

**JUNE 18, 2013**

**PAULSBORO, N.J.**

**7:00 P.M.**

**WORK SESSION MEETING**

Council Chamber:

Mayor Hamilton presided at a Work Session Meeting of Council held on the above date and place.

Members present were: Giovannitti, Giampola, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner (arrived at 8:30 p.m.). Absent: Haynes (excused).

Mayor Hamilton called the meeting to order.

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

Mayor Hamilton opened the floor to the public.

Linda Pilger, 600 King Street, stated the Street and Highway Department employees pulled the chipper in front of her house and left debris. She called the Borough Hall and the garage to ask that it is cleaned up. She tries to sweep her curb and street every day. The Borough never came back out to clean up the debris and there are wood chips in her driveway due to the rain. She would like to have the Borough clean it up.

Mrs. Pilger stated the Borough has leash laws but she is having an ongoing issue with her neighbor and his rottweilers. She is going to court in July for the dogs not being on a leash. She witnessed a Police Officer driving by, had to stop and wait for the dog to move but he did not get out of his car.

Mayor Hamilton stated he will ask Chief Wachter and Captain Marino to check into the matter.

Mrs. Pilger questioned if the Borough was going to clean up their mess in her driveway as she is not going to do it.

Mayor Hamilton stated he will contact Borough Foreman Tinder.

A woman who asked to remain anonymous stated on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. a crowd had gathered at Washington and Spruce Streets as it appeared someone was shooting a video. Three Police Officers came but did nothing to disperse the crowd. There were about 25-30 people and the Police Officers just stood there and did nothing but talk amongst themselves. She contacted the 911 dispatcher and was told to go and tell the Police Officers what to do.

Chief Wachter stated he will have dispatch pull those tapes.

Anonymous further stated there is drug movement on Spruce and Washington Streets. It is an open market and something has to be done. She is aware that Councilman Kidd called the Police Department.

Chief Wachter stated he has already spoken with Councilman Kidd and he is still investigating this matter.

There wasn't any further public participation.

Marlon Peterson, Gloucester County Improvement Authority, Director of the Port Project gave a presentation and status of the Port Project.

Councilman Stevenson discussed the construction of the Conrail railroad bridge. He suggested Mr. Peterson contact Conrail to coordinate the building of the bridge.

Mr. Peterson stated he has had talks with Conrail and will coordinate with Conrail.

Councilman Giampola discussed the railroad crossings and the lack of arms, lights, etc. at certain crossings.

Councilman Stevenson felt arms needed to be installed at the crossing on Mantua Avenue.

Councilman Giampola questioned access to the river for the two boats sitting in their bays at the Fire House as they are not able to access the river due to the railroad bridge construction.

Mr. Peterson further discussed the above matter as well as employment, Exit 19, tenants, etc.

Minutes of a Special Meeting held on May 14, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to receive, file and approve the above minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

**R. #114.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2013 TEMPORARY BUDGET.** Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #114.13. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola (abstained on all fire department bills), Kidd, Stevenson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Letter from Paul J. Miola, Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, regarding Membership Renewal. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to receive and file the letter. All were in favor of the motion.

**R. #115.13: RESOLUTION FOR RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE GLOUCESTER, SALEM, CUMBERLAND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND.** Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to adopt R. #115.13. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Kidd, Stevenson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Memo from Walt Quint regarding the Gill Memorial Library Project – Revised AIA Document for the Civil Engineering Services to become part of the AIA Agreement between the Borough of Paulsboro and the Architect, Kimmel Bogrette Architecture + Site, Inc. (The Resolution would amend the original Contract with Kimmel Bogrette to include civil engineering fees in the AIA Agreement but does not expand the project budget.) Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to receive and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

**R. #116.13: RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDED ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AND KIMMEL BOGRETTE ARCHITECTURE + SITE, INC.** Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to adopt R. #116.13. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Kidd, Stevenson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Memo from Chief Chris T. Wachter regarding revised recommendations for Liquor License renewals 2013-2014. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to receive and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

**R. #117.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE RENEWAL OF A CLUB LICENSE #0814-31-018-002 LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE WOODBURY LODGE 2585 T/A LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE WOODBURY LODGE 2585.** Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to adopt R. #117.13. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Kidd, Stevenson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Hamilton combined R. #118.13 to R. #129.13 for a vote.

