

**JANUARY 5, 2016**

**PAULSBORO. N.J.**

**6:00 P.M.**

**ANNUAL REORGANIZATION AND  
FIRST REGULAR MEETING**

Council Chamber:

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

The opening prayer was given by Pastor Holloway.

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

Mayor Stevenson 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 Holloway, Councilman Kidd.

Mayor Stevenson's Annual Message.

Mayor Stevenson thanked all the residents for coming out to the meeting on a very cold night. He feels Paulsboro is at a very important crossroad and has new developments coming into the Borough but yet the Borough has many serious issues that could affect that development in a negative way. He will briefly touch on this government's plans in the future to address those issues and concerns.

Mayor Stevenson's top priority is housing as the Borough has over 200 vacant homes and lots. They include nice homes to homes that should have been torn down years ago. Same goes for vacant lots. Last year the Borough adopted an Abandoned Property Ordinance which will give the Borough the power to take over those properties. Also, the Borough has joined a shared service plan with the County called Community Champions on identifying the owners of those properties who want to go hide behind third parties. Working with officials including State, County and private developers, he along with various members of the Borough are presently developing a plan to devise the best approach on having some of those vacant homes re-habbed and sold to home buyers along with an incentive plan to help them acquire those homes. The Borough will also be a lot bolder in going after landlords who only use the Borough as their personal cash cow. Working with the

Borough's Code Officials, Prosecutor and Police Department, they will see what ordinances have to change or added so that there may be a better enforcement and penalties for those landlords. Hopefully, the Borough will have the Landlord License law back soon which will help the Borough reach these goals and he will address the State Officials on the Landlord License law. Finally, he hoped to get some grants to help tear down those homes that need it as they are only good to breed crime and filth. He is also looking at other towns' ordinances to help take hold of the housing industry. They will be looking to map the whole town where large areas are vacant property especially the house on Swedesboro Avenue.

Mayor Stevenson addressed the Economic Development such as the Port. The Port is on its way to providing jobs for the residents and an economic boom to the Borough. The Port is having seminars and they have the first 250 people already and hopefully this will help the housing industry. The Borough must realize its potential and use it to their advantage which also includes helping the local businesses. The Borough needs to re-start the development behind the Wawa known as the Route 295 corridor. It is a wasted opportunity for the Borough to capitalize on its value. The Plaza is starting to come to fruition after many years of planning. The Borough must do what it can to make that project a success. The Borough will also look at re-starting the Marina project.

Mayor Stevenson also addressed the crime and the Police Department. He has great faith in the new Chief to take whatever steps is necessary to fight crime as well as have his department build strong community relationships by having officers "walk the beat" at times and more events like Coffee with a Cop and others.

Mayor Stevenson further addressed future projects such as Thomson Avenue, the Water Tower and the Water meters. The Borough is in the process of finalizing loans and grants to completely re-do Thomson Avenue, repair the water tower on Berkley Road and possibly installing water meters in homes that is being mandated by the State as the Borough will be fined. These three (3) things come in at a cost of around \$5 million dollars. Spruce Street and Hoffman Avenue will be done in the spring. The Borough will continually look at projects to do but need to keep in mind that these projects take a lot of money.

Mayor Stevenson finally stated many of these issues did not happen overnight. Some issues happened over the course of many years and many at no fault to this local government. They will not be fixed overnight. The Mayor and Council's job is to put them on the right track with whatever means necessary to get on the right road. That includes the right people in the right jobs. Working with the Council members, he will work towards those goals in the next four (4) years as the Mayor. He informed the residents to never be afraid to call him as it is his honor to be their Mayor.

**R. #01.16: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2016 FOR A BOROUGH ATTORNEY FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.** Councilman Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to appoint Maley & Associates and adopt R. #01.16. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman Giampola, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes. Nays: None. Recused (Abstained, see below): Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. **Motion carried.**

Election of President of Council:

Councilman Giampola nominated Councilman Giovannitti as President of Council. Councilman Haynes seconded the nomination. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman Giampola, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes. Nays: None. Recused (Abstained, see below): Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. **Motion carried.**

Councilman Giampola questioned the recusal vote of Councilmen Holloway and Kidd and felt they should be abstentions.

