

SEPTEMBER 2, 2014

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 Rev. Norwood Cuff of Campbell AME Church.

Mayor Hamilton asked all those present to join in the salute to the flag, 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.

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

George Conaway, 714 Tomlin Station Road, Harrison Township, stated he was born and raised in Paulsboro and worked for Mobil and Valero and is the President of the Fort Billings Credit Union. He discussed the Riverside Inn and that he can't sit outside after 8:00 p.m. He asked Mayor and Council to review and reconsider the Ordinance. He felt an individual should be able to sit outside the Riverside Inn until 10:00 p.m.

Mayor Hamilton stated it is not an ordinance but a condition as part of the Riverside Inn's renewal due to the issues at that establishment.

Solicitor Angelini stated this is part of the restrictions that was placed on the renewal of the license and the Mayor and Council can review the matter at any

time. There may have been some issues at the time of renewal but Mayor and Council can consider and relax the restriction.

Theadford Johnson, 1750 Overbrook Avenue, also discussed the Riverside Inn and felt it was not fair to the proprietor to place this restriction on the license. He respectfully asked Mayor and Council to look into it.

Marvin Hamilton, 913 South Chestnut Street, stated the Borough did a good job street sweeping for the 4th of July Parade but he hasn't seen anything else done with the street sweeping.

Mr. Hamilton stated he has seen violation signs posted on houses and he felt the big orange sign is an invitation for thieves.

Mr. Hamilton stated the potholes are very bad and the Borough needs to start doing something not just in Billingsport.

Mr. Hamilton questioned when something was going to be done with the house that caught on fire on Broad and Pennline Streets. He asked when it was going to be torn down and if the homeowner isn't going to tear it down then the Borough should demolish it.

Mr. Hamilton complained about the high grass and the Supervisor should be getting these properties cut and billing the owners such as 1265 Walter Street, 17 East Jefferson Street and 111 East Jefferson Street.

Mr. Hamilton also stated the drug area is very bad.

Mayor Hamilton stated the Police Department has been working on the drug area.

Councilman Giampola stated a warrant has been issued today for the owner of the house on Broad Street as well as the high grass issue. There is a process and the Borough can't just demolish or cut grass until the courts inform the Borough they can. The Borough doesn't have any rights until the Court tells them but the process has to be followed.

Evans Lavard, 9 West Adams Street, stated Mayor and Council must stop their bickering and fighting to get things done. He discussed the street sweeper and there are options. He has called a company who will give a presentation. He would like a print out of all drains that were cleaned and there is a hole at the drain on Spruce Street. He further discussed the parking issue on Adams Street at the store and with the drugs. The Borough should shut down the store and there is a lot of garbage there. He is fed up. The street should be a one way street and resident

parking only by permit. There is a no parking sign but they still park there. The Mayor and Council need to move the Borough forward.

Michael Pidliskey, 572 Billings Avenue, questioned if the rides will be free at Paulsboro Day and he further questioned if the Borough was being reassessed.

Mayor Hamilton stated the County is doing another revaluation due to some assessments were too high and the train derailment.

Mr. Pidliskey stated the Borough has the biggest drug problem and he has heard Paulsboro referred to as "little Camden". There is a blue house by his house that sells drugs and smokes marijuana on the porch and the problem is getting worse.

Mayor Hamilton stated the Police Department is working on the problem and he asked Mr. Pidliskey to speak with the Chief or the Captain when he gets a chance.

Cheryl Chandler, 1014 Spruce Street, questioned what the rules were for playing curb ball or football in the street.

Mayor Hamilton stated there is an ordinance regarding basketball.

Chief Wachter stated there is to be no playing in the street as per State Statute.

Ms. Chandler also questioned if there is a curfew.

Mayor Hamilton stated there is a curfew.

Councilman Giampola stated the siren hasn't been working for the last ten (10) days.

Linda Pilger, 600 King Street, Paulsboro Day Committee, stated Paulsboro Day is this Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be entertainment, vendors, crafters, informational booths, food tables, rides, attractions, balloon artist, magician, face painter, pony rides, petting zoo from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Mobile Arcade, Fun Bus, Miniature Golf Course, Photo Booth and bands such as the Paulsboro Jazz Band from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., Kelsey Coan from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m., the opening ceremony from 11:45 a.m. which will honor the last five (5) Mayors, the band Philly Cuzz Battaglia from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. and the All Souled Out band from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. They will be selling Paulsboro Day buttons for \$2.00 with pictures of the five (5) Mayors and giving out souvenir brochures. Most of the events are free and it is a great day for the community. Paulsboro Day will be held on the parking lot of the Paulsboro High School and there is parking back by Taylor Street.

Ken Norris, 445 Summit Avenue, stated there is a Loitering Ordinance in the Code Book that is not legal.

Chief Wachter stated it was considered unconstitutional.

There wasn't any further public participation.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to close the floor to the public at 7:32 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Presentation from G.C. Improvement Authority regarding installation of the Wharf.

Marlin Peterson, G.C.I.A. was present as well as Kevin Castignolo, Daryl Ang and Mario Christina from the South Jersey Port Corporation.