**R. #118.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE RENEWAL OF A CLUB LICENSE #0814-31-019-001 PAULSBORO SPORTSMENS' ASSOCIATION, INC. T/A PAULSBORO SPORTSMENS' ASSOCIATION, INC.** (Abstained: Giovannitti, Giampola, Stevenson.)

**R. #119.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE RENEWAL OF A CLUB LICENSE #0814-31-020-001 GEORGE D. PATTON, JR. VFW POST 678 T/A GEORGE D. PATTON POST.**

**R. #120.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE RENEWAL OF A CLUB LICENSE #0814-31-024-002 CARMEL S. MORINA #2580 SONS OF ITALY IN AMERICA T/A CARMEL S. MORINA LODGE #2580 OF SONS OF ITALY IN AMERICA. (Abstained: Giovannitti, Giampola.)**

**R. #121.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE RENEWAL OF A PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE #0814-44-007-007 MA BHADRA, LLC. T/A HANY'S LIQUORS.**

**R. #122.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE RENEWAL OF A PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE #0814-33-001-004 BADDTHEO, INC. T/A FRANK'S PUB.**

**R. #123.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE RENEWAL OF A PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE #0814-33-006-009 MARILYN T. HESS T/A ALIBI INN.**

**R. #124.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE RENEWAL OF A PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE #0814-33-013-012 STEFANO CORP. OF NEW JERSEY, INC. T/A NINO GERVASI RESTAURANT. (Same conditions are on the license as prior years.)**

**R. #125.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE RENEWAL OF A PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE #0814-33-009-005 JOLLY RAJ INC. T/A POCKET LICENSE.**

**R. #126.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE RENEWAL OF A PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE #0814-44-002-007 NANI, LLC T/A BURT'S LIQUORS.**

**R. #127.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE RENEWAL OF A PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE #0814-33-011-004 LAWRENCE-SHACKLOCK ENTERPRISES, INC. T/A THE OFFICE BAR & GRILL.**

**R. #128.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE RENEWAL OF A PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE #0814-33-016-010 PPN INVESTMENT CORPORATION T/A ROCKING STONE BAR & GRILL.**

**R. #129.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE RENEWAL OF A CLUB LICENSE #0814-31-017-001 GREATER PAULSBORO LODGE 575 I.B.P.O.E. OF W., INC. T/A GREATER PAULSBORO LODGE 575 I.B.P.O.E. OF W., INC.**

Solicitor Angelini stated Council can vote under necessity and not abstain.

Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to adopt R. #119.13 to R. #129.13. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Kidd, Stevenson. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**R. #130.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE RENEWAL OF A PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE #0814-33-008-011 OWEN C. HAYNES, SR. T/A RIVERSIDE INN.**

Chief Wachter recommended ten (10) conditions on the license renewal. It needs stronger language and full compliance on the fencing. He suggested the Zoning Officer inspect the fencing. There are problems with noise and patrons who emanate from the establishment.

Council President Giovannitti thanked Chief Wachter and he supports his recommendations. He stated enough is enough with this establishment.

Stevenson moved and Giampola seconded to adopt R. #130.13 with the Chief's recommendations. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Kidd, Stevenson. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Letter from Marc Kamp and Councilwoman Jennifer Turner, Borough of Paulsboro, regarding the Fourth of July Parade. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to receive, file the letter and notify the proper departments. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Rev. Llewellyn E. Hill, III, regarding family reunion at Fort Billings Park and request to erect a tent. Giovannitti moved Giampola seconded to receive, file the letter and approve their request. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Freeholder Director Robert M. Damminger regarding the Clean Communities Program. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to receive and file the letter. All were in favor of the motion.

