

APRIL 5, 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 Reverend Holloway.

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 item questions only)

Mayor Stevenson explained the new process for the public portion. He felt it was important to have two (2) public sessions with one (1) public session in the beginning of the meeting for agenda item questions only and another public session at the end of the meeting for any general questions. There will still be five (5) minutes to speak and everyone is to give their name and address for the record. He also requested that everyone turn their cell phones off.

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

There wasn't any public participation.

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

Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on March 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to receive, file and adopt the above minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

Minutes of a Work Session Meeting held on March 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to receive, file and adopt the above minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #78.16: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2016 TEMPORARY BUDGET. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #78.16. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola (abstained on all fire department bills), Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #79.16: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF A PAYMENT BY A LIENHOLDER FOR THE WATER/SEWER YEAR 2015. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #79.16. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #80.16: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALLOWANCE/DISALLOWANCE OF VETERAN, DISABILITY OR SENIOR CITIZEN DEDUCTIONS. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #80.16. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #81.16: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN BALANCES ON WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to adopt R. #81.16. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #82.16: RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY AND THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO REGARDING USAGE OF CERTAIN STAGE UNITS. (This Resolution allows the Borough to utilize a small stage through Gloucester County for use at the Paulsboro Day Event). Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #82.16. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #83.16: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #83.16. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

The subject matter to be discussed in Executive Session is as follows:

1. Property Negotiations – Block 121 Lot 33 – 1731 Dayton Avenue
2. Pending Litigation – Downs vs. Borough of Paulsboro
3. Pending Litigation – Ruggeri vs. Borough of Paulsboro

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

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

O. #06.16: CALENDAR YEAR 2016 - ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14). Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to open the floor to the public for questions on the ordinance. All were in favor of the motion.

There wasn't any public participation.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to close the floor to the public and to adopt O. #06.16 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.**

Received Raffle License Application, RA-600, Paulsboro Wrestling Association to hold an Armchair Race on April 23, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to receive, file and approve the Raffle License. All were in favor of the motion.

Received Raffle License Application, RA-601, from the Paulsboro Day Committee for an on premise 50/50 on April 30, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to receive, file and approve the license. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Rev. Elijah Babajide, Glorious Light Christian Ministries, requesting to hold their annual Walk-a-thon on Saturday, May 28, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to receive, file the letter, approve their request and notify the proper departments. All were in favor of the motion.

Received the following tax appeals:

554 Beacon Avenue – Block 15 Lot 13
27 West Buck Street – Block 86 Lot 16
627 Greenwich Avenue – Block 24 Lot 21
306-308 Billingsport Road – Block 51 Lot 8
304 Billingsport Road – Block 51 Lot 8.01
14 Capitol Street – Block 39 Lot 6.01
25 West Monroe Street – Block 58 Lot 7.03
1035 Penn Line Road – Block 70 Lot 6
326 Billingsport Road – Block 51 Lot 5
32 New Street – Block 126 Lot 3
1602 Swedesboro Avenue – Block 111 Lot 27
1722 Swedesboro Avenue – Block 118 Lot 19
905 Delaware Street – Block 67 Lot 7
400 Mantua Avenue – Block 6 Lot 1
18 West New Street – Block 126 Lot 7
213 Nassau Avenue – Block 27 Lot 21
24 East Adams Street – Block 80 Lot 5
1201 Commerce Street – Block 89 Lot 1
348 Nassau Avenue – Block 35 Lot 13
21 East Adams Street – Block 73 Lot 7
29 West Adams Street – Block 72 Lot 8
15 West Jefferson Street – Block 66 Lot 7.02
17 West Jefferson Street – Block 66 Lot 7
657 Mantua Avenue – Block 1.12 Lot 94.01
416 West Broad Street – Block 97 Lot 2
29 West Madison Street – Block 63 Lot 7
16 Capitol Street – Block 39 Lot 6

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to receive and file the appeals. All were in favor of the motion.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Public Works Committee: Councilman Haynes, Chairman:

Councilman Haynes stated he was happy to announce the Borough received funding from the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the reconstruction of Hoffman and West Avenues in the amount of \$193,000.

Councilman Haynes stated the Borough will be flushing hydrants starting Monday, April 11th, from Berkley Road to Broad Street, Tuesday, April 12th from Broad Street to the Railroad and Wednesday, April 13th from the Railroad to the River from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. until all sections are completed. He further stated during flushing operations, discolored water and/or low pressure may be experienced and he asked the residents to please run their taps until the water runs clear.

