

**JANUARY 2, 2014**

**PAULSBORO. N.J.**

**6:00 P.M.**

**ANNUAL REORGANIZATION AND  
FIRST REGULAR MEETING**

Council Chamber:

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

Mayor Hamilton recognized Senator Stephen Sweeney, Gloucester County Freeholder's Heather Simmons, Frank DeMarco and newly elected Freeholder Dan Christy, Charles O'Leary from the South Jersey Port Corporation, School Board President Tom Ridinger, School Board Member Bonnie Eastlack and Irma Stevenson.

The opening prayer was given by Mayor Hamilton.

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

Senator Sweeney performed the Swearing in of John A. Giovannitti, Councilman.

Councilman Giovannitti thanked all those for coming out and to his wife and daughter as well as the Senator and the Freeholders. He appreciates the teamwork that the Borough has with their elected officials. It is an honor to have the Senator come and perform his swearing in.

Senator Sweeney performed the Swearing in of Gary C. Stevenson, Councilman.

Councilman Stevenson also thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and the elected officials.

Mayor Hamilton performed the Swearing in of Antowan Lindsay, SLEO I, Anthony Pearce, SLEO I and Melanie Strojan, SLEO I.

Senator Sweeney stated he appreciated working with the Mayor and Council and he will continue to work with them to make Paulsboro better.

Gloucester County Freeholder Simmons thanked all of Council for the commitment that they have made, the service that they do makes a difference in the town. She further congratulated Council and wished them best of luck.

Gloucester County Freeholder DeMarco stated he was just glad to be here and he will be at every reorganization meeting of Paulsboro as Mayor and Council has done a wonderful job and he is sure they will do the same this year.

Gloucester County Freeholder Christy congratulated the two Councilmen he is sure they will do a great job as there is a great crew in Paulsboro and he looked forward to working with Mayor and Council.

Mayor Hamilton called the meeting to order and asked Borough Clerk VanScoy to read the opening statement regarding the Open Public Meetings Act.

Members present were: Councilman Giampola, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson. Absent: Councilwoman Turner (excused as she is out of State for her employer).

Mayor Hamilton stated as Mayor of the Borough of Paulsboro, he feels the Borough must continue to believe in the coming year 2014. The love the Council has for this community is overwhelming and he asked the residents of Paulsboro to give the Governing Body a chance to the future and believe that everything can change and will change. The Governing Body is looking forward to serving the community and to keep in mind that change doesn't come overnight. He further felt it depended on the Governing Body working together, putting away personal agendas and do what is right for the residents of Paulsboro. He hopes and prays that everyone had a wonderful holiday and in 2014 is the year that Mayor and Council can come together as one for the betterment of this community. Working together is the key to success and achieving the Borough's goals to make sure Paulsboro moves ahead. There are some projects in place to upgrade the roads, clean up the streets and if the Governing Body can come together as one, these projects will get done. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Election of President of Council:

Councilman Haynes nominated Councilman Giovannitti as President of Council seconded by Councilman Giovannitti. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman Giampola, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Council President Giovannitti thanked his colleagues for electing him to another year as Council President and like the Mayor said the Borough has some big projects the Borough needs to accomplish and he thanked the department heads, the Chief, Water and Sewer and Street and Highway and the ladies up front. The Borough has a wonderful and fantastic group of people who are committed to this town and that is what it takes to have a successful town. Also the relationship with this Council and the elected officials, the County, the State make a big difference.

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.

Tom Ridinger, resident, School Board President, stated over Christmas night he lost his breath and his wife called 911 and Paulsboro Police were there in a minute and the County Ambulance crew was there in three (3) minutes. He had congestive

heart failure and he was in the hospital for a few days and got straightened around. He wanted to thank Senator Sweeney and the Gloucester County Freeholders for the service they provide the Paulsboro people, West Deptford, the whole County and the State with the service. He also thanked Chief Wachter as his guys were great.