**Administrator's Report:**

Administrator/CFO Ruggeri stated Sickels and Associates had presented a proposal back in March to do a feasibility study for the Thomson Avenue drainage system in the amount of \$12,090.00. She wanted to know if Council wanted to move on this project.

Giovannitti moved and Stevenson seconded to approve the above proposal. All were in favor of the motion.

Administrator/CFO Ruggeri discussed the Plains Terminal– Delaware and Clonmell sewer video inspection project. Mayor Hamilton, Erik Biermann from Sickels and Associates, Administrator/CFO Ruggeri and Bill Fleming from Churchill Engineers met with someone from Plains Terminal with regards to their installation of the pipeline to make sure everything is intact before their construction and they agreed to pay the \$6,000 to conduct the sewer video inspection and in return they wanted to be granted an easement to continue with the project.

Councilman Giampola stated the Borough should not grant an easement until the video inspection results come back.

Council President Giovannitti agreed with Councilman Giampola to not grant the easement until the Borough receives the results from the video inspection.

Mayor Hamilton stated last Wednesday or Thursday, he went to an emergency meeting training seminar with Councilman/Fire Chief Giampola to NuStar for disasters that may happen in Paulsboro. He stated everyone questioned the pothole in the middle of the street. Half of the road is Paulsboro and half is Gibbstown.

Administrator/CFO Ruggeri stated they briefly talked about what is going to happen with that intersection after the work is done and thought that all the players involved would get together that utilize that section in that area including Gibbstown so that everyone pays a piece of the pie. It is not the Borough only fixing the road. They told them the issue of how it is breaking apart and she actually went to see it yesterday and it is pretty bad.

Councilman Kidd discussed the condition of the road and he also discussed this with the County as he felt the road condition was due to the amount of trucks using the road for the Port Project.

There was further discussion regarding this matter as well as sections of the road that have to be done at Billingsport Road and Delaware Street and the proposal from Sickels in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Councilman Giampola stated he agreed with Councilman Kidd regarding the road conditions and he can't figure out why the Borough is paying for someone else's project.

Mayor Hamilton stated Administrator/CFO Ruggeri will look into a temporary fix to the road and look into why the Borough is paying.

Giovannitti moved and Giampola authorize Administrator/CFO Ruggeri to inquire with Plains Terminal regarding paying for the Engineering Services for the video inspection. All were in favor of the motion.

Administrator/CFO Ruggeri questioned what happens if Plains says they aren't going to pay, does the Borough have the ability to stop this project and what happens if the Borough does stop it.

Solicitor Angelini stated they must legally need to get an easement and need some access. It is for their benefit and he felt they should pay for the video, engineering and the easement. A number can be figured out once it is found out how big of an area it is and what the property is assessed at.

Administrator/CFO Ruggeri discussed the Triad – USDA Project Applications Proposal. There are three (3) phases to the application process. The first phase is the pre-application at a cost of \$4,500, the second phase is full application at a cost of \$6,000 and the third phase cost is \$4,000. Triad is asking Council to approve the pre-application phase of \$4,500.00.

Mayor Hamilton stated the first phase has already been approved.

Administrator/CFO Ruggeri just wanted to confirm that the Borough was still moving forward.

Administrator/CFO Rugger also discussed the Policy Manual and felt this manual is extremely generic and does not pertain as much to the Borough as it should. It is going to be an extremely time consuming project to do and she doesn't feel she can. She is not an attorney and there are two (2) contracts in place and she thought the contracts need to be taken into consideration with the manual to make sure everything flows properly. There could be policies in the manual the Borough doesn't need and there could be policies that the Borough needs and she would not know that. She recommended to research getting a company to come in and she has reached out to one company. The first couple of pages of the manual talks about job descriptions for all the positions and the Borough don't have descriptions for each position. She received a price from one company regarding preparing job descriptions and just an hourly rate to do just the policy but they couldn't give her an actual dollar amount.

