

MARCH 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 Councilman Holloway.

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 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. He also asked everyone to turn down their cell phones.

Mr. Wilmot Redman, 269 West Broad Street, discussed the Port opening and the need to obtain a TWIC card. He presented applications to obtain a TWIC card if any resident was interested.

Councilman Haynes stated he had a long conversation with Mr. Redman and felt the residents should be prepared for when the Port starts looking for employees. He has approached someone at the County who was in the process of setting up seminars with the residents of Paulsboro, but that person has since left the County. He has a meeting this week with the Gloucester County Economic Development Office and also has had discussions with them about this.

Mr. Redman stated he is looking out for the people in this town as they will need a TWIC card to be employed with the Port.

Mayor Hamilton thanked Mr. Redman for the information.

There wasn't any further public participation.

Councilman Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to close the floor to the public at 7:10 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Minutes of a Special Meeting held on January 28, 2015 at 5:00 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 Regular Meeting held on February 3, 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.

Minutes of a Work Session Meeting held on February 17, 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. #68.15: EMERGENCY TEMPORARY RESOLUTION PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to adopt R. #68.15. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #69.15: 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. #69.15. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #70.15: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING, APPROVING, RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST.

Council President Kidd asked Mr. Biermann from Sickels and Associates to explain this Resolution.

Erik Biermann, Sickels and Associates, Water and Sewer Engineer, explained that Sickels was authorized to make an application to the NJEIT for financial

assistance to make improvements, upgrades and rehabilitation of an old 4-inch water main with new 12-inch water main along Thomson Avenue and Wood Street from Elizabeth Avenue to Commerce Street and the installation and reconstruction of storm sewer from Elizabeth Avenue to Mantua Creek.

Councilman Haynes questioned that this would be just the application.

Mr. Biermann stated yes.

Councilman Stevenson asked for an explanation as to why this project would stop at Elizabeth Avenue and why not include one (1) more block.

Mr. Biermann stated this is a joint project with the water main and the storm sewer that goes to Elizabeth Avenue. One (1) block away, the water flows in a different direction. He recommended it to be a different project.

Councilman Stevenson stated he is trying to understand why it wouldn't include one (1) more block.

Mr. Biermann stated it is more complicated as the lines encroach under private property. It can be considered in a future study.

Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to adopt R. #70.15. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #71.15: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN BALANCES ON WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to adopt R. #71.15. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd (although Council President Kidd abstained (recused) from Account #11265-2 of the Resolution), Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Abstained: Council President Kidd on Account #11265-2. **Motion carried.**

R. #72.15: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALLOWANCE OF DISABILITY DEDUCTIONS. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to adopt R. #72.15. 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 Haynes seconded to receive and file. All were in favor of the motion.

OLD BUSINESS: Petition – Joseph La Maina and Philip Li Volsi – 908 North Delaware Street – Block 66 Lot 8. Mayor Hamilton moved this item to the Work Session Meeting of March 17, 2015. He stated, after speaking with the Tax Collector, this is not past practice.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Public Safety Committee: Councilman Stevenson, Chairman:

Councilman Stevenson stated there was an article in the newspaper regarding the Conrail Bridge. The two (2) upright pieces have been installed, and he spoke with two (2) Conrail representatives and they informed him the bridge would be complete by mid to end of June.

Councilman Stevenson also stated the Police Department had their first NARCAN save and he thanked Chief Wachter and the Police Department.

Councilman Haynes questioned if Conrail would have to stop building the bridge due to the “spawning”.

Councilman Stevenson answered no, only when they were doing the piling.

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

Councilwoman Turner stated the Public Property Committee is evaluating properties the Borough owns and may sell, but it is a work in progress.

Councilwoman Turner stated under the Community Betterment Committee, the Borough will be holding the Easter Egg Hunt on April 4th at the Fort Billings Park.

Councilwoman Turner reported that the Black History event went very well and she thanked the Recreation Committee and the volunteers who assisted.

Councilwoman Turner stated she is looking into a spring cleaning to clean up areas in Paulsboro.

Councilwoman Turner also stated she saw that the Plaza received the approval to start working.

Council President Kidd stated Councilwoman Turner is jumping too soon regarding the Plaza as they still have to go in front of the Land Use Board.

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

Councilman Holloway stated the Boys Basketball Team is in the finals and there are seven (7) going to State.

Councilman Holloway commended Borough Foreman Tinder and the Department on plowing the streets from the storm. They did a good job, and the new vehicles came in handy as well as the Borough has a good Mechanic.

Councilman Holloway discussed placing trash cans on some of the streets and he will give more detail when more residents are present.

Utilities Committee: Councilman Haynes, Chairman:

Councilman Haynes stated Well No. 8 is down and as there is a preliminary column loose. The Department is in the process of getting quotes. Well No. 9 is on line and he will keep everyone advised.

Construction and Licensing Committee: Councilman Giovannitti, Chairman:

Councilman Giovannitti echoed Councilman Holloway's commendation to the Street and Highway Department regarding the snow storm. He stated there is good work being done through the departments and the Police Department during the winter. The Borough has a wonderful Borough force.

Councilman Giovannitti stated he will be having a Code Meeting on Thursday. He also stated at the last Council meeting there was discussion regarding rental inspections. Each rental is inspected every year along with the Landlord License.

Administrator/Treasurer Ruggeri further explained the property is not re-inspected after their annual inspection for the year but the property is licensed and inspected every year.

Finance Committee: Council President Kidd, Chairman:

Council President Kidd stated the Annual Free Rabies Clinic has been cancelled due to the State's shortage of vaccine and the Borough Clerk is requesting to extend the late fee to May 31st for renewal of the 2015 Dog Licenses due to the cancellation of the rabies clinic.

Mayor Hamilton appointed Marc Kamp as the Liaison to the Land Use Board and Environmental Commission.

Mayor Hamilton asked everyone to take their time going home as it is slippery out.

There wasn't any further Borough business.

Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 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 March 3, 2015 and should not be considered a verbatim transcript of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. VanScoy, RMC/CMC
Borough Clerk

W. Jeffery Hamilton, Mayor