

**FEBRUARY 3, 2015**

**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 Pastor Melvin Orr, 260 Huff Avenue.

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 Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner.

Mayor Hamilton stated once the floor is open to the public there won't be any calling out in the audience and to wait until the persons time to be recognized out of respect. Everyone is entitled to speak and they will be able to speak for five minutes.

Mayor Hamilton presented and read the following Proclamations:

Proclamation: Paul Morina and Black History Month

At this time, Mayor Hamilton presented Wrestling Coach Paul Morina with a proclamation for breaking the record for most wins in South Jersey history.

Coach Morina thanked the Mayor and Council for their support as it has been hard work. He has coached a lot of young men. He thanked his Assistant Coaches Carmel Morina and Marvin Hamilton.

Mayor Hamilton stated Coach Morina has taken children under his wing and is very good at doing that.

Council President Kidd congratulated Coach Morina and he sees that Carmel Morina and Marvin Hamilton are also present. He thanked Coach Morina as it keeps the young people active and off the street corners.

At this time, Mayor Hamilton read the Black History Month Proclamation.

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.

Ben Mento, owns property at 204 Billingsport Road, 1031 Penn Line Road, 446 Billingsport Road and 371 West Buck Street, stated he has lived in Paulsboro for ten (10) years and has a stake in Paulsboro. He thanked the Public Works Department for the exceptional job that they do such as picking up the leaves, plowing the snow from the roads, etc. The streets are immaculate after they clean them up. The Mayor and Council have exceptional managers and employees. He further stated the public service is giving him what he wants and needs and again stated the Department does an exceptional job.

Anthony Kline, 579 North Delaware Street, discussed the flooding issue. He stated he hasn't seen anyone such as an Engineer out at his house. It has been since August and no one has come out since he was told almost a year ago that the Borough was going to have an Engineer see him and the issue hasn't been addressed. He suggested installing a retention basin. He has had the land surveyed. He will give the Borough two (2) more opportunities, and then he is going to the County. Mayor and Council must understand his frustration.

Administrator Ruggeri stated she has had two (2) Engineers look at the issue and has received two (2) proposals which she has to discuss with the Street and Highway Committee and the Utility Committee to see what can be done and if anything can be done.

Mr. Kline stated the water from the Water Tower property runs into his driveway.

Mayor Hamilton stated the Administrator will have to get meetings together with the above-mentioned Committees to have it discussed and reviewed to see what can be done.

There wasn't any further public participation.

Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to close the floor to the public at 7:21 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Minutes of the Swearing In Ceremony held on January 1, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to receive, file and adopt the above minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

Minutes of the Reorganization and First Regular Meeting held on January 6, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to receive, file and adopt the above minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

Minutes of a Work Session Meeting held on January 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to receive, file and adopt the above minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

**R. #56.15: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN THE 2014 BUDGET RESERVE ACCOUNTS.** Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to adopt R. #56.15. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**R. #57.15: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2015 TEMPORARY BUDGET.** Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #57.15. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

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

#### **INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:**

**O. #01.15: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AMENDING CHAPTER 45A: PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.** Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to adopt O. #01.15 on introduction and first reading and schedule the second reading and public hearing on February 17, 2015. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman

Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:**

**O. #02.15: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 51 “POLICE DEPARTMENT” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.**

Solicitor Angelini explained the Deputy Chief position doesn't exist and the Borough would have to adopt an Ordinance to create the position. Once the Ordinance has been introduced and adopted, Council can adopt the Resolution promoting Captain Marino to Deputy Chief retroactively to January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Councilman Haynes questioned if he could vote on this Ordinance.

Solicitor Angelini stated yes as it is creating the position but he cautioned his vote on appointing an individual to the position.

Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to adopt O. #02.15 on introduction and first reading and schedule the second reading and public hearing on February 17, 2015. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Letter from Robert W. Parks, President, Paulsboro Little League, requesting permission to hold the annual Opening Day Parade on April 11, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Councilman Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to receive, file, approve the request and notify the proper departments. All were in favor of the motion.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mayor Hamilton asked Mrs. Pilger if she would speak with him after the meeting to discuss her flooding problem at 600 King Street.

Mrs. Pilger stated she would.

Mayor Hamilton appointed Alfonso Giampola, Fire Chief to the position of JIF Alternate Fund Commissioner.

**R. #25.15: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO APPOINTING ALTERNATE FUND COMMISSIONER FOR THE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND FOR THE YEAR 2015.** Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to adopt R. #25.15. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes,

Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Public Safety Committee: Councilman Stevenson, Chairman:

Councilman Stevenson congratulated Coach Paul Morina as he has done an outstanding job.

Councilman Stevenson thanked Fire Chief Alfonso Giampola as when the weather newscasters were predicting a lot of snow, Fire Chief Giampola had a full duty crew standing by at the Fire House.

Mayor Hamilton stated under Old Business, the item regarding the Civil Rights Commission will be addressed at the next meeting.