Council President Giovannitti stated it is a document that the Borough really needs to develop and do it right.

She would like approval to prepare an RFQ and advertise it to review and prepare a Policy Manual.

Councilman Kidd suggested reaching out to the New Jersey State League of Municipalities to see if they have any other towns that may have run into the same issues, get some guidance from them and see if they have any companies they would recommend.

Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to authorize Administrator/CFO Ruggeri to advertise RFQ for the preparation of the Policy Manual and reach out to the NJSLOM. All were in favor of the above motion.

Administrator/CFO Ruggeri questioned the status of the Emergency Operating Plan and if it needs to be approved.

Councilman Giampola stated the Emergency Management Coordinator is required to update the Plan every three (3) years. It needs to be put in place. PEOSHA came down and did an internal investigation into the train derailment and there were two infractions that need to be addressed by July 15, 2013. One infraction was the EOP needs to be approved and adopted by Mayor and Council and the other infraction is to offer physicals, which he is challenging, to the First Responders. He is challenging this as the responders that were exposed were given urinalysis tests and the results were reviewed by a Doctor with them at the time and were given the opportunity to go further with medical treatment. He is challenging that infraction as the Department complied with that requirement.

Councilman Kidd stated Council should give Emergency Management Coordinator Roemmich a chance to review it with the Council as he has some questions. He felt this is very important and should sit down with Emergency Management Coordinator Roemmich and discuss it in detail. He suggested the Borough pass the plan and amend it if it has to be amended.

Emergency Management Coordinator Roemmich stated he has forwarded the Plan to the Mayor and Council and to the County. He stated both Director Butts and Deputy Director Clark from the County were very pleased with the document. He stated Council can adopt the Plan and then sit down to discuss it and amend if it has to be amended. It has to be reviewed every year and it can be amended. If Council passes the Resolution, he can have it copied so that at the Regular Meeting in July everyone can sign off on it and turn it in. Council can still sit down and review and make changes.

Councilman Kidd stated Emergency Management Coordinator Roemmich did a good job with the plan.

At 8:30 p.m., Councilwoman Turner arrived at the meeting.

Councilman Giampola informed everyone that himself, Gary, Glenn and Vern have been subpoenaed to go to Washington, DC for hearings, July 9-10 on the train derailment.

**R. #131.13: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO RECERTIFYING ITS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN.** Giampola moved and Stevenson seconded to adopt R. #131.13. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Mayor and Council discussed scheduling a Special Meeting to discuss the Emergency Management Plan with Emergency Management Coordinator Roemmich.

Giovannitti moved and Stevenson seconded to schedule a Special Meeting on July 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:30 p.m. The agenda is to discuss the Emergency Management Plan with Emergency Management Coordinator Roemmich. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: Kidd. **Motion carried.**

Administrator/CFO Ruggeri stated there is another proposal from Sickels that Councilman Haynes was going to talk about in regards to the Nassau Avenue Storm Sewer improvements and he asked to hold this matter until the next meeting so that he can talk about it.

Administrator/CFO Ruggeri stated she wanted to bring the next item up in case a Councilperson speaks with a retiree. One of the retirees came to see her with regards to their health benefits and said they had received something in the mail stating that their health benefits were going to change. Administrator/CFO Ruggeri has never received anything and she called Steve Anuszewski and he didn't know what she was talking about. He looked into it and found out that Aetna and Medicare has joined hands and created a Medicare advantage. According to them it is supposed to be better for the retiree. She wanted everyone to know that one retiree called her and said they wanted out because the plan does not cover any of their doctors.

Police Chief's Report:

Memo from Chief Chris T. Wachter regarding recommendation to hire one (1) full-time police officer to fill current vacancy. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to receive and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

Chief Wachter recommended filling the vacancy by promoting from within the department and to hire James Gentile who is one of the Class II Officers commencing July 1<sup>st</sup>. James Gentile will be brought in at the Academy step as it is written in the contract which is the \$40,000 step and then once he receives his PTC waiver, move him up to the Probationary Patrolman salary which is the 4<sup>th</sup> class step.

