

JUNE 8, 2016

PAULSBORO, N.J.

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING

Council Chamber:

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

Mayor Stevenson called the meeting to order.

Clerk VanScoy read the opening statement regarding the Open Public Meetings Act.

The Opening Prayer was given by resident Mary Harris.

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

Members present were: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR. (Agenda Questions only.)

Mayor Stevenson 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 on any agenda item questions.

Councilman Giampola moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to open the floor to the public. All were in favor of the motion.

There wasn't any public participation.

Councilman Giampola moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to close the floor to the public. All were in favor of the motion.

Mayor Stevenson presented a proclamation for Schizencephaly Awareness.

DeAnna Smith was present to receive the proclamation. She thanked the Governing Body for the proclamation and explained that Schizencephaly is a rare developmental birth defect that causes partial and complete paralysis, developmental and intellectual delays, microcephaly, seizures and hydrocephalus and shortened life span. She also stated "We Are R.A.R.E." is a non-profit organization that is raising awareness and education for rare brain diseases.

Mayor Stevenson stated the Borough will post this information on the Borough's website to also help to raise awareness of this disease.

Mayor Stevenson performed the Swearing in of Patrolman Anthony Pierce.

Chief Marino stated Patrolman Pierce has done more than he has been asked to do; he is a fine officer and will do good things for the community.

Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on May 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of a Work Session Meeting held on May 17, 2016 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.

R. #102.16: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2016 BUDGET. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #102.16. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None.

Motion carried.

R. #103.16: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF UP TO \$2,415,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2016, AND (ii) \$1,955,000 OF TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2016, OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER NEW JERSEY; AUTHORIZING SUCH FURTHER ACTIONS AND MAKING SUCH DETERMINATIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO EFFECTUATE THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE BONDS.

Solicitor Maley stated this Resolution authorizes the Borough to take the short term debt and making them longer term.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to adopt R. #103.16. R/C: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno,

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

R. #104.16: RESOLUTION PROVIDING PAYMENT NO. 1 FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF SPRUCE STREET. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #104.16. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #105.16: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP FOR SUBMISSION OF A GROUNDWATER REMEDIAL ACTION PERMIT (RAP) APPLICATION BY ESSEX CHEMICAL CORPORATION.

Solicitor Maley stated the Borough owns the property but Essex Chemical is responsible to clean it up and this would authorize the Borough to sign the certification of ownership.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #105.16. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. 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.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:

O. #07.16: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 35A “FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.

Councilman Kidd asked for an explanation of this Ordinance.

Borough Engineer Biermann stated every municipality has to adopt amendments to Chapter 35A for Flood Damage Prevention.

Councilman Giampola stated the Borough sent a draft of the Ordinance to FEMA and the State which the Ordinance has been approved by both agencies.

Borough Engineer Biermann stated this is due to FEMA updating the flood maps.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt O. #07.16 on introduction and first reading and schedule the second reading and public hearing on June 21st, 2016. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:

O. #08.16: ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 54, "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE" OF THE BOROUGH CODE REGARDING MINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS AND VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.

Councilman Kidd asked what the changes were in this Ordinance.

Solicitor Maley explained this ordinance makes it more specific.

Code Enforcement Officer Bender stated it closes some of the loopholes.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to adopt O. #08.16 on introduction and first reading and schedule the second reading and public hearing on June 21st, 2016. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:

O. #09.16: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AND EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS (BLOCK 121, LOT 33).

Solicitor Maley explained the owner of the property donated it to the Borough in exchange of tax liens. The Borough is acquiring the property with no money.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt O. #09.16 on introduction and first reading and schedule the second reading and public hearing on June 21st, 2016. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. Abstained: Councilman Holloway. **Motion carried.**

Letter from Guardian Angels Regional School requesting permission to hold their annual Walk-a-thon on Friday, June 3, 2016 at 9:15 a.m. as well as a request to waive the application fee for the use of Fort Billings Park as they are a non-profit organization. (Borough Clerk VanScoy conducted a telephone roll call poll on May

31st, 2016 for approval of these requests. This motion memorializes the action taken on May 31st, 2016). This letter was not acted upon as the event did not take place due to inclement weather.

