

JULY 1, 2013

PAULSBORO. N.J.

4:30 P.M.

SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chamber:

Mayor Hamilton presided at the Special Meeting of Council held on the above date and place.

Mayor Hamilton called the Special Meeting to order.

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

Members present were: Giampola, Kidd, Stevenson. Absent: Giovannitti, Haynes, Turner (excused).

Mayor Hamilton opened the floor to the public.

There wasn't any public participation.

Mayor and Council discussed the Emergency Operating Plan with Emergency Management Coordinator Glenn Roemmich.

Mayor Hamilton questioned the siren for the warning system.

Emergency Management Coordinator Roemmich stated the siren on the roof of the Municipal Building is the siren and it goes off for curfew and can be done for emergencies. Although, if the roof siren didn't work both fire house sirens can be manually activated.

Mayor Hamilton questioned if all the equipment was operational.

Emergency Management Coordinator Roemmich stated the Borough's equipment is operational but the County Seabourn equipment such as the meters was inoperable. He called the Refinery and other companies for meters.

Councilman/Fire Chief Giampola stated during the event one of each fire company's truck broke down.

Emergency Management Coordinator Roemmich stated that morning it wasn't known that it was chemical. He activated the roof siren twice. He further stated in 2001-2002 there was a push through the schools to drill for shelter-in-place.

Mayor Hamilton questioned if the fire men worked eight to ten hour rotations.

Emergency Management Coordinator Roemmich a fire man did not work more than 12 hours.

Mayor Hamilton questioned the Borough's responsibilities and if Emergency Management went in and assessed the damages.

Emergency Management Coordinator Roemmich stated the Borough was in control of the scene for one to two hours and then the Coast Guard and the Federal Government stepped in. At that time the Borough became the supporting agency.

Mayor Hamilton questioned the emergency operating center.

Emergency Management Coordinator Roemmich stated the Paulsboro Fire House became the emergency operating center as it is the secondary location due to the primary location being in the evacuation zone which is the Conference Room at the Municipal Building.

Mayor and Council went over the Plan and suggested updates to the plan such as the Public Information Officer, the removal of the ARC center as it is not located in Paulsboro anymore, etc.

Mayor Hamilton questioned how the fire men get training and how old do they have to be to receive training.

Emergency Management Coordinator Roemmich stated they have to be 18 years old and complete Firefighter 1 and trained on the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus. There are two firemen who have been trained to the highest level and they are himself and Archie Roemmich. There are 26 drills in categories such as Right to Know and Haz Mat.

Councilman/Fire Chief Giampola stated the Mayor and Council, Administrator/CFO Ruggeri and the Police Department need to be trained for Incident Command Training. The only ones trained in NIMS are himself and Councilman Stevenson.

Mayor Hamilton questioned how many firefighters are trained.

Emergency Management Coordinator Roemmich stated there are only four that are not trained in Firefighter 1. They are allowed to ride in the truck but they can't go into the building.

Councilman/Fire Chief Giampola stated one does not have to be trained in Firefighter 1 to be a firefighter.

Mayor and Council further reviewed the Plan and suggested changes.

Emergency Management Coordinator Roemmich stated his plan is to go home, make the changes and bring out a copy tomorrow night for signatures, then take it to the County and the County will send it to the State.

Councilman Kidd informed Emergency Management Coordinator Roemmich that he did a good job with the plan.

Emergency Management Coordinator Roemmich stated Mayor Hamilton had the confidence to reappoint him and he will do the job that he was appointed to do. His term ends 12/31/2014 and he thanked Mayor and Council as well as apologized to Mayor Hamilton for getting back to him so late.

Councilman Kidd stated Emergency Management Coordinator Roemmich is doing a good job and he respects him.

Mayor Hamilton questioned why it took so long to get the plan done as it hasn't been done since 2006.

Emergency Management Coordinator Roemmich stated it should be done every four years. It slipped through the cracks and it was his oversight.

Mayor Hamilton thanked Emergency Coordinator Roemmich.

The Emergency Operating Plan has been approved at the previous meeting but Mayor and Council are amending the Plan with the changes suggested by Mayor Hamilton and Councilman Kidd and previously reviewed by Councilmen Giampola and Stevenson.

R. #134.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION OF BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY. Giampola moved and Stevenson seconded to adopt R. #134.13. Roll call: Ayes: Giampola, Kidd, Stevenson. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

This Executive Session was called to discuss pending litigation in reference to the Conrail matter that happened on November 30, 2012.

Giampola moved and Stevenson seconded to reconvene the Special Meeting at 6:00 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Solicitor Angelini stated a discussion was held in Executive Session regarding representation to the four (4) individuals (Fire Chief Giampola, Deputy Fire Chief Stevenson, Captain Marino and Emergency Management Coordinator Roemmich) subpoenaed to go to Washington, DC in reference to the Conrail Train derailment hearings. His office and Co-Council will represent these individuals. He recommended Bradley Campbell participate as the additional Attorney as well as someone from Solicitor Angelini's office.

R. #135.13: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO ENTER INTO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BRADLEY M. CAMPBELL, LLC AS SPECIAL COUNSEL REPRESENTING THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO IN CONNECTION WITH THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD (NTSB) HEARINGS AND RELATED MATTERS THERETO PERTAINING TO THE CONRAIL DERAILMENT WHICH OCCURRED ON OR ABOUT NOVEMBER 30, 2012 IN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.

Giampola moved and Stevenson seconded to adopt R. #135.13. Roll call: Giampola, Kidd, Stevenson. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

There wasn't any further Borough business for the Special Meeting.

Giampola moved and Stevenson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

This is a brief summary of the Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Paulsboro held on July 1, 2013 and should not be considered a verbatim transcript of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. VanScoy, RMC/CMC
Borough Clerk

W. Jeffery Hamilton, Mayor