Mr. Peterson stated the County has improved the intersection at Delaware Street and Clonmell Road and the truck traffic will now be using Exit 19 off of Route 295 and travel over the new bridge. In the coming weeks, the Port project will be pounding/driving 880 pilings by Weeks Marine. They will be driving piles for sixteen months from July through February.

Adam from Weeks Marine confirmed the above and Tom Wingate from Taylor, Wiseman and Taylor stated they will be notifying the residents in the area of the pounding. They will meet with the residents in this area to address any issues resulting from this activity.

Councilman Giampola suggested notifying the Police Department as well.

Councilman Kidd further suggested sending a copy to the Borough Hall.

Mr. Peterson stated the whole power point presentation will be given to the Borough Hall.

Mayor Hamilton asked them to work very closely with the Mayor and Council and the Police Department to address any concerns.

Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on June 4, 2014 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 a Work Session Meeting held on June 17, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on July 1, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of a Work Session Meeting held on July 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of a Special Meeting held on July 30, 2014 at 5:00 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 except Councilman Haynes abstained on the July 1st minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #147.14: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS OUT OF THE 2014 BUDGET FOR AUGUST 5TH & 19TH, 2014. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #147.14. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #148.14: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2014 BUDGET. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #148.14. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #149.14: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN BALANCES ON WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #149.14. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #150.14: RESOLUTION ALLOWING EXTENSION OF GRACE PERIOD FOR 3RD QUARTER TAXES 2014. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #150.14. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #151.14: RESOLUTION CANCELLING PORTION OF PROPERTY TAXES. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #151.14. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #152.14: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALLOWANCE OF DISABILITY DEDUCTIONS. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola

seconded to adopt R. #152.14. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #153.14: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE RENEWAL OF A PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE #0814-33-009-005 JOLLY RAJ T/A POCKET LICENSE. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #153.14. Roll call Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #154.14: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT BY PUBLIC AUCTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #154.14. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #155.14: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY LOCAL FINANCE BOARD PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:2-26. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #155.14. 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 Haynes seconded to receive and file. All were in favor of the motion.

Receipt of Bids: Reconstruction of Beacon Avenue:

	Base Bid	Alt. 1	Alt. 2
1. Landberg Construction LLC	\$165,501.91	\$26,124.60	\$43,140.51
2. R.E. Pierson Construction Co.	\$174,265.16	\$23,438.80	\$38,875.86
3. American Asphalt	\$190,794.60	\$27,303.60	\$44,868.10
4. Perna Construction	\$205,245.00	\$36,450.00	\$64,675.00

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to receive, file, accept the bids and spread the bids in the minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #156.14: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING THE AWARDING OF BID AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AND LANDBERG CONSTRUCTION LLC FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS “RECONSTRUCTION OF BEACON AVENUE”.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to adopt R. #156.14 in the base bid of \$165,501.91. Roll call: Ayes: R/C: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Receipt of Bids: Municipal Building Roof Improvements:

1. GEN II Contracting Co.	\$246,630.00
2. NJK Contractors, Inc.	\$400,000.00
3. Glen Wallach – D.A. Nolt	\$430,469.00
4. Statewide Fire Restoration	\$399,500.00

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to receive, file, accept the bids and spread the bids in the minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Walter C. Quint, Ed.D, Paulsboro Public Schools, requesting to use the Damminger Fields for practice and games during the 2014-2015 school year, specifically, the football and baseball teams, etc. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to receive, file the letter, and approve the request with proper certification and insurances.

Councilman Kidd stated all parties involved should sit down and discuss this such as the Recreation Committee, Midget Football, the High School, etc.

Irma Stevenson, School Board member, explained the reason for the request as there is flooding on the practice field at the High School due to the ditches.

Mayor Hamilton suggested reviewing to see if there is a conflict with scheduling.

All were in favor of the above motion.

Councilman Kidd discussed the ditches and felt a Committee should be formed including Greenwich Township and the High School to discuss the ditches and send letters to the State and Federal Governments. It is felt the problem with the ditches was due to beavers.

Councilman Kidd moved and Councilwoman Turner seconded to proceed with the above. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter to the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services from Tax Collector Barbara Sockwell regarding 2014-2015 tax bills. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to receive and file the letter. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Michael Reed, A.F.S.C.M.E., requesting switching the Election Day Holiday to Friday, December 26, 2014. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to receive, file the letter and discuss this issue at the next Work Session meeting. All were in favor of the motion.

Flyer from the Gloucester County Department of Health and Senior Services requesting the Shuttle Bus to transport the Paulsboro Senior Citizens to the Annual G.C. Senior Citizen Picnic at Red Bank Battlefield in National Park on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (G.C. Department of Health usually requests the Borough supply the Shuttle Bus for this event.) Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilwoman Turner seconded to receive, file the flyer, approve their request and notify the proper departments. All were in favor of the motion except Haynes abstained.

Memo from Chief Chris T. Wachter regarding recommendation to advertise for SLEO I and SLEO II Officers. Councilman Stevenson moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to receive, file the memo and approve Chief Wachter's recommendation. All were in favor of the motion.

