

OCTOBER 1, 2013

PAULSBORO. N.J.

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING

Council Chamber:

Mayor Hamilton presided at the regular meeting of Council held on the above date and place.

The Opening Prayer was given by Mayor Hamilton.

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

Mayor Hamilton called the meeting to order.

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

Members present were: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR.

Mayor Hamilton opened the floor to the public and reminded everyone to give their name and address and there was a five (5) minute time limit to speak.

Marc Kamp, 250 West Broad Street, spoke on behalf of the Paulsboro Day Committee, thanked Mayor and Council for their contribution to the Paulsboro Day event and also thanked the Police Department. He further stated he is the President of the Tinicum Rear Range Lighthouse Committee and extended an invitation to everyone to attend the Lighthouse Challenge Weekend that will be held October 19th and 20th, 2013.

Barry Corradetti, 1820 Overbrook Avenue, discussed the “window watcher program”. He has asked Mayor and Council for their support of this program but he hasn’t seen the window decal in the homes of Mayor and Council. He didn’t see the support coming from the Mayor and Council and questioned why they haven’t put the decal in the window of their homes.

Councilman Stevenson stated his house is under-going major renovations due to the train derailment and he will be getting new windows and he doesn't like being accused of not being supportive of the Neighborhood Watch.

Mr. Corradetti stated Councilman Stevenson has been very supportive of the Neighborhood Watch.

Councilwoman Turner stated she is supportive of the project but she lives alone and fears retaliation such as her tire being flat on her car. She felt she shouldn't be forced to put the decal in the window to be supportive of Neighborhood Watch.

Mr. Corradetti stated he is asking for support and he also asked to report any suspicious activity.

Mayor Hamilton informed Mr. Corradetti that his five (5) minutes were up to speak.

Mr. Corradetti asked Mayor and Council to re-think posting the decal in their windows.

Mayor Hamilton thanked Mr. Corradetti and asked him to have a seat.

Marvin Hamilton, 913 North Chestnut Street, stated Scordo's store has been open around 1:15 a.m. and he didn't feel this was what Paulsboro needed. It is ridiculous to see the kids on the street at that time of night. He also thanked the Borough and the Mayor and Council for cleaning up that area that he has been complaining about but there is still some stuff that has to be done.

Cheryl Haase, 425 Cook Avenue, discussed being beaten and robbed. Her television was stolen and was returned by the neighbor. She also stated the drug dealing is still going on and she has given the police the license plate numbers. She has called it in but she doesn't know what more she can do.

Mayor Hamilton suggested she talk with the Chief to see if he can help.

Ms. Haase thanked Councilman Stevenson for coming and inspecting the area. She informed him about an abandoned vehicle and the abandoned vehicle was put in the alley at 427 Cook Avenue.

Councilman Stevenson stated he is working on the abandoned vehicle to get the laws and rules.

Mary Harris, 365 Vanneman Boulevard, on behalf of the Senior Citizens, discussed the grant that was to be given to the Senior Citizens.

Mayor Hamilton stated he received an update from Administrator/CFO Ruggeri that this is a Federal Grant and the building is considered historical. There has been someone out and inspected. This will be the third time the roof has been put on and the third time the windows have been replaced. An Architect will be sent out but nothing will be done until the building meets historical site guidelines. The grant will be over in February 2014. Woodbury still has the grant. The Borough cannot move because of the historical site aspect. He will see the Administrator to have Woodbury take a look at the building.

Mrs. Harris stated the last time the roof was done, it was patched by Borough. She also stated the Senior Citizens always had access to the basement but it seems the key has been changed and they cannot get into the basement to get access to their stuff.

Leslie Brown, 720 Beacon Avenue, requested a time line as to the flooding issue.

Mayor Hamilton stated the Engineer was out there and he will get back to Mayor and Council to find out what can be done regarding the flooding issue.

Bill Fleming, Engineer, stated the system begins where the Water Tower is located. The ditch is tided. His recommendation is to have the inlets cleaned, jet the pipes and send a television down to see what is going on and to see what the conditions of the pipes are. He has spoken with Administrator/CFO Ruggeri regarding using Woodbury's jet pack and television through a shared service.

Council President Giovannitti suggested having the Administrator move forward with Engineer Fleming's proposal.

There wasn't any further public participation.

