

FEBRUARY 7, 2017

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.

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.

Proclamation: Black History Month

At this time, Mayor Stevenson read the Black History Month Proclamation.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR. (Regular Meeting – Agenda item questions only.)

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

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.

There wasn't any public participation.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting, December 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Work Session Meeting, December 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Reorganization and First Regular Meeting, January 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Work Session Meeting, January 17, 2017 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.

Letter from Treva E. Oster, Paulsboro Little League, requesting permission to hold their annual Opening Day Parade on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to receive, file, approve the request and notify the departments. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from MaryBeth Monroe, Gloucester County Alliance Coordinator, regarding funding for the Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to receive and file the letter. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter of resignation from James A. Scott from the Land Use Board. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to receive, file the letter and send a letter of thanks for his service on the board. All were in favor of the motion.

Receipt of bids: Cellular Antenna Array:

1. Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless - \$40,200 – 3% per year – 25 years
2. T-Mobile - \$28,800 – 3 % per year – 25 years

Solicitor Simone (from Solicitor Maley's Office) explained that the T-Mobile bid will need to be rejected as it is a non-conforming bid.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to reject the bid from T-Mobile as it is a non-conforming bid. All were in favor of the motion.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to receive, file, accept all other bids and spread the bids in the minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Stevenson recommended the appointment of Erva Macauley. This appointment moves Ms. Macauley to a member position instead of Alternate Member and it also would move the other Alternate Members up. There is a vacancy in the Alternate Member #4 position which he will appoint at the next meeting.

Finance Committee: Councilman Giampola, Chairman:

Councilman Giampola stated there will be a budget meeting on Friday at 2:00 p.m. which he hoped Council will be introducing the budget at the March meeting.

Councilman Giampola recommended the award of bid to Verizon for the Cellular Antenna Array.

R. #62.17: RESOLUTION AWARDING THE BID FOR LEASE OF SPACE FOR CELLULAR ANTENNA ARRAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A CELLULAR ANTENNA ARRAY ON A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED ON BLOCK 118, LOT 13, 400 SUMMIT AVENUE, BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, NEW JERSEY 08066. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #62.17. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Public Works Committee: Councilman Haynes, Chairman:

Councilman Haynes did not have anything to report at this time.

Construction and Licensing Committee: Council President Giovannitti, Chairman:

Council President Giovannitti stated he will be having a Construction Code Meeting on Thursday and they are working on a list of abandoned properties.

Public Property Committee: Councilman Holloway, II, Chairman:

Councilman Holloway stated he will be meeting with the Committee and they will be looking at improvements to be done in the Borough. The Swedesboro Avenue property is looking good.

Community Betterment Committee: Councilman Kidd, Chairman:

Councilman Kidd discussed Block History month which February is the shortest month of the year and Black History should be celebrated 365 days a year. He named some famous Black History individuals such as Judge Thorogood Marshall, Rosa Parks, etc.

Public Safety Committee: Councilman DiTonno, Chairman:

Councilman DiTonno did not have anything to report at this time.

Mayor Stevenson thanked Council on the performance of their Committees.

Mayor Stevenson explained the meeting schedule. The Governing Body will meet once a month for the months of February, March and April. This schedule is a three (3) month trial. There will be a Caucus Meeting at 6:00 p.m. and the Regular Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. There will be a public portion at the beginning of the Caucus Meeting. This schedule will be revisited in April. The Governing Body is trying to make everything more efficient.

R. #56.17: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION OF COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (This Executive Session was scheduled to discuss pending litigation regarding Borough of Paulsboro vs. NJDEP, et al.) Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #56.17. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #57.17: RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2017 TEMPORARY BUDGET. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #57.17. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #58.17: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2017 TEMPORARY BUDGET. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #58.17. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno,

Councilman Giampola (abstained from all Fire Department bills), Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

R. #59.17: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALLOWANCE/DISALLOWANCE OF SENIOR CITIZENS OR DISABILITY DEDUCTIONS.

R. #60.17: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN BALANCES ON WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS.

R. #61.17: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO SUPPORTING THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FUNDING FAIRNESS (SR-100). (SR-100 establishes the Senate Select Committee on School Funding Fairness and will study the adjustment aid process, the enrollment growth cap and other provisions set forth by the 2008 funding law to determine what revisions are needed to bring all school districts to full funding over a period of five years.)

Councilman Kidd discussed R. #61.17 as some schools are not getting their fair share.

Mayor Stevenson stated some schools are getting more allotment then their fair share.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. # 59.17, #60.17 and #61.17. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Received Raffle License Application, RA-610, from Carmel S. Morina Lodge #2580, Sons of Italy in America, for an off-premise merchandise raffle on March 8, 2017. Councilman Holloway moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to receive, file the application and approve the raffle license. All were in favor of the motion except Council President Giovannitti and Councilmen DiTonno and Giampola abstained.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

O. #01.17: ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 01.16 AND ORDINANCE 02.12 WHICH AMENDED PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 61,

“SEWERS” AND CHAPTER 78, “WATER” OF THE BOROUGH CODE REGARDING WATER AND SEWER RATES.

