

JANUARY 3, 2017

PAULSBORO. N.J.

7:00 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 Gloucester County Freeholder Jim Jefferson.

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.

Swearing In: John A. Giovannitti
Eric DiTonno

Greenwich Township Councilman Vince Giovannitti performed the official Swearing In for Councilman John A. Giovannitti (brother).

Assemblyman Adam Taliaferro performed the official Swearing In for Councilman Eric DiTonno.

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

Mayor Stevenson's Annual Message.

Mayor Stevenson said, "As we look forward to 2017, we need to re-visit 2016. One of the goals for this Administration & Governing Body was to get the right people in the right jobs. It took us most of the year in some instances, but as a group, I feel we accomplished that. We have a multi-talented Administrator in Susan Jacobucci. We have a Solicitor, Jim Maley, who also knows housing rules, regulations, knows re-development and is a darn good lawyer. We have a great engineering firm in Sickels, who takes care of the water and streets. We hired a financial firm to get all our finances, bond & notes in order. All these folks go together with the professionals we already had on staff to make Paulsboro a better place and more efficient.

On the housing end, we started working on the vacant & abandoned housing/property initiative. A total of five (5) eye-sore houses came down. We are re-habbing a house on Swedesboro Avenue that sat there half-done for 10 years. We

met with banks on donating some long vacant homes that would not sell. A forum was held for people in foreclosure or is trying to get a first mortgage. We passed new ordinances on landlords who do not keep their properties maintained.

In crime, we have a Police Chief, Vern Marino, who has stepped up all phases of training and crime fighting, and who has worked to involve more community policing for our residents. We saw bike patrols & officers walking the beat this year.

On the business end, we have worked with the Plaza developers to get that project completed. Meetings were held with Rt-295 Developers on getting that site moving. We worked with the Port people in getting issues solved so that can move along. We had someone open the Diner after being closed for a few years.

For the Street, Highway & Water issues, we installed a new filtration system for cleaner & safer water. Spruce Street was completely redone as well as some work on Beacon Avenue.

In 2016, we got all the pieces of the puzzle. Now, for 2017, we begin to put the puzzle together. We keep being vigilant on those landlords & homeowners who feel that they can continue to be a nuisance to the community. We work with our Code Office to make sure they have the personnel and tools to be effective. We stay on top of our prosecutors and judges to enforce the laws we have on the books. We made huge strides in this area. We must keep moving forward here. I have always said, as Code Enforcement goes – so does the Borough!

We keep tearing down house & buildings that need to be. We continue to find solutions to help get people into these vacant homes. We work with non-profits, such as H for H, to help us.

For 2017, we will finally see our first ship (hopefully this month) arrive at the Port of Paulsboro. Along with the ships, are jobs for our residents and business for our local businesses. We should see the Plaza finally open in March or April. Our residents will now have a local grocery store to go to and in some cases, walk to. Alongside of the Save-a Lot store will be a business center, a mailbox store and something else. The old Grant's store will be torn down as well as a few other buildings. No more of a vacant strip mall, but a vibrant plaza which will also provide jobs & business opportunities. And hopefully, some positive movement on the RT-295 Development as a couple of developers is working on plans as we speak.

This year, Thomson Avenue, which has been a nightmare for over 50 years, is finally being re-constructed. There will be new piping for the storm water so Paul Avenue especially doesn't look like a lake after every rainstorm. The work will go all the way down to the creek. Some more streets are scheduled to be paved. Intersections are being made safer with grants. The rusty hole-filled water tower, on Summit Avenue is being repaired and painted.

This isn't done by one member up here. This is done by all of us working together. I want to thank my Council members for their hard and diligent work this year. It's been an honor to work with all of you. Also, a big thank you to the Borough workers for their efforts and the Professionals for their work & guidance. None of us up here are perfect or should we profess to know everything. Working together is how we can make a difference and keep moving Paulsboro forward. To all, I wish a happy, safe & prosperous 2017. Thank you!"

Mayor Stevenson recessed the Reorganization Meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Mayor Stevenson reconvened the Reorganization Meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Election of President of Council:

Councilman Haynes nominated John Giovannitti as President of Council. Councilman Giampola seconded the nomination. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Remarks by the President of Council.

Council President Giovannitti thanked his colleagues for re-electing him as Council President. He thanked the volunteers, employees, staff, departments and professionals. The Borough is on the right track. He thanked all those who worked on his election. He recognized the Police Department as they have stepped up to the plate especially in getting involved with the church and both became part of the solution. The positive energy should be a model for other communities. He is looking forward to another pray walk. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Open To The Public – Agenda Items Only.

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

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to close the floor to the public at 7:30 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Mayor Stevenson held over the Council manic Committee Appointments for 2017.

CONSENT AGENDA:

R. #01.17: RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.

R. #02.17: RESOLUTION SETTING THE DATES, TIME AND PLACE OF THE VARIOUS MEETINGS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE YEAR 2017.