Solicitor Maley explained the difference between a recusal vote and an abstention vote. A recusal vote would mean there was a conflict of interest in that vote and he felt these votes should more properly be abstention votes as an abstention vote would mean a non-vote. An abstention doesn't mean a yes vote or a no vote. It is simply a non-vote.

Remarks by the President of Council.

Council President Giovannitti thanked the residents and Pastor Holloway. He is all about one Paulsboro. The Mayor and Council need to unite and that is his passion. The Mayor and Council is a good group of people to move forward. They will have to make decisions, have a positive position and agree to disagree. He wished everyone the best of luck as they move forward. He asked the residents to call him anytime.

Mayor Stevenson asked Steve Anuszewski, Borough's Health Insurance Broker, to come forward.

Mr. Anuszewski presented a check to Mayor Stevenson and Council President Giovannitti on behalf of the Borough for \$11,874.50 as it is a dividend check.

Mayor Stevenson thanked Mr. Anuszewski.

Open To The Public.

Mayor Stevenson 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.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway opened the floor to the public. All were in favor of the motion.

Rita Kelly, Lincoln Avenue, asked the members of Council to talk louder so that the residents could hear them.

Cheryl Chandler, 104 Spruce Street, discussed the parking situation on her street due to the Church. They are parked near her driveway and she has problems getting in and out of her driveway. She also stated the noise from the church is still continuing until 2:00 – 3:00 in the morning.

Mayor Stevenson asked Ms. Chandler if she has spoken with the Chief.

Ms. Chandler stated he informed her it was taken care of.

Mayor Stevenson stated he will talk with the Chief on Monday.

There wasn't any further public participation.

Councilman Giampola moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to close the floor to the public at 6:30 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Mayor Stevenson announced the following Councilmanic Committee Appointments for 2016:

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson: Alfonso Giampola, Chair  
John Giovannitti  
Larry Haynes, Sr.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson: Vacancy  
John Giovannitti (He will be the Chair until the vacancy is filled.)  
Joe L. Kidd

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson: Larry Haynes, Sr.  
Theodore Holloway, II  
Vacancy

**PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson: Theodore Holloway, II  
Alfonso Giampola  
Vacancy

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT COMMITTEE:

Chairperson: Joe L. Kidd  
Theodore Holloway, II  
Larry Haynes, Sr.

CONSTRUCTION AND LICENSING OFFICE:

Chairperson: John Giovannitti  
Alfonso Giampola  
Joe L. Kidd

ECONOMIC AND NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Chairperson: Gary C. Stevenson, Mayor  
Theodore Holloway, II  
John Giovannitti

SCHOOL LIAISONS: Gary C. Stevenson, Mayor & Theodore Holloway, II,  
Councilman

Mayor Stevenson stated if anyone wanted to swap committees, to please speak with Council President Giovannitti.

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

Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on December 1, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to receive, file and approve the minutes. All were in favor of the motion except Councilman Haynes abstained.

Minutes of a Work Session Meeting held on December 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Kidd seconded to receive, file and approve the minutes. All were in favor of the motion except Councilman Haynes abstained.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**R. #02.16: RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.** Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to adopt R. #02.16. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes. Nays: None. Abstained: Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. **Motion carried.**

**R. #03.16: RESOLUTION SETTING THE DATES, TIME AND PLACE OF THE VARIOUS MEETINGS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE YEAR 2016.**

**R. #04.16: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RULES OF ORDER FOR THE CONDUCT OF BOROUGH MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR 2016.**

**R. #05.16: RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES OF ALL PUBLIC MONIES AND OTHER FUNDS OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE YEAR 2016.**

**R. #06.16: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO ADOPTING A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES.**

**R. #07.16: RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR 2016.**

**R. #08.16: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM CERTAIN ACCOUNTS TO OTHER ACCOUNTS IN THE 2015 BUDGET.**

**R. #09.16: RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2016.**

**R. #10.16: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PETTY CASH FUNDS FOR THE BOROUGH CLERK AND THE CHIEF OF POLICE FOR 2016.**

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #03.16 to #10.16. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**R. #11.16: RESOLUTION APPOINTING LORRAINE BOYER AS ACTING ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE YEAR 2016.**

**R. #12.16: RESOLUTION APPOINTING LAWRENCE HUBERT AS PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE YEAR 2016.**

