

**NOVEMBER 6, 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, Councilwoman Turner. Absent: Councilman Stevenson (excused).

**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.

Barry Corradetti, 1820 Overbrook Avenue, requested Mayor and Council to reconsider the five (5) minute time restriction to speak. He felt it was not fair to restrict the residents as they have questions they would like to have answered.

Mr. Corradetti further discussed the South Jersey Port Agreement Amendment that was discussed a two work session meetings ago. He asked if it was signed.

Mayor Hamilton stated the Attorneys are reviewing the amendment and it has not been signed.

Mayor Hamilton stated Council will look into reconsidering the time limit and questioned Mr. Corradetti as to what he felt the time limit should be.

Mr. Corradetti stated between five (5) and ten minutes.

Mrs. Mary Harris, 265 Vanneman Boulevard, Paulsboro Senior Citizens, stated the Borough is losing the Dollar General and questioned if the Borough is trying to get another store for the Senior Citizens. She has heard some Senior Citizens say they want to move out of Paulsboro as there isn't anything being brought to town for them. She felt it was time to do something for the people in Paulsboro.

Mayor Hamilton stated nothing has been signed and Council will look into getting another store but the redevelopment at the Plaza is still being worked on and the papers have to be signed.

Resident from 720 Beacon Avenue questioned the status of the flooding on his street.

Mayor Hamilton stated a survey has been done.

Borough Foreman Tinder stated the Engineer was out and Woodbury jettied all the lines. They didn't find anything and a camera was used in some locations but the camera broke and they will be back. Borough Engineer Fleming is working on a solution.

Mayor Hamilton stated Woodbury will be back and then the Borough can see what can be done.

Mary Harris thanked Mayor and Council for the three and four way stop signs.

Abbey Greenberg, Brent Schomber, John Howley and Dean McNeal from South Jersey Gas presented a proposal to Mayor and Council for a renewal project on Billings Avenue. The project will convert the low pressure system to a higher pressure.

Brent (Bubba) Schomber stated the Gas Company is renewing the entire low pressure system which will consist of 15 street openings per block. They will work with the Engineer in order to put back the roadway. It will be subcontracted, there are 15 bidders and it will be awarded to the lowest bidder.

Councilman Haynes stated this encompasses a four (4) block area in the cart way. He further stated this road was paved with Federal funding.

Erik Biermann, Sickels and Associates, stated he would like to see a full width restoration but he will take a look at it and advise the Borough.

Solicitor Angelini stated it is a great suggestion for the Engineer to look at the plans for the construction and restoration but should see if NJDOT has to sign off and he recommended a Bond or Letter of Credit to ensure the road is put back like it is.

Mayor Hamilton questioned if the roadway will be restored like it is now.

Mr. Schomber stated yes, he will ensure the residents and Mayor and Council are satisfied.

Councilman Kidd questioned if there were going to be other sections of town done.

Mr. Schomber stated yes.

Councilman Kidd recommended South Jersey Gas submit to the Mayor and Council before the reconstruction of streets.

Mr. Schomber stated all of Paulsboro will take ten years to complete.

Councilman Haynes recommended the Borough should get with the Engineer regarding all 2014 paving projects and notify all utilities.

Councilman Giampola moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to turn this matter over to the Engineer and Solicitor for further review and meet with the Gas Company. All were in favor of the motion.

Minutes of Regular Meeting held on October 1, 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.

Minutes of an Executive Session Meeting held on October 1, 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. #190.13: 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. #190.13. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None.  
**Motion carried.**

**R. #191.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN BALANCES ON WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS.**

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**R. #197.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR DISALLOWANCE OF A SENIOR CITIZEN DEDUCTION.**

**R. #198.13: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALLOWANCE OF A SENIOR CITIZEN DEDUCTION.**

**R. #199.13: RESOLUTION CANCELLING PROPERTY TAXES FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN.**

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #191.13 to R. #199.13. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**R. #200.13: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FISCAL GRANT EXTENSION JANUARY 1, 2014 TO JUNE 30, 2014.**

(This Resolution extends the Municipal Alliance Grant term for six months as per the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse to go to a fiscal year.)

Councilman Giampola moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to adopt R. #200.13. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, 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.

## INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:

**O. #10.13: BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REPAIR OF THE STORM WATER COLLECTION SYSTEM IN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$31,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$31,000, MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING.** Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt O. #10.13 on introduction and first reading and schedule the second reading and public hearing on November 18, 2013. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

CY2013 Best Practice Inventory Program. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to receive and file the form. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from New Jersey Senate & General Assembly requesting use of the Conference Room to continue their mobile office outreach tour on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to receive, file the letter, grant the request and notify the proper departments. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Gloucester County Senior & Disability Services requesting the shuttle bus to transport the Senior Citizens to the annual Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Auletto Caterers in Almonesson. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to receive, file the letter, grant the request and notify the proper departments. All were in favor of the motion.

Mary Harris, Paulsboro Senior Citizens, stated the bus was not needed.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola rescinded the above motion. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Gloucester County Economic Development regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Shop Local Saturday Initiative. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to receive, file the letter and share with the Chamber of Commerce. All were in favor of the motion.