R. #03.17: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RULES OF ORDER FOR THE CONDUCT OF BOROUGH MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR 2017.

R. #04.17: RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES OF ALL PUBLIC MONIES AND OTHER FUNDS OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE YEAR 2017.

R. #05.17: 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. #06.17: RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR 2017.

R. #07.17: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM CERTAIN ACCOUNTS TO OTHER ACCOUNTS IN THE 2016 BUDGET.

R. #08.17: RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2017.

R. #09.17: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2016 BUDGET. (Councilman Giampola abstained on all Fire Department and Emergency Management bills.)

R. #10.17: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PETTY CASH FUNDS FOR THE BOROUGH CLERK AND THE CHIEF OF POLICE FOR 2017.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #01.17, R. #03.17 to 10.17. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Stevenson stated R. #02.17 is being held until further discussion at the next Work Session Meeting but he recommended scheduling the January Work Session Meeting and the February Regular Meeting.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to schedule the Work Session Meeting to be held on January 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. and the Regular Meeting to be held on February 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #11.17 RESOLUTION APPOINTING MELISSA THOMAS AS DEPUTY MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR 2017.

R. #12.17: RESOLUTION APPOINTING CAROL MILLIS AS MUNICIPAL COURT RECORDER FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR 2017.

R. #13.17: RESOLUTION APPOINTING SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR 2017.

R. #14.17: RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL OFFICERS FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE YEAR 2017.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #11.17 to R. #14.17. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #15.17: RESOLUTION APPOINTING WAYNE BENDER AS CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE YEAR 2017.

R. #16.17: RESOLUTION APPOINTING WAYNE BENDER AS ZONING ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE YEAR 2017.

R. #17.17: RESOLUTION APPOINTING WAYNE BENDER AS CODE OFFICIAL OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.

R. #18.17: RESOLUTION APPOINTING WAYNE BENDER AS PUBLIC OFFICER OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #15.17 to R. #18.17. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #19.17: RESOLUTION APPOINTING ROBERT DEANGELO AS HEARING OFFICER OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.

R. #20.17: RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIANE MORAN AS LANDLORD LICENSING SECRETARY FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE YEAR 2017.

R. #21.17: RESOLUTION APPOINTING FRANCIS TURTON AS PART TIME RENTAL PROPERTY INSPECTOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE YEAR 2017.

R. #22.17: RESOLUTION APPOINTING RITA M. COSTENBADER AS WATER AND SEWER SEARCH CLERK FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE YEAR 2017.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #19.17 to R. #22.17. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #23.17: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO APPOINTING SUSAN JACOBUCCI AS FUND COMMISSIONER FOR THE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND FOR THE YEAR 2017.

R. #24.17: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO APPOINTING SUSAN JACOBUCCI AS CLAIMS COORDINATOR OF THE GLOUCESTER, SALEM AND CUMBERLAND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND.

R. #25.17: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO APPOINTING ALTERNATE FUND COMMISSIONER FOR THE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND FOR THE YEAR 2017.

R. #26.17: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO APPOINTING CHARLES TINDER AS SAFETY COORDINATOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND FOR THE YEAR 2017.

R. #27.17: RESOLUTION APPOINTING SUSAN JACOBUCCI 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.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #23.17 to R. #27.17. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #28.17: 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.

R. #29.17: 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. #30.17: A RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO 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. #31.17: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO PROVIDING FOR INTEREST AND A GRACE PERIOD ON TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2017.

R. #32.17: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF AN OVERPAYMENT DUE TO EXEMPT STATUS FOR THE OWNER NEW JERSEY HOUSING AND MORTGAGE FINANCE AGENCY BY A MORTGAGE COMPANY TO THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE TAX YEAR 2016 1ST AND 2ND QUARTERS.

R. #33.17: RESOLUTION SETTING THE DATES, TIMES AND PLACE OF THE VARIOUS TRICO JIF SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2017.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #28.17 to R. #33.17. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #34.17: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2017 FOR A BOROUGH ATTORNEY FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (Maley & Associates.)
Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #34.17. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman

Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #35.17: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2017 FOR LABOR RELATIONS COUNSEL FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (Weir & Partners.) Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to adopt R. #35.17. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #36.17: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2017 FOR SPECIAL LABOR COUNSEL FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (Barker, Gelfand & James.) Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #36.17. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #37.17: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2017 FOR AUDITING SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (Petroni & Associates, LLC.) Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #37.17. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #38.17: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2017 FOR BOND COUNSEL FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (Parker McCay, P.A.) Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #38.17. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #39.17: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2017 FOR MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (John Alice, Esq.) Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #39.17. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #40.17: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2017 FOR PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE YEAR 2017. (Dawn Leeds, Esq.) Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #40.17. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #41.17: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2017 FOR CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE YEAR 2017. (Stephen Altamuro and Michael Smolensky.) Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #41.17. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #42.17: 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/WATER AND SEWER ENGINEERING SERVICES). (Sickels & Associates, Inc.) Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to adopt R. #42.17. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #43.17: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2017 FOR REDEVELOPMENT COUNSEL FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (Maley & Associates.) Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #43.17. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #44.17: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2017 FOR GRANT CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (Triad Associates.) Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #44.17. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #45.17: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2017 FOR A BOROUGH INSURANCE AGENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (Hardenbergh Insurance Group.) Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #45.17. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None.