**R. #132.13: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO TO EMPLOY JAMES GENTILE AS A PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO STARTING AT THE ACADEMY STEP.** Giovannitti moved and Stevenson seconded to adopt R. #132.13. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Memo from Chief Chris T. Wachter regarding Traffic Control recommendations. Giovannitti moved and Stevenson seconded to receive and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

Chief Wachter stated this will alter a couple of intersections in the community from the current status of one or two way stops to either three or four way stops on Mantua, Thomson and Swedesboro Avenues. The specific locations are on Mantua Avenue at intersections Sixth and Fourth Streets to change them from one way stop intersections to three way stop intersections. On Thomson Avenue at the intersections of Paul, Elizabeth and Vanneman to four way stop signs and on Swedesboro Avenue at Huff Avenue from a one way stop to a three way stop.

#### **INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:**

**O. #05.13: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AMENDING CHAPTER 76, VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.** Giovannitti moved and Stevenson seconded to adopt O. #05.13 on introduction and first reading and schedule the second reading and public hearing on July 2, 2013. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Councilman Stevenson questioned why Fifth Street off Mantua Avenue was not selected.

Chief Wachter stated it is always a possibility. The intersection at Fourth Street on the one side, there are a few driveways that are real close to the intersection. He felt instead of hearing residential complaints about them pulling out right into a stop intersection, these were the best intersections. He didn't do Third Street as it is too close to Universal Road. He felt these were to two optimal intersections that he thought would benefit.

Councilman Stevenson felt Council could see how it works first and could always add Huff Avenue off of Thomson Avenue and Fifth Street off of Mantua Avenue.

Chief Wachter stated Council can consider other intersections as time goes on.

Councilman Kidd questioned the Chestnut and Buck Streets intersection.

Chief Wachter stated it was looked at but because of the way the 1300 block comes in as it is real wide by the bank and then when it gets to the 1200 block for some reason it gets real narrow. He further stated before he makes any recommendations for something like that he would need to see how it would striped out to narrow the traffic. It is a very odd intersection and that is something he felt would need an engineer to look at to see what is best. He is actually working with Borough Foreman Tinder and Administrator/CFO Ruggeri to replace the no parking signs on North Chestnut Street. He felt the signage there was inadequate to enforce.

Councilman Giampola questioned if the Borough has to advertise the stop signs going into place.

Chief Wachter stated yes, a newspaper advertisement will have to be done and then law enforcement has a 60 day no enforcement initial period.

Memo from Chief Chris T. Wachter regarding Extend "No Parking" restriction for section of unit block East Adams Street. Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to receive and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

#### **INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:**

**O. #06.13: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AMENDING CHAPTER 76, VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC §76-19. SCHEDULE III: PARKING PROHIBITED OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.** Giovannitti moved and Stevenson seconded to adopt O. #06.13 on introduction and first reading and schedule the second reading and public hearing on July 2, 2013. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Giovannitti moved and Giampola seconded to authorize Chief Wachter to work with Borough Foreman Tinder regarding the signage needed for these projects. All were in favor of the motion.

Council President Giovannitti discussed the street sweeper schedule. He will be scheduling a meeting with the Street and Highway Committee and Borough

Foreman Tinder to come up with a plan for the street sweeper through the County and in preparing the Recycling Guide. One area discussed was to reduce chipping days in the Spring and Fall. He will meet with the Committee and bring it back to Council in July.

Mayor Hamilton stated when something is going to be done like that, it has to be advertised.

Councilman Kidd discussed storm water/flooding center of town in the area of Madison Avenue over to Monroe Street, three (3) blocks on Monroe Street and it goes under to Penn Line down to the Railroad track and then it goes under the train tracks under Billingsport Road to the Paulsboro Refinery. The reason he is bringing this up is for the preventive maintenance that has to be done to alleviate the flooding. He thinks there should be a program or a list of the sections of town that flood. This flooding could be preventive and he will talk with Conrail again.