Letter from Folake Adepoju, Glorious Light Christian Ministries, requesting waiver of the Fort Billings Park application fee for their annual family picnic on July 2, 2016 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to receive, file the letter, approve the request and notify the proper departments. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from the Greater Paulsboro Chamber of Commerce regarding the 4th of July Parade. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to receive, file the letter and notify the proper departments. All were in favor of the motion.

Received Raffle License #RA-602, George D. Patton, VFW Post #678 for their annual instant raffle. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to receive, file and approve the above Raffle License. All were in favor of the motion.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Public Property Committee: Councilman Holloway, II, Chairman:

Councilman Holloway congratulated Council President Giovannitti and Councilman DiTonno on their election victory. He gave well wishes to former Councilwoman Turner.

Councilman Holloway stated the Borough is moving forward with the property on Swedesboro Avenue. The developers and Triad has been on the site. This property will generate funds and he will bring it back to the Governing Body once he receives a report.

Public Safety Committee: Councilman DiTonno, Chairman:

Councilman DiTonno thanked Chief Marino and the Officers on doing an outstanding job as the crime rate has dropped.

Finance Committee: Councilman Giampola, Chairman:

Councilman Giampola stated the Council has completed the interviews for the Administrator's position. A final decision will be decided at the Work Session Meeting on June 21st, 2016.

Councilman Giampola congratulated Council President Giovannitti and Councilman DiTonno on winning the election.

Public Works Committee: Councilman Haynes, Chairman:

Councilman Haynes congratulated Council President Giovannitti and Councilman DiTonno on their election win. Council can continue their hard work and he looked forward to working with them.

Councilman Haynes discussed Public Works Summer hours starting from 6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday until Labor Day Weekend.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to approve the Public Works Department summer hours as indicated above. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilman Haynes discussed the promotion/upgrade of Water and Sewer Department employee to 2nd Grade Repairman retroactive to May when he obtained the Level 1 water certifications.

R. #107.16: RESOLUTION PROMOTING PHILLIP B. BRICE AS REPAIRMAN SECOND CLASS FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #107.16. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Councilman Haynes submitted the following students and 2016 graduates of Paulsboro High School to participate in the Summer Youth, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (SYSTEM) program (ExxonMobil Grant Funds):

Micheala Coles	Abigail Cook	Allison Coyle
Abigayle Warren	Alexandria Dudick	Chris Dramis
Morgan Gilcrest	Antonio Vizzini-Williams	Brandon Hayes
Mel Leach	Haley Mogar	Rylee Redman
Haley Schlosser	Liva Savaiinaea	

Councilman Giampola moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to accept the above students for the SYSTEM Program. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Vincent Masciandaro, NJDOT, regarding Hofmann Avenue and West Avenue Reconstruction – FY 2016 Municipal Aid Program Agreement. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to receive, file the letter and send a copy to the Borough Engineer. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilman Haynes stated the carbon filtration system on well #7 had been completed and the well is operating since last week. PFNAs have not been detected in the water. There is still a punch list to be completed.

Councilman Haynes stated the contractors are still working on Spruce Street and have requested Police presence. He will have his committee discuss this with Borough Engineer Biermann regarding driving over the newly paved road.

Councilman Haynes the field survey has been completed on Hofmann and West Avenues and the Engineers are doing the design work.

Community Betterment Committee: Councilman Kidd, Chairman:

Councilman Kidd stated the parking lot to the left has a small sink hole that is getting bigger. It needs to be checked out and maybe get the contractor doing paving to maybe fix it.

Councilman Kidd discussed Muhammed Ali passing away. He was the same age and some people felt offended by his religion and not going into the draft due to his religion. He had a way about him and some people did not like him. He wanted to mention the passing of Mr. Ali as he was a great man.

Councilman Kidd congratulated Council President Giovannitti and Councilman DiTonno on the election victory and Council can move forward.

Construction and Licensing Committee: Council President Giovannitti, Chairman:

Council President Giovannitti stated Muhammed Ali was a great role model and all that he did for Parkinson's disease, as the disease made a lot of strides through him.

Council President Giovannitti stated it was a pleasure running in the election with Councilman DiTonno. He recognized all the Borough workers, the Police Department, the Code Department especially with the new vehicle, Code Enforcement Office Bender, Borough Foreman Tinder and his department, Water/Sewer Superintendent Reed and his department.

