

FEBRUARY 6, 2008

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 and 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, Hamilton, Kidd, Tedeski. Absent: Giovannitti and Morina (excused for school obligations.)

Mayor Burzichelli opened the floor to the public.

Barry Corradetti, 1820 Overbrook Avenue, on behalf of the Paulsboro Neighborhood Watch, stated the Neighborhood Watch conducted a program at the school with the 12 and 13 year old children who wrote essays on their perception of the issues in Paulsboro. He summarized some of those issues which is as follows: As in education: they see bullying, stealing, etc., as in the community they see drug dealers on most corners, vandalism on most properties and buildings, bars on businesses, boarded houses, trash, looks like Camden and drugs and alcohol being used in the mornings. Their solutions were to have more activities of the children, have community cleanups and stand up as a whole community.

He stated this was disturbing to hear this from the children. He asked to have a meeting with Neighborhood Watch, Mayor and Council and the Police Department. He would be in contact with the Mayor to arrange an appointment for this meeting at the Mayor's convenience.

Mayor Burzichelli asked if the Governing Body would be receiving copies of the essays from the kids. It would be more helpful if Council knows where pockets of issues are as they don't have preconceived ideas where the drugs and alcohol is being dealt and used.

Mr. Corradetti stated he would not be giving the names or addresses of the kids as he didn't want to expose them.

Councilman Kidd stated Mr. Corradetti should have read the essays instead of summarizing them as it defeated the whole purpose. He didn't feel Council would belittle the children.

Mayor Burzichelli stated he wasn't going to have Mr. Corradetti read the names in public but the names and/or addresses should be on the copies of the essays. He also informed Mr. Corradetti that if Mr. Corradetti had any knowledge of any child being in harm's way, he can be considered liable.

Ms. Joyceline Gaines, 231 West Washington Street, stated Council hasn't heard from her in six months but that she was present to vent. She's tired, 71 years old, dealt with her father's house, has spent x amount of dollars everyday of her life on the house and cleaning the street. She hasn't seen anyone from the Borough clean the street since 2007. People hang out on Washington, Pine, Spruce and Penn Line Streets. She wanted it on record that 244 West Washington Street moved out and moved into 234 West Washington Street and are friends with the neighbor. She wants the house that she has been complaining about torn down. The neighborhood is not a quality of life for her. Purple Heart won't even come to the 200 block of West Washington Street. She stated she doesn't need to live in a ghetto. She is not buying that there is a legal reason the house cannot come down. She can't do this anymore and something has to be done.

Mayor Burzichelli stated there is a hearing on that property on February 15, 2008 but he was not sure of the location or the time.

Borough Solicitor Pierson stated Ms. Gaines could call him to find out the time of the hearing and the location. The hearing is on deficiencies of the property. The owner will have to correct these deficiencies in a reasonable period of time. If he doesn't correct the deficiencies then he will have to remove the house and if he doesn't then the Borough can remove it.

There wasn't any further public participation.

Mayor Burzichelli read the Black History Month Proclamation into the record.

Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to accept the Proclamation. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Hamilton, Kidd, Tedeski. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Minutes of the Reorganization and First Regular Meeting held on January 2, 2008 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 January 15, 2008 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.

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R. #43.08: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2007 RESERVE ACCOUNTS. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #43.08. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Hamilton, Kidd, Tedeski. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #44.08: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS OUT OF THE 2008 TEMPORARY BUDGET. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #44.08. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, 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.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

O. #01.08: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF DEED OF REAL PROPERTY FROM VALERO REFINING COMPANY (CLONMELL ROAD PROPERTIES) OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to open the meeting to the public. All were in favor of the motion.

There wasn't any public participation.

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

Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to adopt O. #01.08 on second and final reading. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Hamilton, Kidd, Tedeski. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to send a letter to Valero thanking them for the donation of the land. All were in favor of the motion.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

O. #02.08: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$12,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF A TRASH COMPACTOR VEHICLE FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to open the meeting to the public. All were in favor of the motion.

There wasn't any public participation.

Haynes moved and Tedeski seconded to close the meeting to the public. All were in favor of the motion.

Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to adopt O. #02.08 on second and final reading. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Hamilton, Kidd, Tedeski. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Letter from William G. Dressel, Jr., New Jersey State League of Municipalities, regarding Wrongful Death Legislation.

Memo from David N. Grubs, Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund, regarding Wrongful Death Legislation.