**R. #13.16: RESOLUTION APPOINTING MELISSA THOMAS AS DEPUTY MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR 2016.**

**R. #14.16: RESOLUTION APPOINTING CAROL MILLIS AS MUNICIPAL COURT RECORDER FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR 2016.**

**R. #15.16: RESOLUTION APPOINTING SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR 2016.**

**R. #16.16: RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL OFFICERS FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE YEAR 2016.**

**R. #17.16: RESOLUTION APPOINTING WAYNE BENDER AS CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR**

**THE YEAR 2016.**

**R. #18.16: RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIANE MORAN AS LANDLORD LICENSING SECRETARY FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE YEAR 2016.**

**R. #19.16: RESOLUTION APPOINTING FRANCIS TURTON AS PART TIME RENTAL PROPERTY INSPECTOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE YEAR 2016.**

Council President Giovannitti moved and Council President Giampola seconded to adopt R. #11.16 to #19.16. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman Giampola, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**R. #20.16: RESOLUTION APPOINTING RITA M. COSTENBADER AS WATER AND SEWER SEARCH CLERK FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE YEAR 2016.**

**R. #21.16: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO APPOINTING LORRAINE BOYER AS FUND COMMISSIONER FOR THE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND FOR THE YEAR 2016.**

**R. #22.16: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO APPOINTING LORRAINE BOYER AS CLAIMS COORDINATOR OF THE GLOUCESTER, SALEM AND CUMBERLAND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND.**

**R. #23.16: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO APPOINTING ALTERNATE FUND COMMISSIONER FOR THE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND FOR THE YEAR 2016.**

**R. #24.16: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO APPOINTING CHARLES TINDER AS SAFETY COORDINATOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND FOR THE YEAR 2016.**

**R. #25.16: RESOLUTION APPOINTING LORRAINE BOYER AND CHIEF VERNON MARINO AS CONTACT PERSONS FOR THE EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE LIABILITY ATTORNEY CONSULTATION SERVICE FOR THE GLOUCESTER, SALEM, CUMBERLAND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND.**

**R. #26.16: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO APPOINTING JOHN A. GIOVANNITTI AS FUND COMMISSIONER AND ALFONSO GIAMPOLA AS ALTERNATE FUND COMMISSIONER FOR THE SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND.**

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to adopt R. # 20.16 to #26.16. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**R. #27.16: RESOLUTION APPOINTING KATHY A. VANSKOY AS PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER AS PER N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.5 FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.**

**R. #28.16: 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.**

**R. #29.16: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO PROVIDING FOR INTEREST AND A GRACE PERIOD ON TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2016.**

Councilman Giampola moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to adopt R. # 27.16 to #29.16. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**R. #30.16: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF RONALD MERTZ AS ZONING OFFICER FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AND AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICE 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 Haynes seconded to adopt R. #30.16. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: Councilman Giampola. **Motion carried.**

**R. #31.16: 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 Haynes seconded to adopt R. #31.16. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**R. #32.16: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES UNDER A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS TO STEVEN GLICKMAN, ESQ. AS SPECIAL LABOR RELATIONS COUNSEL FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.** Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to adopt R. #32.16. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti,

Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None.  
**Motion carried.**

**R. #33.16: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2015 BUDGET.** Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #33.16. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman Giampola (except Councilman Giampola abstained on all Fire Department bills and this abstention will always continue for all Fire Department bills in 2016), Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**R. #34.16: RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOHN ALICE AS MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.** Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #34.16. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd. Nays: Councilman Holloway. **Motion carried.**

**R. #35.16: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2016 FOR AUDITING SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.**

**R. #36.16: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2016 FOR BOROUGH ENGINEERING SERVICES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 ET SEQ. (GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES).**

**R. #37.16: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2016 FOR WATER AND SEWER ENGINEERING SERVICES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 ET SEQ.**

**R. #38.16: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2016 FOR A BOROUGH INSURANCE AGENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.**

**R. #39.16: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2016 FOR REDEVELOPMENT COUNSEL FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.**

**R. #40.16: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2016 FOR PROFESSIONAL GRANT CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.**

**R. #41.16: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO**

**AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2016 FOR BOND COUNSEL FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.**

**R. #42.16: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2016 FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.**

Councilman Giampola moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to hold R. #35.16 to R. #42.16 for 30 days.