Council President Giovannitti stated it truly is an honor to serve the residents. He also recognized Councilman Holloway's two (2) sons who were sitting in the back of the court room.

Mayor Stevenson congratulated Council President Giovannitti and Councilman DiTonno on their election victory and thanked former Councilwoman Turner for her email today. He thanked the unsung Heroes, the Board workers, and those who voted.

Mayor Stevenson thanked the VFW and the Borough workers for the successful Memorial Day Ceremony.

Mayor Stevenson recognized Mr. Goldman and thanked him for his service to the Country.

Mayor Stevenson stated the old Acme at the Plaza is all gutted and they are moving ahead. By the end of July, the Save A Lot may be opening.

Mayor Stevenson stated the first ship should be coming to the Port in early August.

Mayor Stevenson further stated Assemblyman Burzichelli will be setting up a meeting regarding a hotel on the Rt. 295 site.

Mayor Stevenson also stated the Rocking Stone Bar is under new ownership and will be opening soon.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR. (General questions only.)

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to open the floor to the public at 7:55 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Mayor Stevenson asked anyone speaking to give their name and address and reminded everyone there was a five (5) minute time limit.

Carlotta Goldman, 1529 Swedesboro Avenue, inquired into opening a Paulsboro Pet Food Bank.

Mayor Stevenson suggested she contact the Zoning Officer and he felt it was a great idea. He informed her to see Mr. Bender and he will help direct her.

Mr. Goldman, 1529 Swedesboro Avenue, discussed the Fort Billings Park. He was there a couple weeks ago and he got sick. The restrooms were locked. He felt during the spring and summer, the restrooms should be kept unlocked.

Mayor Stevenson also felt the restrooms should be open and he turned this matter over to Councilman Holloway and the Public Property Committee.

Councilman Holloway personally thought the Police Department could lock up the restrooms after dusk and have the Public Works Department employees unlock the restrooms when they come in.

Mayor Stevenson apologized to Mr. Goldman. He suggested maybe utilizing the Crossing Guards as an afternoon job. He thanked Mr. Goldman for coming to the meeting.

Councilman Kidd stated he will get together with Councilman Holloway and Jennifer Turner, Recreation Committee Chairperson, to work on something that should be utilized. The restrooms should be open and it should be something positive.

Mayor Stevenson suggested talking with the Borough employees and come back to the Council with the best resolution.

Jennifer Turner, 233 West Buck Street, Recreation Committee Chairperson, stated the Recreation Committee would like to hold a water balloon activity in the grassy area next to the Municipal Building.

Mayor Stevenson asked what the event was.

Ms. Turner stated it is a contest with prizes. She would like to hold it after the July 4th holiday.

Ms. Turner stated she has concerns as the stop sign on Swedesboro and Huff Avenues is a nuisance. Several residents has said that people stop but then speed up.

Mayor Stevenson stated he has had a huge discussion regarding the stop sign on Pine and Swedesboro Avenues. There are rules and regulations and it is a big concern. The Committee will have to address where the signs have to go next and maybe more areas have to be addressed.

Tracy Carluccio, Delaware Riverkeepers, commended the Borough as the Borough is about to put the carbon filtration system on line and the Borough should be recognized statewide. The Borough has been the leader and should have a big celebration. There were five (5) different municipalities that had to shut down wells because of the PFNAs. Many towns have not grappled with their wells that are shut down. She also wanted to come tonight to ask the Borough and other

municipalities to advocate to the NJDEP to adopt maximum contamination levels of PFNAs and recommended 13 parts per trillion. She will send a letter to Paulsboro asking Paulsboro to send a letter to NJDEP.

Mayor Stevenson thanked Ms. Carluccio for coming and asked her to send him the information and he will touch base with her. He thanked groups such as hers. He also stated Water/Sewer Superintendent Reed was doing a good job at the water plant.

There wasn't any further public participation.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to close the floor to the public at 8:15 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

There wasn't any further Borough business.

Councilman DiTonno moved and Councilman Kidd seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 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 June 8, 2016 and should not be considered a verbatim transcript of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. VanScoy, RMC/CMC/CMR
Borough Clerk

Gary C. Stevenson, Mayor