Councilman Giampola stated the Code Office has cited the owner of the property across from Madison Street by the railroad track for illegal dumping and concrete, etc. He thinks there is a lot of concrete there that is preventing a lot of that ground from absorbing the water.

Council President Giovannitti stated he will talk about this and the drain cleaning with the Street and Highway Committee.

Councilman Stevenson discussed the Public Safety Committee and the ability of the Police Department interacting with the Committee and their leadership. He presented a proposal that the Governing Body compromises the Public Safety Committee when it is Police Department matters that the Public Safety Committee be able to meet with the Chief to discuss issues that pertain to the Committee and that are public safety related. This is no different than any other department or committee already in effect within the Borough. The Chief could float ideas past the committee and vice versa as well assist with suggestions, etc. from the rest of the Governing Body. Chief Wachter has given his full support of the proposal as a more efficient way to communicate between the Police Department and the Governing Body of the Borough. This in no way circumvents rules that are in effect, meaning the seven, nor is the Committee the lone decision maker. The Committee is just an advisory board just like any other committee. He would like the blessing or the okay that the Public Safety Committee is able to meet with the Police Chief to discuss issues that are relevant on both sides.

Chief Wachter stated it would be nice to be able to have a group to have workshop things with and there is an Ordinance in place and the appropriate authority is the Mayor and Council and no decisions can be made within this committee, it is just more of a working sound board.

Mayor Hamilton stated it sounded good.

Councilman Kidd stated this was changed when he was the Public Safety Chair and he was told the Committee couldn't meet with the Chief as Mayor and Council was the appropriate authority.

Solicitor Angelini stated he hasn't researched the issue but Councilman Stevenson is correct as they are not talking about acting as the appropriate authority which by the Ordinance would be Mayor and Council. He is talking about the Committee meeting with the Police Chief or his designee to brainstorm roundtable, etc. and then would make recommendations to the Governing Body as they are the appropriate authority. He is not familiar as to why in Councilman Kidd's case he was told the opposite because to him from what he is hearing from Councilman Stevenson, the Committee will not be making decisions just talking.

Council President Giovannitti stated Councilman Kidd is right as he was told the Committee couldn't meet with the Police Chief as Mayor and Council was the appropriate authority.

Solicitor Angelini stated he didn't remember that opinion. He questioned if Council would feel better if he checked it out but the proposal sounds reasonable.

Stevenson moved and Giovannitti seconded to authorize the Solicitor Angelini to look into the law and see how it effects Councilman Stevenson's proposal. All were in favor of the motion except Kidd nayed.

Councilman Giampola stated the Borough is sitting in the position where NFPA has made rulings and the previous administration has chosen not to follow them. In 2006, an ordinance was adopted to buy two (2) Fire Trucks for a total of \$600,000. The Fire Department is in need of a Fire Truck. The Fire Department has a 1989 and a 1994 truck on the street. The 1989 should have been taken out of service two years ago. He discussed cost to maintain the trucks. On December 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>, the Borough was without fire apparatus as both fire trucks were broke down. He proposed under State contract, purchasing a demo fire truck available from KME with a ten year lease purchase and the first lease payment would be due July 1, 2014 in the amount of \$42,133.86. It would get a new pumper in Paulsboro within the next 45 days. The red truck would be put up for sale as it meets none of the safety standards. The last three pieces of equipment that Paulsboro has acquired have been through donations and he felt it was time to step up and do something.

Councilman Stevenson stated he can assure the public that this truck is not known as a “parade piece”. The Fire Department through the years has saved the Borough thousands and thousands of dollars.

Councilman Giampola stated he is looking into grants and is attempting to get a Port grant as there is a \$93 million dollar Port Grant.

Councilman Kidd stated he is disgusted that it took this long. He questioned why no one has ever come to Council and pushed for the truck. It should never have gone on this long.