Theodore Holloway, 333 West Adams Street, stated on the corner of Adams Street and DeVault Avenue there is a sinkhole forming and a damaged curb. It is starting to cause flooding in his yard and has the potential to do damage to vehicles. He has called the Borough twice on this issue. They came out and did a horrible job. He would like some kind of answers on this area before it starts causing damage. Another concern is the water situation and what he has read in the newspaper as the communication is horrible and no one has said anything about the meeting the Borough had that only a dozen people showed up. The residents need to be more informed as to what the chemicals are or where the chemicals are coming from, who is responsible, how the problem is going to be fixed, what the health concerns are, what is the hazardous control measure to prevent future contamination, etc. The residents need to be more informed if the water is unsafe and the Borough needs to supply some kind of water vouchers to the homeowners and for those who rent to make the landlords responsible for their homes and renters. The Borough has been humiliated again in the newspaper as everything he reads in the newspaper is always bad and there isn't anything good going on. He doesn't want to hear about Paulsboro Pride anymore because it is not about pride because nobody takes pride in anything.

Mayor Hamilton stated the meeting Mr. Holloway talked about had nothing to do with the Council and the Council did not know anything about the meeting. It was a special group from the Delaware River keepers. The Borough has done everything it possibly could to make sure the water was safe. The Borough is not going to put anyone in danger.

Erik Biermann, Water and Sewer Engineer, stated the New Jersey DEP has started a study to identify the contaminants that are in the ground water. They initially started looking at the "fluorocarbons" that are in the water. They believe they are coming from the Solvay Plant which is located in West Deptford. The concentrations are very low level. It is actually a million times less than what the newspaper reported. The NJDEP does not have any actual levels for the Borough to work on yet and at the present time, Paulsboro's water meets the NJDEP requirements for drinking water. The Borough does not have a level in which the Borough needs to move forward with a different type of treatment because the NJDEP hasn't actually proposed any of those yet. The information coming from the Delaware River keepers, while the information that they provided is correct information as far as the concentrations in the ground water with exception of what was reported in the newspaper, it's still science that is not settled yet and it's something that the NJDEP is still studying and still determining how they are

going to advise Paulsboro to move forward with. At the present time, Paulsboro's water meets the drinking water standards for the State of New Jersey. Paulsboro is moving forward with Solvay as there is a meeting on Monday Paulsboro is having with Solvay. As far as the legal action, he is going to defer to the Borough Solicitor to speak on that.

Solicitor Angelini stated the Borough has put Solvay on notice of the Borough's potential claim for testing and remediation if necessary. There is a meeting on Monday to address this with Solvay. The Borough is moving forward in an aggressive manner to insure that residents are protected and to maintain the quality and safety of its water. Currently the water does meet the parameters established by NJDEP and further studies are going to be undertaken. He commended the Mayor and Council for moving forward with Environmental Counsel to go ahead with this.

There wasn't any further public participation.

Mayor Hamilton announced the following Council manic Committee Appointments for 2014:

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson: Joe L. Kidd  
John Giovannitti  
Alfonso G. Giampola

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson: Gary Stevenson  
Joe L. Kidd  
John Giovannitti

**STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson: John Giovannitti  
Gary C. Stevenson  
Alfonso G. Giampola

**UTILITIES COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson: Larry Haynes, Sr.  
Jennifer Turner  
Gary C. Stevenson

**PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson: Jennifer Turner  
John Giovannitti  
Joe L. Kidd

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT COMMITTEE:

Chairperson: Jennifer Turner  
Larry Haynes, Sr.  
Alfonso G. Giampola

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON COMMITTEE:

Chairperson: Joe L. Kidd  
Larry Haynes, Sr.  
Jennifer Turner

CONSTRUCTION AND LICENSING OFFICE:

Chairperson: Alfonso G. Giampola  
Larry Haynes, Sr.  
Gary C. Stevenson

ECONOMIC AND NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Chairperson: Mayor W. Jeffery Hamilton  
Larry Haynes, Sr.  
Joe L. Kidd

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded that the appointments be confirmed. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**R. #01.14: RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.**

**R. #02.14: RESOLUTION SETTING THE DATES, TIME AND PLACE OF THE VARIOUS MEETINGS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2014.**