Utilities Committee: Councilman Haynes, Chairman:

Councilman Haynes congratulated Coach Paul Morina and his son wrestled for Coach Morina.

Councilman Haynes also congratulated Mike Reed for obtaining his T-4 License which is what he will need to run the Water Treatment Plant once Water/Sewer Superintendent John Daly retires. There will be discussions held with the Utilities Committee to promote Michael Reed to the Water/Sewer Superintendent position.

Street and Highway Committee/School Board Liaison Committee: Councilman Theodore D. Holloway, II:

Councilman Holloway stated the Borough has purchased some much needed equipment such as three (3) new vehicles. He is reviewing a safety program for the Department. The potholes will be patched but with the weather it is kind of hard. The Department is still chipping brush and trees and the Department can do better but it takes time.

Councilman Holloway stated he met with Dr. Quint on January 26<sup>th</sup>. The School Board held a Special Election on January 27<sup>th</sup>. He thanked Rebecca Forand of the South Jersey Times for the article regarding the School Election. He will be more pro-active in the school's needs.

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

Councilwoman Turner stated Happy February and she was glad everyone came out. She further stated she is working with the Public Property Committee and Administrator Ruggeri. There is someone interested in purchasing Borough property and they have a plan to move forward with selling Borough property.

Councilwoman Turner stated the Community Betterment and Recreation Committee will be holding the Black History Program on February 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Paulsboro High School Auditorium.

Councilwoman Turner stated the website is being updated and there will be a lot of improvements.

Councilwoman Turner also stated she is working with the Committee regarding paying taxes and water/sewer bills over the Borough's website and by telephone. This is a work in progress.

Councilwoman Turner further stated she has spoken with Captain Marino regarding Crossing Guards using radios.

Councilwoman Turner also stated she appreciated the patience and time the residents can give Mayor and Council.

Finance Committee: Council President Kidd, Chairman:

Council President Kidd stated the deadline to introduce the Budget is March 13<sup>th</sup> and the Chief Finance Officer is compiling figures.

Council President Kidd also stated he will be reaching out to the different Committee Chairpersons.

Council President Kidd congratulated Coach Paul Morina as he remembers the kids having to wear a suit and tie for every match which showed the pride in Paulsboro.

Construction and Licensing Committee: Councilman Giovannitti, Chairman:

Councilman Giovannitti welcomed everyone to the meeting and he thanked Mr. Mento for coming to the meeting and saying the nice things he said about the Street and Highway Department. He thanked the Street and Highway Department and Councilman Holloway who is the Chairperson of the Committee.

Councilman Giovannitti welcomed Solicitor Angelini back as he has been sick.

Councilman Giovannitti congratulated Chief Wachter as he will be retiring and thanked him for his service.

Councilman Giovannitti thanked and congratulated Coach Paul Morina as well as Carmel Morina and Marvin Hamilton for their service as Assistant Coaches.

Councilman Giovannitti stated he has had three (3) meetings with Code Enforcement Officer Wayne Bender and there are 446 rental units in Paulsboro. He further stated the office shows professionalism and he will hold anyone accountable and will continue to address the issues.

Council President Kidd thanked Borough Clerk VanScoy for the Proclamation for Black History Month which Black History should be held 365 days. He stated he saw the movie "Selma" which brought things back when he was a young person.

Mayor Hamilton congratulated Coach Paul Morina as he is keeping the kids moving in the right direction and he thanked him for the fine job.

Mayor Hamilton thanked Fire Chief Alfonso Giampola for the Installation Service for the Fire Company.

Mayor Hamilton discussed the use of electronic devices during public meetings. The Gloucester County Freeholder Board adopted a Resolution and he would like to adopt a similar Resolution requiring everyone to turn off their electronic devices for all meetings. This would include Mayor and Council and the public.

**R. #58.15: RESOLUTION PROHIBITING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES DRING ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.** Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to adopt R. #58.15.

Councilman Stevenson questioned if the device had to be turned off or placed on silent because in his business as a Funeral Director he would have to keep his telephone on but on silent. He felt this should have been discussed first. He doesn't agree with turning off the device but to put on silent or vibrate. He suggested the Mayor announce to everyone at the beginning of the meetings to silence their devices.

Councilman Giovannitti felt something could be put in the resolution indicating what Councilman Stevenson said above.

Councilman Haynes also felt the devices could be put on vibrate as if there is a snow emergency he would have to be notified. He also felt the devices should not be turned off but placed on vibrate.

Councilwoman Turner stated sometimes when the device is put on silent; the vibration is still heard depending where the device is placed.

Council President Kidd stated he thought something was passed before regarding cell phones.

Roll call to adopt R. #58.15: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti. Nays: Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson.

Councilwoman Turner had further questions.

Solicitor Angelini stated Councilwoman Turner has the ability to table the motion to adopt the Resolution if a second was received. The motion to table would supersede the motion to adopt.

Councilwoman Turner moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to table R. #58.15. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: Council President Kidd. **Motion carried.**

There wasn't any further Borough business.

Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 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 February 3, 2015 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

