

**JANUARY 2, 2016**

**PAULSBORO. N.J.**

**2:00 P.M.**

**SWEARING IN CEREMONY**

Councilman Giovannitti and Councilman Holloway Co-hosted the Swearing In Ceremony of Councilmen Alfonso Giampola and Larry Haynes, Sr. and Mayor Gary Stevenson.

Councilman Giovannitti thanked everyone for coming to the Ceremony especially all the dignitaries and he welcomed everyone to Paulsboro.

Councilman Holloway recognized the following dignitaries starting at the State level:

1. Assemblyman and Former Mayor John J. Burzichelli
2. Gloucester County Freeholder Board Director Robert Damminger
3. Gloucester County Freeholder Board Joe Chila
4. Gloucester County Freeholder Board Jim Jefferson
5. Gloucester County Freeholder Board Frank DiMarco
6. Gloucester County Freeholder Board Dan Christy
7. Gloucester County Sheriff Carmel Morina
8. Gloucester County Former Sheriff Chuck Gill
9. Gloucester County Clerk Jim Hogan
10. Former Mayor W. Jeffery Hamilton
11. Former Mayor James Sabetta
12. Former Mayor Elwood Hampton
13. School Board Member Tom Ridinger
14. School Board Member Irma Stevenson
15. School Board Member Joe Lisa
16. School Board Member Paula Giampola
17. Borough Employee Janet Byrd

Pastor Kevin Davis recited the Opening Prayer.

Paula Giampola (Notary Public) officiated the Swearing In of Councilman Alfonso Giampola.

Councilman Giovannitti asked everyone to keep former Council President Jeanne Giampola and former Councilwoman Jennifer Turner in their prayers.

Councilman Giampola thanked everyone for coming to the Swearing In Ceremony. He will start hitting the ground Tuesday night. He congratulated Councilman Haynes and Mayor Stevenson.

Freeholder Director Damminger stated he has to run after he performs the Swearing In of Councilman Haynes and wanted to say a few words first. He stated it was truly an honor to be back in his hometown and it means a lot to be from Paulsboro and he will always be from Paulsboro.

Gloucester County Freeholder Board Director Robert Damminger officiated the Swearing In of Councilman Larry Haynes, Sr.

Councilman Haynes thanked everyone for coming to the Swearing In especially the dignitaries. He thanked his family and the residents for this opportunity to perform his duties as Council. He hoped he would get the Governing Body to work as one and hoped they could work through their differences.

Councilman Giovannitti welcomed and recognized the Paulsboro Elected Officials and help will be needed from the County and State Officials and asked if any of the dignitaries had anything to say.

Gloucester County Sheriff Carmel Morina stated he never left Paulsboro. Former Mayor Elwood Hampton and his wife are an inspiration. He further stated there are a lot of programs throughout the County for Paulsboro residents to get involved in and hoped they would.

Gloucester County Freeholder Joe Chila stated it is an honor to be in Paulsboro as he went to High School in Paulsboro and he will be a "Red Raider" for life. He further stated if he can help anyone to reach out to him. He wished everyone a healthy and Happy New Year.

Assemblyman Burzichelli thanked Mayor Hamilton for his service as Mayor. This year should be a year of optimism and Mayor and Council should concentrate and focus on the positive. He further stated "once a Mayor, always a Mayor".

Former Mayor Elwood Hampton officiated the Swearing In of Mayor Gary C. Stevenson.

Former Mayor Hampton stated Paulsboro is the greatest city in Gloucester County and it needs to eradicate racism.

Mayor Stevenson thanked all the dignitaries for coming to the Swearing In Ceremony. There is Paulsboro Pride and he asked everyone to reach out to their dignitaries. He thanked Mayor Hampton and Mayor Hamilton. He further

thanked Chief Marino. He stated he will save his speech for Tuesday's night Reorganization Meeting during the Mayor's annual address. He reached out and thanked Greenwich Township Councilman Ray Williams and he will be reaching out to the former Mayor's. He will need to get to the people that guided him. He thanked former Mayor Elwood Hampton and Greenwich Township Councilman Williams for their wisdom. He also thanked his family especially his grandmother Kandle as she is 95 years old. He will focus on housing as there are about 200 plus vacant homes in Paulsboro, he will also focus on the Port jobs, homeownership, more community policing and the economic aspects as the Port is coming to Paulsboro but he can't forget about the rest of the town especially the development on Route 295 and working on getting the Rocking Stone reopened. He has prayers and thoughts for Jeanne Giampola. He felt Council has to work together to bring Paulsboro back to the way it used to be. He wants to see Paulsboro great again. He will need everyone's help and if they are not part of the solution then they are part of the problem. He will do what is best for Paulsboro. He thanked Janet Byrd and he asked everyone to pray for and support Mayor and Council.

Mayor Stevenson invited everyone back to his house at 230 East Jefferson Street and asked them to leave the driveway open for the ones who cannot walk very far.

Pastor Kevin Davis recited the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathy A. VanScoy, RMC/CMC  
Borough Clerk

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Gary C. Stevenson, Mayor