Administrator Jacobucci explained O. #01.17. The residents will be paying \$34.00 more for their water and sewer which is due to the Gloucester County Utilities Authority increasing their rates and the increased cost for other operational expenses.

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

Michael Pidliskey, 572 Billings Avenue, asked how the Borough can raise the rates when they haven't installed the meters.

Mayor Stevenson stated the increase is to keep in line with the Gloucester County Utilities Authority rates. The meters are about one (1) year away.

Marc Kamp, 250 West Broad Street, questioned if the increase is \$34.00 per year.

Administrator Jacobucci answered yes.

Barry Corradetti, 1820 Overbrook Avenue, questioned the overage.

Councilman Haynes explained, at this time, overages apply to commercial properties until the water meters are installed. The overage rate would be passed on to the residents after the first 60,000 gallons of water use.

There wasn't any further public participation.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to close the floor to the public and adopt O. #01.17 on second and final reading. 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 DiTonno seconded to receive and file. All were in favor of the motion.

Administrator's Report:

Administrator Jacobucci discussed adopting a Resolution regarding a procedure to pay the bills for the 3rd week of the month.

R. #63.17: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PROCEDURE TO PROCESS BILL PAYMENTS THE THIRD WEEK OF THE MONTH FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #63.17. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Administrator Jacobucci explained that she received an email from Sickels and Associates for the adoption of a Resolution for the 2017 Roadway Program. The Resolution is needed in order for the Borough not to lose the grant funding.

R. #64.17: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE 2017 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to adopt R. #64.17. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Administrator Jacobucci also discussed the Water/Sewer Turn on/off Fees, Water/Sewer Connection Fees and late payments. She would like to have an Ordinance introduced setting these fees.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:

O. #02.17: ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 61, "SEWERS" AND CHAPTER 78, "WATER" OF THE BOROUGH CODE REGARDING WATER AND SEWER RATES. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt O. #02.17 on introduction and first reading and schedule the second reading and public hearing on March 7, 2017. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Police Chief's Report:

Memo from Chief Vernon R. Marino requesting hiring of Alternate Crossing Guards. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to receive and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

Chief Marino presented the name of Joseph Branco as an Alternate Crossing Guard.

R. #65.17: RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALTERNATE SCHOOL CROSSING

GUARD. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #65.17. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway. Nays: Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd. Mayor Stevenson voted aye to break the tie. **Motion carried.**

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to authorize advertising for the position of Alternate Crossing Guards. All were in favor of the motion.

Memo from Chief Vernon R. Marino recommendation to hire two (2) Full-Time Police Officers. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to receive, and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

Mayor and Council are in agreement to replace Patrolman Anthony Pierce's position.

Chief Marino presented the name of Michael Konnick to replace Patrolman Anthony Pierce.

R. #66.17: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO TO EMPLOY MICHAEL KONNICK AS A PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #66.17. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to authorize the appointment of Brian Freeman as a Patrolman after the adoption of the budget (if money is available). All were in favor of the motion except Councilman Kidd.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: (General questions only.)

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

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to open the floor to the public at 7:45 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Barry Corradetti, 1820 Overbrook Avenue, stated the Neighborhood Watch has sent out invitations to the Mayor and Council to attend their monthly meetings. It is an open invitation and all are welcome.

Mayor Stevenson thanked Mr. Corradetti and his group and he also thanked Chief Marino for supplying an Officer to go to the meetings. Officer Greener is the liaison to the Neighborhood Watch group.

Tom Melis, 504 Greenwich Avenue, questioned if there was an ordinance that employees must live in town.

Administrator Jacobucci stated yes but there are waivers.

Mr. Melis felt if the employees work in the town they should have to live in the town.

Mayor Stevenson stated there is always a loophole.

Mr. Melis discussed the Code Enforcement Officer position and what he gets paid. He stated the property next to him is abandoned and there are problems with it.

Mayor Stevenson stated they are addressing the issues but it gets held up by Judges. He will gladly talk with Mr. Melis after the meeting.

Michael Pidliskey, 572 Greenwich Avenue, stated the Crossing Guards do a good job and some benefits have been taken away from them. He felt they should be given those benefits.

There wasn't any further public participation.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to close the floor to the public at 7:58 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilman Giampola moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to convene in Executive Session at 7:59 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

At this time, 7:59 p.m., Mayor and Council went into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation regarding the Borough of Paulsboro vs. NJDEP, et al.

Mayor and Council reconvened the Regular Meeting at 8:28 p.m.

There wasn't any further Borough business.

Councilman Haynes moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 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 February 7, 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