**R. #03.14: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RULES OF ORDER FOR THE CONDUCT OF BOROUGH MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR 2014.**

**R. #04.14: RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES OF ALL PUBLIC MONIES AND OTHER FUNDS OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2014.**

**R. #05.14: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO ADOPTING CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, And DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES.**

**R. #06.14: RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR 2014.**

**R. #07.14: RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2014.TEMPORARY RESOLUTION.**

**R. #08.14: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PETTY CASH FUNDS FOR THE BOROUGH CLERK FOR 2014.**

**R. #09.14: RESOLUTION APPOINTING A BOROUGH TREASURER/TEMPORARY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2014.**

**R. #10.14: RESOLUTION APPOINTING ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.**

**R. #11.14: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO EMPLOY A PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2014.**

**R. #12.14: RESOLUTION APPOINTING DEPUTY MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR 2014.**

**R. #13.14: RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MUNICIPAL COURT RECORDER FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR 2014.**

**R. #14.14: RESOLUTION APPOINTING SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR 2014.**

**R. #15.14: RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL OFFICERS FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2014.**

**R. #16.14: RESOLUTION APPOINTING LANDLORD LICENSING SECRETARY FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE YEAR 2014.**

**R. #17.14: RESOLUTION APPOINTING WATER AND SEWER SEARCH CLERK FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE YEAR 2014.**

**R. #18.14: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO APPOINTING FUND COMMISSIONER FOR THE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND FOR THE YEAR 2014.**

**R. #19.14: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO APPOINTING CLAIMS COORDINATOR OF THE GLOUCESTER, SALEM AND CUMBERLAND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND.**

**R. #20.14: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO APPOINTING ALTERNATE FUND COMMISSIONER FOR THE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND FOR THE YEAR 2014.**

**R. #21.14: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO APPOINTING SAFETY COORDINATOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND FOR THE YEAR 2014.**

**R. #22.14: RESOLUTION APPOINTING CONTACT PERSON FOR THE EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE LIABILITY ATTORNEY CONSULTATION SERVICE FOR THE GLOUCESTER, SALEM, CUMBERLAND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND.**

**R. #23.14: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO APPOINTING A FUND COMMISSIONER FOR THE SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND.**

**R. #24.14: RESOLUTION APPOINTING A PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER AS PER N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.5 FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.**

**R. #25.14: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO APPOINTING FIRE OFFICIAL.**

**R. #26.14: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2014 FOR A BOROUGH ATTORNEY FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO IN GLOUCESTER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY. (Michael A. Angelini, Esq. – Angelini, Vanier & Freedman).**

**R. #27.14: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2014 FOR AUDITING SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY. (Petroni & Associates).**

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to adopt R. #01.14 to R. #27.14. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**R. #28.14: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2014 FOR A BOROUGH PROSECUTOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.** (John Alice, Esq.) Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to adopt R. #28.14. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**R. #29.14: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2014 FOR BOROUGH ENGINEERING SERVICES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 ET SEQ. (GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES).** (T&M Associates). Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #29.14. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Stevenson. Nays: Councilman Kidd. **Motion carried.**

**R. #30.14: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2014 FOR WATER AND SEWER ENGINEERING SERVICES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 ET SEQ.** (Sickels & Associates). Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to adopt R. #30.14. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**R. #31.14: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2014 FOR A BOROUGH INSURANCE AGENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.** (Hardenbergh Insurance Group). Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #31.14. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**R. #32.14: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2014 FOR REDEVELOPMENT COUNSEL FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.** (M. James Maley, Jr., Esq. – Maley & Associates). Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to adopt R. #32.14. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**R. #33.14: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO**

**THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2014 FOR A BOROUGH APPRAISER FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.** Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to table R. #33.14. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**R. #34.14: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2014 FOR PROFESSIONAL GRANT CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.** (Triad Associates). Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #34.14. Roll call: Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**R. #35.14: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2014 FOR BOND COUNSEL FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.** (Parker McCay). Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #35.14. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**R. #36.14: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2014 FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.** (Triad Associates). Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #36.14. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**R. #37.14: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2014 FOR SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR TAX APPEALS FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.** Councilman Haynes moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to table R. #37.14. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**R. #38.14: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES UNDER A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS TO BARKER AND SCOTT AS SPECIAL LABOR COUNSEL FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.** Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #38.14. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**R. #39.14: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES UNDER A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS TO RUDERMAN AND GLICKMAN AS**