Letter from William G. Dressel, Jr., New Jersey State League of Municipalities, regarding Proposed Revisions to Wrongful Death Act.

Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to receive and file the letters. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Richard T. Roat, Valero Paulsboro Refinery, regarding Notification of Classification Exception Area – Biennial Certification for a Groundwater Classification Exception Area. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to receive, file the letter, study this matter and continue to pursue it. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Patrick J. Dexter, Exxon Mobil Corporation, regarding ExxonMobil Learn & Earn Program. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to receive, file the letter and send a letter of thanks for continuing this program. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Steven J. Eisenstein, Lum, Drasco & Positan, LLC, regarding Paulsboro Packaging, Inc. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to receive, file the letter and follow up on this correspondence. All were in favor of the motion.

OLD BUSINESS: Ambulance Rehab Unit: This matter was to be continued.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mayor Burzichelli discussed the acquisition of 210-212 East Broad Street, which is the Margaret Gellenthin property across from the Library. The Borough had it appraised and is paying the appraised amount. The Borough has already done the Bond Ordinance authorizing the funds to acquire the property. The Borough has to pass an Ordinance to acquire the property and execute all necessary documents.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:

O. #03.08: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF LAND

LOCATED WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AND EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to adopt O. #03.08 on introduction and first reading and schedule the second reading and public hearing on February 19, 2008. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Hamilton, Kidd, Tedeski. Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Councilwoman Tedeski stated she has spoke with Christy Moore of GAPCAP and they will be posting the “Ready or Not” program on the Borough website. It is emergency information and it will also be posted on the school’s website. If there is an emergency, the residents can access the information from the Borough’s website. It will be finalized in the middle of February. They would also like to have the Mayor place a welcome message.

Councilwoman Tedeski stated there will be a program sponsored by the Gill Memorial Library recognizing Black History Month on February 11th at the Boys’ and Girls’ Club. There will also be another program at the Paulsboro High School auditorium on February 25th which is also sponsored by the Gill Memorial Library.

Councilwoman Tedeski stated she is getting tired of seeing trash lying around specifically the South Jersey Record that is a free advertisement put out by the Gloucester County Times.

Mayor Burzichelli suggested Councilwoman Tedeski call the Gloucester County Times to see how it is distributed and tell them strongly that the Borough is going to cite them if they are just throwing them anywhere.

Councilwoman Tedeski commented on the essays from the kids during Barry Corradetti’s portion of the meeting. She read one letter and was not aware of any of those problems. She will handle what she can on her end at the school as well.

Councilman Kidd stated Rita Costenbader has completed the Municipal Registrars’ course and passed the state test to obtain her Certified Municipal Registrar Certificate.

Councilman Kidd discussed the potholes on Hoffman Avenue. He felt they needed to be repaired and he shouldn’t have to bring it up every year.

Councilman Kidd stated that outside contractors had asked to utilize the Fort Billings Park to park and they are still parking on the street.

Mayor Burzichelli stated Council authorized Administrator Salvatore to contact them and to negotiate with them regarding parking at Fort Billings Park.

Councilman Hamilton stated he had a meeting with Fire Chief Michael Licciardello but he did not have anything to forward but hopefully by the next meeting he will have something to report.

Councilman Hamilton commented that he attended the 100 year Birthday for Mrs. Emma Goldman. It is a great accomplishment to live to 100 years and he further mentioned that Mrs. Goldman still drives herself to the YMCA for water aerobics on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Mayor Burzichelli thanked Councilman Kidd for presenting Mrs. Goldman with her proclamation on behalf of the Mayor and Council as he was not able to attend and he also thanked Councilman Hamilton for attending on behalf of the Mayor and Council.

Council President Haynes suggested that when Council receives the daily work reports that more should be added to it such as a brief synopsis of where stand with residents' complaints.

Mayor Burzichelli felt it was an excellent idea.

Councilman Kidd discussed looking into and possibly purchasing a hot pot to keep materials hot to patch pot holes.

Mayor Burzichelli stated the Borough will approach the problems the kids mentioned in their essays on a positive side. It was good to hear Ms. Gaines voice again. He didn't want anyone to think the Borough was dismissing the problems and the Borough is not glossing over the problems.

This is a brief summary of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Paulsboro held on February 6, 2008 and should not be considered a verbatim transcript of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. VanScoy, RMC/CMC
Borough Clerk

John J. Burzichelli, Mayor