Mayor and Council further discussed the purchase of a fire truck and preparation of grants.

**R. #133.13: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LEASE PURCHASE OF A KME LEGACY PUMPER FIRE TRUCK FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.**

Giovannitti moved and Stevenson seconded to adopt R. #133.13 to purchase a fire truck from KME in the amount of \$360,000 with a ten year lease purchase under State contract and the first payment is due July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 in the amount of \$42,133.86. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. Abstained: Kidd. **Motion carried.**

Councilman Giampola stated he would like to put on hold the discussion regarding a Fire Chief’s Vehicle until a future meeting.

Solicitor Angelini stated it was questioned earlier if Councilmen Stevenson and Giampola had the ability to vote since they are both involved in the Fire Department but the vehicle is going to be owned by the Borough of Paulsboro and even though both Councilmen give up their time and services as a volunteer of a Fire Department, he is hard pressed to see where the conflict is since they are not getting any pecuniary benefits and the Association isn’t getting any benefit, it is a truck that is going to be owned by the Borough and they are spending Borough money from an Ordinance that was approved six or seven years ago. He doesn’t see where there is a conflict and feels the vote was appropriate and if for some reason it is wrong then it is on him.

Councilman Giampola stated at the last Council Meeting he asked to have the Solicitor review the sign ordinance. The Solicitor sent a draft Ordinance amendment for Chapter 80 Zoning, Article X for signs. He would like Mayor and Council to adopt the amendment to the Ordinance.

Councilman Kidd questioned the Ordinance because he is hoping the Borough doesn’t pass the Ordinance and make the “mom and pop” stores move out of the town.

Councilman Giampola stated it is a tried and true Ordinance that has been tested elsewhere and all it does is make the Borough in compliance.

Solicitor Angelini stated he doesn't see this Ordinance violating any rights.

#### **INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:**

**O. #07.13: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AMENDING CHAPTER 80 ZONING, ARTICLE X: SIGNS OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.** Giampola moved and Stevenson seconded to adopt O. #07.13 on introduction and first reading and schedule the second reading and public hearing on July 2, 2013. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Councilman Giampola stated he presented this Ordinance before and it is a property maintenance Ordinance that has been worked on for months and it isn't something new that came up. It is an amendment to Chapter 54 Property Maintenance. It just gives the Borough a little bit more clout to vacant properties and gives the Borough an avenue to be able to collect a fee for these vacant properties being in Paulsboro without the Borough having to just live with them. That is the purpose behind this Ordinance. Although in Section E, 54-5.2 Registration requirements, it says "the owner shall notify the Clerk", but wanted to change that to the "Landlord Licensing Secretary" or "Construction Office Secretary" to take care of it. He doesn't want it to go to the Clerk.

Mayor Hamilton suggested Mayor and Council also receive the information.

Councilman Giampola stated to also put in the motion that once they notify the Landlord Licensing Secretary that the Secretary notify the Clerk and/or Mayor and Council.

#### **INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AMENDING CHAPTER 54: PROPERTY MAINTENANCE §54-5 "MAINTENANCE OF VACANT/ABANDONED PROPERTIES" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.** Giampola moved and Stevenson seconded to adopt O. #08.13 on introduction and first reading with the added statement from above and schedule the second reading and public hearing on July 2, 2013.

Councilman Kidd stated he agrees with this 100% but one thing worries him and he has read the Cherry Hill Ordinance and questioned if this has been challenged.

Councilman Giampola stated former Mayor Sabetta informed him it has been tested in Cherry Hill and it went to Court.

Councilman Kidd stated he wanted to see the case law where it was tested. He will vote for it but he wanted to see documentation.

Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Giampola, Kidd, Stevenson, Turner. Nays: None.  
**Motion carried.**

There wasn't any further Borough business.

Giovannitti moved and Stevenson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

This is a brief summary of the Work Session Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Paulsboro held on June 18, 2013 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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W. Jeffery Hamilton, Mayor