**SPECIAL LABOR RELATIONS COUNSEL FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.** Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #39.14. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**R. #40.14: A RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO'S CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY WITH RESPECT TO ALL OFFICIALS, APPOINTEES, EMPLOYEES, PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT COME INTO CONTACT WITH MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS.** Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #40.14. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**R. #41.14: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO PROVIDING FOR INTEREST AND A GRACE PERIOD ON TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2014.** Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #41.14. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**R. #42.14: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN BALANCES ON WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNT.** Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #42.14. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**R. #43.14: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JAMES SABETTA AS ZONING OFFICER FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AND AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq. WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST GREENWICH FOR PROVIDING TO THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO ZONING OFFICER SERVICES.** Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #43.14. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**APPOINTMENT OF VARIOUS OTHER BOROUGH OFFICIALS BY MAYOR HAMILTON AND CONFIRMED BY MOTION:**

**TAX SEARCH CLERK:** Barbara Sockwell. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to confirm the appointment. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

At this time, Chief Wachter interrupted to inform the Mayor and Council that the Governor just ordered a State of Emergency beginning tonight and tomorrow for all State Government and all non-essential personnel to be off the roadways due to the weather.

IMPROVEMENT SEARCH CLERK: Kathy A. VanScoy. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to confirm the appointment. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS BY MAYOR HAMILTON AND CONFIRMED BY MOTION IF NECESSARY:**

GILL MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Mayor Appoints with Consent of Council:

5 Year Term – Betty Isaac

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to confirm the appointment. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

LAND USE BOARD: Mayor Appoints without Consent of Council:

Class I: Mayor W. Jeff Hamilton

Class II: Official: Phil Zimm

Class III: Member of Council: Lawrence Haynes, Sr.

Alternate Member of Council: Joe L. Kidd

Class IV: Citizens:

1. 4 Year Term – Robert DeAngelo

2. Alternate 3 – 2 Year Term – Marc Kamp

3. Alternate 4 – 2 Year Term – position held until a later date.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION: Mayor Appoints without consent of Council: 7 Members – One (1) would be Liaison to Land Use Board

1. 3 Year Term – Marc Kamp

2. 3 Year Term – Natasha Lavard

3. 3 Year Term – Beth Crane

Appointment of Mayor's Special Committees:

Fort Billings Project Committee: Chairperson: Dr. Walter Quint

Public Celebration/Events Committee: Chairperson: Councilwoman Turner

Lighthouse Committee: Chairperson: Marc Kamp

Crime Free Housing Committee: Chairperson: Chairperson to be announced at a later date.

Friends of the Paul House/Library Committee: Chairperson: Dr. Walter Quint

Summary of Reports and copies of Minutes of meetings. Councilman Haynes moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to receive and file the above. All were in favor of the motion.

Email from W/S Engineer Biermann regarding Water Treatment Plant – Equipment Procurement. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to receive and file the email. All were in favor of the motion.

**R. #44.14: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO ACCEPTING THE FINDING OF A DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY FOR EQUIPMENT REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE PAULSBORO WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH PYRZ WATER SUPPLY CO., INC.** Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #44.14. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman Giampola, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Received Raffle License Application, RA-573, to Guardian Angels Regional School PTA to hold a merchandise raffle on March 26, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to receive, file the application and approve the raffle license. All were in favor of the motion.

Received Firemen's Membership Application for Sienna L. Bryant to join the Paulsboro Fire Department. (All investigations have been completed). Councilman Stevenson moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to receive, file and approve the application. All were in favor of the motion.

#### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Councilman Giampola wished everyone a Happy New Year and asked everyone to please be safe going home.

Councilman Giampola introduced Mike Ruffalo as the new Code Enforcement Officer effective February 1, 2014 and he just recently retired from the West Deptford Police Department. He thanked Mike and welcomed him aboard.