Administrator Jacobucci explained that R. #44.17, #45.17, #46.17 and #47.17 are considered to be competitive contracts instead of a professional service.

R. #46.17: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2017 FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.

(Triad Associates.) Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #46.17. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #47.17: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2017 FOR FINANCIAL ADVISOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (Acacia Financial Group, Inc.) Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #47.17. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman DiTonno, 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. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to confirm the appointment. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

IMPROVEMENT SEARCH CLERK: Kathy A. VanScoy. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to confirm the appointment. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman DiTonno, 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:

5 Year Term – Elaine Cooper

Unexpired Term – 12/31/2020 – Judy Mackenzie

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

LAND USE BOARD: Mayor Appoints without Consent of Council:

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 – Marc Kamp
2. 4 Year Term – James Scott

3. Unexpired Term (Kelly) – Daniel Sharper – 12/31/2018
3. Alternate 1 – 2 Year Term – Alice Williams
4. Alternate 2 – 2 Year Term – Tahje Thomas

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Mayor appoints without Consent of Council:

Alfonso Giampola – Emergency Management Coordinator
Chief Vernon Marino – Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator
Deputy Chief Gary Kille – Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator
Glenn Roemmich – Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator

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 DiTonno seconded to receive and file the above. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Richard T. Hammer, State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation, regarding FY 2017 NJDOT State Aid Programs. Councilman Haynes moved and Councilman Kidd seconded to receive and file the letter. All were in favor of the motion.

Proposal from Sickels & Associates regarding 2017 NJDOT Municipal Roadway State Aid Application. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to receive, file the proposal and grant authorization to proceed. All were in favor of the motion.

Proposal from Sickels & Associates regarding CDBG Pedestrian Safety & ADA Improvements at West Buck Street and Penn Line Road. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to receive, file the proposal and grant authorization to proceed. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from John Vinci, Gloucester County Utilities Authority, regarding FY 2017 GCUA Operating Budget.

Letter from John Vinci, Gloucester County Utilities Authority, regarding Public Hearing Notice on Proposed Rate Schedule. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to receive and file both of the above letters. All were in favor of the motion.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman DiTonno thanked Chief Marino and the Police Department because he has received the Department's report and the crime rate is less this year than last year.

Councilman DiTonno stated a Police Officer is resigning and the Chief would like to advertise for a replacement.

Chief Marino stated the Officer is taking a position in West Deptford and his resignation is effective January 18th. He would like Council's authorization to advertise for a Full Time Police Officer with experience.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to authorize the Chief to advertise for the position of Police Office with experience. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilman Giampola moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to accept Ptlm. Anthony Pierce's resignation and send him a letter of thanks. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilman Giampola wished everyone a Happy New Year. There will be a Finance Committee Meeting on Thursday. He congratulated Councilman DiTonno and Council President Giovannitti on their new term on Council.

Councilman Holloway wished everyone a Happy New Year and also congratulated Council President Giovannitti on becoming the Council President and also Councilman DiTonno on his new term on Council.

Councilman Haynes thanked the Department Heads for a great year as they have done a great job. He thanked the Professionals and also the residents for having faith in Councilman DiTonno and Council President Giovannitti. He looked forward to working with everyone in 2017.

Councilman Kidd wished everyone a Happy New Year and also congratulated Councilman DiTonno and Council President Giovannitti. He stated Administrator Jacobucci is a plus for the Borough of Paulsboro. He will try to coordinate everything with the different organizations. He informed everyone that the High School Christmas Party is held receiving donations. He looked forward to 2017.

Council President Giovannitti thanked his colleagues and he invited everyone back to Nino Gervasi's Restaurant after the meeting. He hoped the Borough could continue with the same progress moving forward.

Councilman Haynes asked the Chief to pass his concerns to Patrolman Pierce as it is very sad to lose him but he wished him well.

Mayor Stevenson thanked Jennifer Turner for her participation with the Christmas Party at the High School.

Mayor Stevenson stated he will be meeting with Mayor Shivery of Greenwich Township. He thanked the Administrator for bringing her recommendations to the Council. He is looking forward to the I-pads. He asked Administrator Jacobucci to keep the recommendations coming. He thanked the Council, the Borough workers

and he especially thanked Borough Clerk VanScoy for all she does as she is the one who keeps this town running.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR. (General questions only.)

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to open the floor to the public at 8:00 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

There wasn't any public participation.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to close the floor to the public at 8:00 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

There wasn't any further Borough business.

Councilman Giampola moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 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 3, 2017 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