Councilman Haynes also stated the Borough started the street sweeping program but there is a problem with the Sweeper Company as they keep sending sweepers from the 1980's. He will reach out to the County for use of their sweeper and an operator.

Public Safety Committee: Councilman DiTonno, Chairman:

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

Finance Committee: Councilman Giampola, Chairman:

Councilman Giampola reported the Mayor and Council had their Budget meeting earlier and introduced the 2016 budget. There won't be any cut in services but the budget will be increased 3.7 cents due to an tax appeal in 2015 in the amount of \$300,000 from Plains Terminal. This budget has the exact same services as last year's budget.

Public Property Committee: Councilman Holloway, II, Chairman:

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

Community Betterment Committee: Councilman Kidd, Chairman:

Councilman Kidd discussed the request for the Multi-cultural Event and the request went to both the Paulsboro Day Committee and the Recreation Committee. The Paulsboro Day Committee is separate and neither Committee wants to get involved with the other. He wanted to clear up that the Recreation Committee is recreation and the Paulsboro Day Committee is the Paulsboro Day Committee. The Multi-cultural event would not have affected any other events.

Council President Giovannitti asked if Councilmen Kidd or Holloway wanted to give an update on the Little League fields.

Councilman Kidd stated the last he heard nothing had started.

Construction and Licensing Committee: Council President Giovannitti,
Chairman:

Council President Giovannitti thanked Reverend Holloway for leading the
Governing Body in prayer.

Council President Giovannitti stated he wanted to share the sample ordinance
for prohibition on Puppy/Cat Mill purchases.

Council President Giovannitti gave an update on one (1) vacant property. The
property is being given to the Borough and a title search is being done. This is one
way to take a building down and he thanked Wayne Bender, Code Enforcement
Officer.

Councilman Kidd stated the Easter Egg Hunt went over fine. They had over 100
children and it was real nice.

Council President Giovannitti stated anyone can watch the Easter Egg Hunt on
“You Tube”.

Councilman Giampola stated the public hearing and adoption of the 2016 Budget
will be held on May 3, 2016.

Mayor Stevenson stated he received a letter from the Greater Paulsboro
Chamber of Commerce requesting to use the Shuttle Bus on Thursday, April 21st to
conduct a tour of the Port. Councilman Haynes moved and Councilman Holloway
seconded to receive, file and approve the request. All were in favor of the motion.

Mayor Stevenson thanked the Recreation Committee and Ms. Turner for the
Easter Egg Hunt and he further thanked all those who participated.

Mayor Stevenson also stated Glorious Light Christian Ministries invited him to
the church and gave him a tour. He thanked them for all they do in the town.

Mayor Stevenson stated he received a resignation letter from Patty Farrow of
the Recreation Committee.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to accept
the letter of resignation and send Mrs. Farrow a letter of thanks for serving on the
Committee. All were in favor of the motion.

Mayor Stevenson nominated the appointment of Joe McFadden to the unexpired term on the Recreation Committee. His term will expire December 31, 2016.

Councilman Giampola moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to appoint Joe McFadden to the Recreation Committee to fill the unexpired term created by the resignation of Patty Farrow. All were in favor of the motion.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR. (General questions only.)

Treva Oster on behalf of the Paulsboro Little League reported on the progress at the Little League fields. The whole field has been completed and they are now waiting to finish the fencing. The Parade will commence at 10:00 a.m. at the Paulsboro Fire House on Saturday, April 16, 2016.

Mayor Stevenson thanked Mrs. Oster.

Anthony Bennett, 221 Berkley Road, Apt. 211, stated he sent a letter requesting permission to film on Penn Line Road at the corner of Adams Street and Penn Line Road one Sunday in May. There will be motorcycles coming and he is also asking for the Police to be on the scene.

Mayor Stevenson stated he spoke with Chief Marino and he is not speaking for the Chief but questioned who is paying for the police presence, blocking off the street and traffic control, etc. Chief Marino had an illness in the family or he would have been present.

Lt. Gary Kille stated what needs to happen is to sit down with the Community Betterment Committee to iron out the plans.

Mayor Stevenson stated he is not against this but wanted to make sure all details were ironed out.