Councilman Giampola stated there are a few things going on in the office with the new gentleman coming on and some of the things for the new year coming up such as working with the Police Department and they are trying to raise the bar to make Paulsboro a better community all around, a friendlier community business wise and resident wise. He wants the quality of life issues to be raised as they don't want people to have to live in bad housing or slums. There is lot on the Office's plate for this year and hopefully everyone can continue to work together with the rest of Mayor and Council and make progress. He again wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilman Kidd stated due to the weather he would wait to bring the few important things he had until the Work Session Meeting.

Councilman Stevenson stated he agreed with Councilman Kidd and he has a few things under public safety that would also wait until the Regular Meeting. He

congratulated Council President Giovannitti on his swearing in and another year of Council President. He congratulated the new SLEO's. He stated he had a problem with someone in the audience who says the Mayor and Council or the people in Paulsboro do not have "Pride", that gentleman obviously does not understand Paulsboro very well. Paulsboro may be down, they may get mad, argue with each other but if you are a real Paulsboro resident, you never lose pride in Paulsboro and he felt he could speak for Mayor and Council and all of them still have their pride in Paulsboro.

Councilman Haynes wished everyone a Happy and safe New Year. There are a couple of projects going on with the water department this year with the Tower, getting the new Water Treatment Plant on line and getting beat up in the newspaper with this Solvay issue. As Mr. Biermann stated these levels are not set parameters with the NJDEP. Mayor and Council are not sitting back on their hands and he has all the faith in the Water Engineers. The Borough is addressing the radon issue and will be addressing a new issue which has just been brought to his attention and when the Borough receives some direction from the NJDEP, that issue will be addressed. He has all the confidence that the Borough will get the water system straightened out.

Council President Giovannitti thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year. He further thanked Council on his election as Council President. He had to agree with Councilman Giampola that working with Council, they do have to raise the bar and this water issue has been a hot topic. He stated like Councilman Haynes said no one has ran from it, they have addressed it, they did the legal and engineering and will do whatever it takes. He wanted to let the departments know Council does support them, appreciate their efforts and hard workers but like Councilman Giampola said the Council is going to continue to raise the bar and ask the Department Heads to raise the bar. It is a beautiful community to live in and the people are Council's strength, the community is unique. He has refereed all over the state and people say and talk about Paulsboro. He chose to be here and he will continue to be here as it is the people in this town that make it special. There are issues and Council is going to address them. He also stated to the residents out there, Council is out there fighting, for the department heads Council supports them and share with their departments, raising the bar and looking forward to Mr. Ruffalo coming on board and raising the level of that office and working with the Administrator because housing is a big issue and he believes the Borough is on the right direction. He is looking forward to 2014 and there are great people here. The Mayor is very dedicated and he is in his office three (3) or four (4) days a week dealing with people and problems. The Council has the pride and it never ever goes away. It is red and white and he agrees the pride doesn't go. The Borough has problems and it will be fixed. He wished everyone a safe trip home and thanked the Mayor and he congratulated the Solicitor for another three years with the Borough.

Solicitor Angelini stated he has been the Borough's Solicitor since 1986.

Mayor Hamilton stated himself and Council has a lot of pride in this community and they are doing all they can to make sure things go right. The water issue has been around for a while and Council has not stepped back and watched this thing go on for the simple fact that it is addressed everyone time it comes up. They have met with Solvay and stuff like that and Council also sent information up to the State and it is also sampled all the time. The State did tell Council that the water was

good and had no reason to alert the community if it was given out the first time that something was going wrong but there wasn't nothing going wrong at that time so therefore Council didn't feel there had to be anything in the newspaper because the water was okay. Council will work very hard to make sure Council does the right thing for this community. He wished everyone Happy New Year and to drive home very safely. He welcomed all the new employees aboard.

Haynes moved and Giovannitti seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

This is a brief summary of the Reorganization and First Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Paulsboro held on January 2, 2014 and should not be considered a verbatim transcript of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Borough Clerk

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W. Jeffery Hamilton, Mayor