**R. #201.13: RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 30, 2013 AS "SHOP LOCAL SATURDAY" TO SUPPORT AND PROMOTE SMALL BUSINESS.** Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #201.13. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Abstained: Councilman Haynes.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mayor Hamilton presented an update regarding the Paulsboro Senior Citizens Building Improvement Grant. On October 16, 2013, Matt McQuade from Kimmel Bogrette did an evaluation of the Senior Building. He addressed all of the issues that were listed in the original application. Other issues were mentioned to him with regard to the basement windows and the front steps. These items were not in the application. The architect sent a report dated 10/23/2013 with a detailed scope of the proposed work. This was then forwarded to Triad for review and submission to the Historical Preservation Office. The County's findings are that this activity will have no significant impact on the environment, in terms of impacts on historic properties. These findings are based on consultation of the National and NJ Registers of Historic Places and other historic resources. The Borough is waiting to hear from the Historical Preservation for approval to move forward with this project.

Mayor Hamilton nominated Charles Tinder, Borough Foreman, to be the JIF Safety Coordinator.

**R. #202.13: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO APPOINTING SAFETY COORDINATOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND FOR THE YEAR 2013.** Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to adopt R. #202.13. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: Councilman Giampola. Motion carried.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to table the discussion on the Flexible Spending Plan (Section 125) and the Resolution until the next Work Session Meeting. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilman Haynes discussed the Shared Service with Greenwich Township for a Water Operator. He recommended tabling this until the next Work Session Meeting in order to talk with the Administrator to see if any pension contributions have been taken out by the Borough.

Councilman Haynes moved and Councilman Kidd seconded to table the above discussion until the next Work Session Meeting. All were in favor of the motion.

## **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Councilman Giampola stated resumes for the Code Enforcement Officer have been closed out as of October 31<sup>st</sup> and the Committee will review and set up interviews with a decision to be made in December.

Councilman Giampola thanked everyone for their warm wishes while he was out sick.

Councilman Giampola congratulated Council President Giovannitti and Councilman Stevenson on their Election win.

Councilwoman Turner congratulated Council President Giovannitti and Councilman Stevenson on their Election win and thanked the volunteers who work the Elections.

Councilwoman Turner stated she hoped everyone has noticed new painting and lighting at the Municipal Building and they are still working on the ground work. She thanked Administrator/CFO Ruggeri and the staff.

Councilwoman Turner also stated she has spoken with the owner of the Miller Building and he will address the front of the building. She is working with other store owners to get their windows done by the spring.

Councilwoman Turner informed of the following events:

1. The Holiday Tree Lighting will be held on December 7<sup>th</sup> and will commence at the Fire House at 4:45 p.m. and end at the Municipal Building at 5:00 p.m. where the Tree Lighting will take place and Santa will be present with presents and Hot Chocolate.
2. The Paulsboro High School Christmas Program for children up to 12 years will be held on December 14<sup>th</sup> in the Paulsboro High School Auditorium at 10:00 a.m.

Councilwoman Turner proposed to contribute \$500.00 to the Greater Paulsboro Chamber of Commerce towards the seasonal banners.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to contribute \$500.00 to the Greater Paulsboro Chamber of Commerce towards the banners. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilwoman Turner spoke with Administrator/CFO Ruggeri who informed the wreaths will be up by Thanksgiving.

Councilman Kidd congratulated Council President Giovannitti and Councilman Stevenson and all other candidates on their Election win.

Councilman Kidd stated daily work reports are important and he is only getting one department's report which needs to be addressed.

Councilman Haynes stated he did not have a report at this time. He congratulated Council President Giovannitti and Councilman Stevenson as well as Senator Sweeney, Assemblyman Burzichelli, Assemblywoman Riley and the Freeholder Board.

Council President Giovannitti thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He gave an update on the flooding issues. Councilperson Fleming from Woodbury (the Borough's Engineer) helped the Borough in getting Woodbury to look at the pipes which looked good. There has been an exorbitant amount of rain this year and there was not a lot of clutter in the pipes. They are looking at other parts of the community such as Beacon Avenue. He will get a report from Engineer Fleming.

Council President Giovannitti stated the Borough has secured a bus driver who is a former employee, Charles Kulbacki, who will drive weekly bus runs to Shop Rite and a monthly bus run to the Deptford Mall.

Council President Giovannitti thanked the people who work for the Borough as they do a fantastic job. The Borough is working with the Chamber of Commerce and the town will not be a ghost town. He is proud to be from Paulsboro. Paulsboro has a lot to offer and he is proud of that and proud to serve the residents. He thanked Mayor and Council.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to appoint Charles Kulbacki as the bus driver. All were in favor of the motion.

Mayor Hamilton nominated Erica Scott to serve on the Recreation Committee.

Councilwoman Turner moved and Councilman Kidd seconded to appoint Erica Scott to the Recreation Committee. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilwoman Turner asked the Borough Clerk to mail out the Recreation Committee's meeting schedule, Oath of Office and Citizen Action forms to Mrs. Scott.

Mayor Hamilton stated the railroad tracks are finished on Commerce and Mantua Avenue. He has asked NJDOT to review the railroad crossings at Delaware and Monroe Streets. NJDOT informed him they would look into the railroad crossings and get back to him.

Mayor Hamilton stated the election was a nice race and he thanked Council President Giovannitti and Councilman Stevenson.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to send congratulation letters to the State, Assembly and Freeholders for their election wins. All were in favor of the motion.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 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 November 6, 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