATED THERETO. Giovannitti moved and Hamilton seconded to adopt R. #97.09. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Morina, Tedeski. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #98.09: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN BALANCES ON WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS. Giovannitti moved and Hamilton seconded to adopt R. #98.09. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Morina, Tedeski. Nays: **Motion carried.**

R. #99.09: RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF BILLINGS AVENUE PROJECT. Giovannitti moved and Hamilton seconded to adopt R. #99.09. Roll call: Ayes: 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 Barry J. Corradetti, Paulsboro Neighborhood Watch Association, Inc., requesting permission to use Fort Billings Park on August 4, 2009. 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.

Letter from Mr. Malcolm A. Vella, AmSpec, regarding Open House. Giovannitti moved and Hamilton seconded to receive, file the letter, grant approval and notify the proper departments. All were in favor of the motion.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Tedeski thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting. She stated the Borough is underway with their summer celebrations and there was a very nice turnout for the Memorial Day Service. She thanked the Fire Department and the Paulsboro VFW for hosting that event. The next event will be the Fourth of July Parade and encouraged everyone to get the word out and support the Parade. If anyone wants to be a part of the parade they are to contact Marc Kamp at the Economic and Neighborhood Development Office that is across the street. There will be three concerts in the park throughout the summer and to check the Borough newsletter which will be coming out very shortly for the dates. There will also be a movie night right before Paulsboro Day on that Friday and then end the summer series with Paulsboro Day on Saturday, September 12th. She further stated that Matrix Construction Company who was doing all the work next to Fort Billings Park will be paving the driveway entrance to the park sometime within the next week or so. She thanked the Chamber of Commerce for purchasing the sign for Fort Billings Park and Matrix Company actually installed it for them and it really helps the entrance to the park look really nice. She thanked the Chamber for all their hard work throughout the year of getting many more members into the Chamber and being very active in the community. She questioned the Mayor if the State could look into a bill or law to prohibit persons under the age of 18 to purchase spray paint due to the vandalism that is being done.

Mayor Burzichelli stated he felt there was already some provision out there regarding this.

Councilman Morina apologized for being late as he had a meeting at the High School at the same time. He congratulated Councilwoman Tedeski, Council President Haynes and the Mayor on the past election. He wished them good luck in November. He reported on the

Crime Free Housing Committee meeting that was held and they have been very productive. He thanked the Police Department and Keith Hogle as they pretty much stem this whole committee as far as doing a lot of the leg work. He stated more time is needed to be spent on finding ways to hold absentee landlords accountable for their properties. He would also like Council to hold another meeting devoted only towards the housing issues if possible. He reported that Graduation Day for the High School is on the 17th of June and to keep a special watch out for the kids. He is very happy about what he is seeing as far as recreation and the Little League, more parent participation and support this year. There are a lot of kids participating and everything is going so well there and he is pretty happy to see that happen. He is also pleased to report that the Boy Scouts have about 21 members and still counting and if anyone has any nephews, sons or grandsons between the ages of 10 to 18 that are interested in Boy Scouts Troop 24 to join. They meet on Sunday nights at 7:00 behind the Billingsport Fire Hall.

Councilman Giovannitti thanked all those who participated in the Memorial Day Service, the Police Chief, Chuck Tinder, the crew that worked that day. He has been working with Keith Hogle in getting some of these properties cited so the Borough can send the Street and Highway Department to cut their properties. He also liked to thank the Administrator for the Borough's finances as it received one of the highest ratings for a municipality regarding the bonds.

Mayor Burzichelli stated the Borough received a AA- from the Financial Institutions and that kind of rating will save the Borough over the long haul a great deal of money.

Councilman Kidd discussed the kids that are disruptive and disturbing the neighborhoods. He asked the Department Heads to go back to their employees if they have any ideas or input on saving, have a meeting with them then give it to the Borough Clerk or place it in his mail box at Borough Hall. He has received copies of grants from Lautenberg and Menendez's Office and he will give copies to the Department Heads. He congratulated the Mayor, Council President Haynes and Councilwoman Tedeski on the last election.

Councilman Hamilton thanked the residents of Paulsboro for the Memorial Day Service that was held and it turned out pretty nice. He congratulated Councilwoman Tedeski, Council President Haynes and the Mayor on their win from the Primary Election. He also congratulated Jack Suiter for his fifty years of service in the Paulsboro Volunteer Fire Department. He stated the residents of Paul Avenue wanted the Police Department to know and what they can do to stop the 7:15 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. traffic as there is a lot of speeding going through there and there are children walking to school. He further stated the Gloucester County Improvement Authority as well as the Clean Community Program directed by the Board of Chosen Freeholders directed by Director Sweeney will have the summer kids out starting June 22nd up until August 15th or 16th to clean up the areas and help out with any special projects.

Glenn Roemmich, Emergency Management Coordinator, gave a report on the Early Warning System that Valero must provide as part of their Administrative Order by the

DEP. It will cost \$62,389.00 for an emergency warning system for Paulsboro. He has contacted the vendor. Paulsboro's system will be a little different than Gibbstown's system as it will be a little better. The Police Department, the Emergency Management and Borough Officials will be able to activate the siren with their Bluetooth and their Blackberry Nextels' out on the street so that they wouldn't have to go through a dispatcher if there is an incident. He is also going to have them come out to the next Work Session Meeting and bring one of the sample trailers here so that Mayor and Council can see the siren and hear the notification system. It is a much cleaner system than Gibbstown's. The school's can buy into it as the PA system will have the same siren and message going through the schools'. There is a stipulation that it has to be in by September but he can contact the DEP to request an extension.

Mayor Burzichelli suggested discussing this with Mr. Salvatore.

Councilwoman Tedeski stated the system can also plug into the GAPCAP's "Ready or Not" button on the Borough and School websites.

Mayor Burzichelli thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Giovannitti moved and Hamilton seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 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 June 3, 2009 and should not be considered a verbatim transcript of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. VanScoy, RMC/CMC
Borough Clerk

John J. Burzichelli, Mayor