Council President Giovannitti explained that the Council will hold these professional appointments up to 30 days in order for the full Governing Body and the new Solicitor to review all the RFQ's.

R/C: Ayes: Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

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

TAX SEARCH CLERK: Georjean Widener.

IMPROVEMENT SEARCH CLERK: Kathy A. VanScoy.

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

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

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

Mayor Stevenson read the resignation letter from Betty Isaac. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to accept Mrs. Isaac's resignation and present her with a proclamation at the next meeting of the Gill Memorial Library Board of Trustees. All were in favor of the motion.

5 Year Term – Edith Gray  
Unexpired Term – 12/31/2019 – Irma Stevenson

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

Councilman Kidd questioned if Mayor Stevenson had a conflict in appointing his

mother to the above Board.

Solicitor Maley answered no.

LAND USE BOARD: Mayor Appoints without Consent of Council:

Mayor Stevenson stated he received a letter of resignation from Leon Manchester.

Class I: Mayor Gary C. Stevenson

Class II: Official: James Sabetta

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

Alternate Member of Council: Alfonso Giampola

Class IV: Citizens:

1. 4 Year Term – Jacquelin Johnson
2. Unexpired Term 12/21/2018 – Ben Mento
3. Alternate 3 – 2 Year Term – Erva Macauley
4. Alternate 4 – 2 Year Term – Tom Ridinger

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION: Mayor Appoints without consent of Council:

1. 3 Year Term – Shirley Chandler
2. Unexpired Term – 12/31/2016 – Phil Neff

RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mayor appoints with consent of Council:

1. 3 Year Term – Cassandra Clark
2. 3 Year Term – Barbara Thomson
3. Unexpired Term 12/31/2016 – Jennifer Turner
4. 3 Year Term – Alternate 2 – Christa Cooper
5. Unexpired Term 12/31/2017 – Robert Parks

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

Appointment of Mayor's Special Committees:

Lighthouse Committee: Chairperson: Marc Kamp

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

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

Letter from Ted Bamford, GCUA, regarding Fiscal Year 2016: GCUA Operating Budget. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to receive and file the letter. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Ted Bamford, GCUA, regarding Public Hearing Notice on Proposed Rate Schedule. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to receive, file the letter and post the Notice on the Municipal Building Bulletin Board and the Borough's website. All were in favor of the motion.

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

Mayor Stevenson stated there won't be any Committee reports as the Committees were just established.

Councilman Giampola wished everyone a Happy New Year and asked the residents to keep coming to the meetings.

Councilman Holloway explained he would be abstaining on votes until the new Council person comes aboard and he wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilman Haynes thanked the residents for allowing him to serve on the Council and he is looking forward to working with Mayor Stevenson and all of Council. He wished everyone a healthy and safe New Year.

Councilman Kidd wished everyone a Happy New Year. He discussed the abstentions and the Councilmanic Committee Appointments. He felt some of Council knew about the appointments and some didn't. He stated one Committee was combined which was the Utilities Committee and the Street and Highway Committee and he totally disagrees with combining the Committees. He will work together with the Council but the Committees should have been discussed with all of the Council.

Councilman Giovannitti wished Council good luck, hoped it will be a great year with better communication and Council can move forward. The Borough now has a Solicitor who has worked with different redevelopment and as a professional, he will raise the bar. The Governing Body has to make changes and decisions. All Committees are important. He will make sure there is unity on Council and it will be a great year.

Mayor Stevenson stated the Reorganization Meeting has always commenced at 6:00 p.m. but in 2017 he would like the Reorganization Meeting to start at 7:00 p.m. He thanked the residents for coming to the meeting. He discussed the Councilmanic Committee appointments as none are infallible. He will communicate with everybody. There was one (1) Committee that was streamlined which left six (6) Committees. Each Councilperson will serve as the Chairperson of one (1) Committee and each Councilperson will serve on two (2) additional Committees. This year Council will not get into grandstanding. He has asked the residents regarding last year's Council and he was told that it was divided and dysfunctional. He will change that this year.

There wasn't any further Borough business.

Councilman Giampola moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 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 5, 2016 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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Gary C. Stevenson, Mayor