Minutes of Regular Meeting held on September 3, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to receive, file and adopt the above minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #175.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS OUT OF THE 2013 BUDGET. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #175.13. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #176.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALLOWANCE OF A VETERAN DEDUCTION. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #176.13. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #177.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALLOWANCE OF A SENIOR CITIZEN DEDUCTION. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #177.13. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #178.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN BALANCES ON WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #178.13. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #179.13: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE INCURRENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A PORTION OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, ENLARGING, IMPROVING, AND/OR EXTENDING ITS GILL MEMORIAL LIBRARY EXPANSION AND RENOVATION FACILITY TO SERVE AN AREA LAWFULLY WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION TO SERVE. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #179.13. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #180.13: RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF BEACON AVENUE PROJECT. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #180.13. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #181.13: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COMMODITY RESALE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER. (This Resolution allows the Borough to purchase Gasoline, Diesel Fuel, Ice Removal Chemicals and Public Works Materials through the Gloucester

County cooperative purchasing.) Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #181.13. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Summary of reports and copies of minutes of meetings. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to receive and file. All were in favor of the motion.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

O. #09.13: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AMENDING CHAPTER 34A: ENFORCEMENT OF FIRE PREVENTION CODE OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to open the meeting to the public. All were in favor of the motion.

Barry Corradetti, 1820 Overbrook Avenue, questioned who would have to follow this code.

Mayor Hamilton stated it is being implemented for everyone with an alarm such as businesses, churches, etc.

There wasn't any further public participation.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to close the meeting to the public and adopt O. #09.13 on second and final reading. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Received Raffle License Application, #RA-569, Guardian Angels Regional School PTA for an On-Premise Merchandise Raffle on October 19, 2013 from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to receive, file and approve the raffle license. All were in favor of the motion.

Received Raffle License Application, #RA-570, Guardian Angels Regional School PTA for an On-Premise 50/50 Cash Raffle on October 19, 2013 from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to receive, file and approve the raffle license. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Laura MacKay (Gilmore), Benny's on the Rail, requesting relaxing of conditions on Liquor License Renewal Resolution. Council President Giovannitti

moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to receive and file the letter. All were in favor of the motion.

Received Paulsboro Fire Department Membership Application for Donald A. Phillips. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to receive, file and approve the application. All were in favor of the motion.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Hamilton stated the Paulsboro Senior Citizens Building Improvement Grant was discussed earlier.

Mayor Hamilton stated the flooding issues on North Delaware Street, Beacon, Lincoln and Nassau Avenues were also discussed earlier.

Solicitor Angelini stated he is waiting on the Greenwich Township Solicitor in regards to the Water Operator Shared Service.

Councilman Stevenson requested the Conrail Reimbursement for the Fire Department is held until a later date.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Giampola stated the position of Code Enforcement Officer has been posted at the Borough Hall, the Police Department, the Public Works Department and the Water and Sewer Department, advertised in the newspaper on October 3rd, 4th and 5th as well as placed on the Borough's website.

Councilman Giampola further stated Conrail is going to be doing the railroad crossing on Commerce Street on October 22nd and October 23rd.

Councilwoman Turner stated the Chamber of Commerce is purchasing seasonal banners to hang on the black lamp post poles and would like the Borough's support in changing the banners four times a year.

Councilwoman Turner moved and Councilman Kidd seconded to support the Chamber of Commerce in changing the seasonal banners four times a year.

Mayor Hamilton stated Zoning Official Sabetta informed that the Borough would not be violating any codes in hanging these banners.

A discussion was held on the equipment needed to hang the banners.

Mayor Hamilton stated there wouldn't be any costs incurred as the Chamber of Commerce is going to put up the banners.

Council President Giovannitti felt it was a good idea. He suggested the Committee meet with Borough Foreman Tinder and Administrator/CFO Ruggeri to get the exact locations and what equipment was needed and bring back to the next Work Session meeting.

Councilwoman Turner moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to withdraw the previous motion and wait until the next Work Session meeting to discuss. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilwoman Turner informed the Borough would be replacing some office furniture and it will be done in phases.

Councilwoman Turner discussed a policy of notification in regards to any deaths in families of employees.

Councilwoman Turner stated she is concerned about keys to public buildings. There should be a policy and back up keys should be kept at the Municipal Building. She doesn't feel she should be denied a key to a public building.

Councilwoman Turner moved and Councilman Kidd seconded to have back up keys to all public buildings and Department Heads should have access.

Councilman Stevenson stated he didn't disagree with Councilwoman Turner but keys aren't necessarily given to all department heads without notifying the Supervisor. There is safety factors involved.

All were in favor of the above motion.

Councilwoman Turner further discussed two (2) items that need to be taken care of at the Senior Citizen's building such as scrapping and painting the front porch and painting parking lines.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Kidd seconded to approve the two (2) items mentioned above. All were in favor of the motion.

Mayor Hamilton stated the Borough employees can't touch the building as discussed earlier. It will have to wait until it is inspected by the County for historical aspects.

Mrs. Harris stated they don't want to paint the building just the porch.

Mayor Hamilton stated he will have the Administrator review this request but he did not see any reason the Street and Highway Department could not paint the lines in the parking lot.