Mr. Bennett also requested the use of the Conference Room as they want to film in there as well.

Mayor Stevenson suggested Mr. Bennett meet with the Police Department and all parties involved to iron out the details.

Marc Kamp, 250 West Broad Street, on behalf of the Tinicum Rear Range Lighthouse Committee, stated they requested from the Coast Guard to give the lighthouse a paint job and they received some bad news that the Coast Guard prepared a structural analysis and the light is too much light. The lighthouse is temporarily off limits. He hoped the Coast Guard is going to fix it.

Barry Corradetti, 1820 Overbrook Avenue, felt the public portion regarding questions on the agenda should be held at the end instead of the beginning of the meeting. He questioned the grant money of \$198,000 to reconstruct Hoffman and West Avenues and whether the money would fully fund the project.

Councilman Haynes stated yes, it would.

Mr. Corradetti stated he read in the newspaper that Deptford Township Police Department is able to use a plant based DNA kit that cost \$70.00 to identify property. He questioned if Paulsboro was interested in this.

Lt. Kille stated the Borough would have to have the mechanical devices not just pay \$70.00. They will look into this.

Jennifer Turner, 233 West Buck Street, Chairperson of the Recreation Committee, also felt the public portion regarding questions on the agenda should be held at the end instead of at the beginning of the meeting. She questioned which vacant property was being taken down.

Council President Giovannitti stated it is 1731 Dayton Avenue.

Ms. Turner questioned what the puppy/cat mill ordinance was about.

Solicitor Maley stated it is to restrict pet stores from selling puppy mill animals.

Ms. Turner questioned if the Recreation Committee was eligible to receive a Raffle License.

Solicitor Maley stated he will look into it as it may be something that has to go through the Borough.

Ms. Turner stated Danielle Green has to be removed from the Recreation Committee and the Recreation Committee would like to appoint junior members.

Mayor Stevenson stated it would have to go through the Recreation Committee and the Recreation Committee would have to send a letter to the Borough officially regarding Mrs. Green.

Ms. Turner stated she has already discussed the junior member with the Recreation Committee and she further explained what a junior member was.

Mayor Stevenson stated he will touch base with the Recreation Committee.

Ms. Turner stated as the Chairperson of the Recreation Committee the Recreation Committee has agreed.

Mayor Stevenson stated the ordinance may have to be amended.

Ms. Turner discussed Alternate member #2. She questioned if she should send a certified letter.

Mayor Stevenson stated yes.

Ms. Turner thanked Treva Oster and everyone who attended the Easter Egg Hunt as it gets better every year.

Ms. Turner requested an update on the centennial banner for the High School.

Mayor Stevenson stated he has spoken with the person and they don't have a problem with it. He received the ok to hang the banner and got the design but he will check with Chief Marino.

Ms. Turner discussed the Multi-cultural Day event. There isn't any interest in blending the two events. They are two (2) different fund raisers. The Committee cancelled the event this year due to the cost but would like to see it done in May of 2017. It is nice for the community as it celebrates the diverse cultures. She hoped the Borough will continue to try and do this event.

Ms. Turner stated there is a lot of speeding on Buck Street.

Lt. Kille stated he will talk with Ms. Turner after the meeting.

Mayor Stevenson stated he is allowing Ms. Turner to go over the five (5) minutes as this is a learning process.

Council President Giovannitti questioned where the centennial banner would be hung.

Mayor Stevenson stated it will hang at Broad and Delaware Streets at Scordo's corner.

Ms. Turner stated the next Centennial Meeting will be held on April 27th.

Ms. Turner stated she would appreciate if the Recreation Committee is able to receive a Raffle License as it is very important to raise funds for different events.

Mayor Stevenson questioned where the money raised would go.

CMFO/Acting Administrator Boyer stated it would be deposited into the Recreation account.

Mr. Kamp stated the Committee would be required to have a separate checking account.

There wasn't any further public participation.

Mayor and Council recessed the Regular Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor and Council went into Executive Session at 8:07 p.m.

Mayor and Council reconvened the Regular Meeting at 8:45 p.m.

There wasn't any further Borough business.

Councilman Giampola moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 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 April 5, 2016 and should not be considered a verbatim transcript of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. VanScoy, RMC/CMC
Borough Clerk

Gary C. Stevenson, Mayor