Memo from Chief Chris T. Wachter regarding request to advertise to hire Alternate Crossing Guards. Councilman Stevenson moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to receive, file the memo and approve Chief Wachter's recommendation. All were in favor of the motion.

OLD BUSINESS: There wasn't any old business at this time.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Construction and Licensing Committee: Councilman Giampola, Chairman:

Councilman Giampola stated the building on Broad Street is in process.

Councilman Giampola also stated he will be placing the Code Enforcement Officer position on the next Work Session Meeting agenda.

Councilman Giampola further stated the Borough is having a lot of success with the banks registering the foreclosed and abandoned properties.

Public Property Committee/Community Betterment Committee:
Councilwoman Turner, Chair:

Councilwoman Turner questioned the Chief regarding the status of the foot and Bicycle Patrols.

Chief Wachter stated he had full intentions of implementing those patrols but unfortunately manpower was an issue. He has spent much over time just manning the patrol units. They have executed 21 search warrants since January and he doesn't have the manpower to support the bicycles.

Councilwoman Turner felt there needed to be more interaction with the residents.

Chief Wachter stated Councilwoman Turner was absolutely correct but there have been 1,000 more calls this year than last year and he has limited resources. He does feel more needs to be done. There are other operations going on and it is going to take time. He will do better. He hosted the "Ice Cream with a Cop" event and the Department is on Facebook. The Captain is up and running with Twitter. There isn't any open space for the kids to play.

Councilwoman Turner discussed Smoke Free Outdoor Initiatives and she would like to further discuss this and place on the Agenda for the October Work Session Meeting.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to discuss the Smoke Free Outdoor Initiative at the Work Session Meeting in October. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilwoman Turner discussed naming the street between the Glorious Light Christian Ministries Church and the Ambulance building after Rev. Babajide from the church who passed away. She will discuss this further once she has received the letter of request from the Church.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to discuss renaming the street between the Church and the Ambulance Building after the Reverend from Glorious Light Christian Ministries Church at a Work Session Meeting once Councilwoman Turner receives the letter of request. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilwoman Turner discussed establishing a Personnel Committee as she has been listening to a lot of personnel issues. She asked the Mayor and Council to consider this committee and she asked for their feedback.

Councilwoman Turner stated a sidewalk was installed at the Buck Street Park and she reminded everyone that Movie Night will be held on Friday night, September 5, 2014 at Fort Billings Park. There will be bus transportation to the Park from either Loudenslager School or the Borough Hall.

Public Safety Committee: Councilman Stevenson, Chairman:

Councilman Stevenson thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He stated everyone should get together to go over the NTSB Report regarding the Conrail Train Derailment.

Councilman Stevenson asked Chief Wachter to explain regarding the use of body cameras for the Police Department.

Chief Wachter explained the use of the body cameras and he has spent time talking with other Chiefs and vendors which he did at the Police Chief's Convention in Atlantic City. Taser International has given a presentation and he was impressed with the product, cameras and offsite storage. He has signed an agreement and the Department will be performing a "wear test". It is phenomenal and also expensive. He will give a presentation to the Governing Body at a Work Session Meeting.

Councilman Kidd stated he has read in the newspaper that the NTSB has given their report on the Conrail Train Derailment incident. He hoped the Borough will have Conrail at a meeting to discuss the report with the Governing Body.

Councilman Kidd moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to send a letter of invitation to NTSB to meet with Council to discuss the report.

Solicitor Angelini suggested sending a copy of the letter to Senator Menendez.

Councilman Kidd also suggested sending a copy of the letter to Senator Booker.

All were in favor of the above motion.

Councilman Kidd commended the Police Department as the drugs in his area have eased up due to the four raids that were done. He gave credit to Chief Wachter as the whole neighborhood is calmer but there is still a long way to go.

Councilman Kidd stated he hoped the Borough Police Department receives the body cameras as it will help the community.

Utilities Committee: Councilman Haynes, Chairman:

Councilman Haynes reiterated what Councilman Kidd said regarding the Police Department as they are doing the best they can.

Street and Highway Committee: Council President Giovannitti, Chairman:

Council President Giovannitti thanked the residents for coming to the meeting. He stated the Street and Highway Committee has been meeting weekly with Borough Foreman Tinder to address some of the issues being given to the Governing Body. He thanked the Committee, Borough Foreman Tinder and Administrator/CFO Ruggeri as he felt the Borough was making progress.

Council President Giovannitti requested approval to use the Shuttle bus for the away High School Football Games and Wrestling Matches.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to approve the use of the Shuttle Bus for transportation to the away High School Football games and Wrestling Matches. All were in favor of the motion.

Mayor Hamilton thanked the residents for their concerns and he invited the residents to attend Movie Night on Friday night and Paulsboro Day on Saturday.

There wasn't any further Borough business.

Councilman Stevenson moved and Councilwoman Turner seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 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 September 2, 2014 and should not be considered a verbatim transcript of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. VanScoy, RMC/CMC
Borough Clerk

W. Jeffery Hamilton, Mayor