Solicitor Angelini suggested painting the parking lot lines but retracting the painting of the building.

Engineer Fleming stated he recommended three (3) names of Architects to the Administrator. This building requires Historic Preservation.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to paint the porch conditioned upon receiving State Historic Preservation approval but to paint the parking lot lines. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilwoman Turner discussed the Hampton paper road request and to further discuss this matter at the next Work Session Meeting. She felt the proper people should inspect the road and inform if it is land locked.

Councilman Stevenson congratulated the Fire Department on receiving the new fire apparatus which will be up and running soon.

Councilman Stevenson discussed the importance of a Knox box on buildings as it will serve a multi-faceted position for the Fire Department. These boxes will help the business owner and the Borough. He congratulated the Fire Officials who worked on this Ordinance.

Councilman Stevenson stated the Chief and himself are finalizing the list for the three and four way stop signs on Swedesboro, Thomson and Mantua Avenues.

Councilman Stevenson stated he was glad to hear Engineer Fleming speak regarding the flooding issues.

Councilman Stevenson further stated he was glad to see the crime log in the newspaper and he thanked the Chief.

Councilman Stevenson also stated he continued his walk-through of the town on Thomson and Cook Avenues. The residents are coming out to talk with him as well as inviting him into their homes. They are living in fear. He stated everyone should make a point and get out there and look at the Ordinances and Regulations.

Councilwoman Turner added to her report that the Shredding Event will be held on October 12th at the Borough Hall and Glorious Light Ministries will hold their Fall Festival on October 5th at the Manor.

Councilman Kidd stated to Mr. Corradetti that as far as posting a decal, he will not as he has had his house egged, the siding broke and his tires flattened but he backs the Town Watch 100%. It is not negative if someone doesn't see the decals.

Councilman Kidd questioned the posting of the position of Code Enforcement Officer. He thought it had to be posted 10-14 days before it was advertised.

Councilman Giampola stated he was not aware of that and neither is the Administrator.

Councilman Kidd stated it might be something in the contract and it is something that should be looked into as it should have been posted first.

Councilman Haynes stated he was driving by 7th and Beacon Avenues and noticed the manhole in the center of the street. Around the manhole, the blacktop is broke and crumbling which is an indication of something going on. He asked to have this looked at as soon as possible.

Councilman Haynes stated he also noticed a water leak off of Berkley Road, going into the Wawa. If the leak continues, there will be issues. He asked to have the Administrator contact the developer to get it repaired. Also, to have the Administrator check with the Planning Board as the road is still not paved. He thought the past Administrator had sent messages to the Land Use Board Solicitor.

Councilman Haynes moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to have the Administrator proceed with the above issues and get them taking care of such as notifying the Department to inspect the manhole at 7th and Beacon Avenues and the water leak and have the Administrator check with the Planning Board. All were in favor of the motion.

Engineer Fleming stated he has received a letter from Wawa asking for release of their performance bond and he will look into the leak as well.

Councilman Haynes stated the Borough is flushing hydrants and if anyone experiences rust to open their taps and run the water until it clears up. He informed the residents that if the rusty water continues, to notify the Water and Sewer Department.

Council President Giovannitti recognized Borough Foreman Tinder and the Street and Highway employees for the work that they do. He stated he wants to put the banners up but there is a process. He further stated the Part Time Employees have done excellent work and have helped alleviate some of the work.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to authorize the Administrator to work with the Engineer and the City of Woodbury regarding the flooding issues and bring back to the next Work Session Meeting. All were in favor of the motion.

Council President Giovannitti thanked the Police Department and the Crossing Guards.

Councilman Haynes stated when he saw the decal from Neighborhood Watch he thought it was a tot finder sticker but he will put up the decal.

Mayor Hamilton stated he is trying to get everyone involved with old business. He will have the Administrator and the Engineer look at the flooding. He informed the residents of the five (5) minute rule to speak because there was someone who once spoke for over an hour.

Mayor Hamilton stated the bridge from the Port project should be done in two-three months. It will be a County road but maintained by the South Jersey Port Corporation.

Mayor Hamilton appointed Herman Schoch to the JIF Safety Coordinator position.

Councilman Haynes moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to table the appointment until the next Work Session meeting. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilman Kidd moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to receive a copy of the job description for the position of JIF Safety Coordinator. All were in favor of the motion.

Council President Giovannitti recognized Bill Fleming as he is on the Council of the City of Woodbury on their successful Arts Festival.

R. #182.13: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #182.13. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None.
Motion carried.

The subject to be discussed at said closed meeting shall be to discuss anticipated litigation involving Conrail.

Mayor and Council recessed at 8:35 p.m. before going into Executive Session.

Mayor and Council convened in Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 9:07 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

There wasn't any further Borough business.

Councilman Giampola moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 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 October 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