

DECEMBER 6, 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.

Borough 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.

SWEARING IN: Ptlm. Gary Lowell
Sean McFarland – SLEO I
Ra'Chard Braxton – SLEO I
Jonathan Nastasi – SLEO I
Daniel Diamond – SLEO I

All Officers thanked Mayor and Council for the opportunity to serve the community.

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.

Council President Giovannitti 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.

Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on November 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 November 14, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Di Tonno seconded to receive, file and adopt the above minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #201.16: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2016 BUDGET. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #201.16. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola (abstained on all Fire Dept. and Emergency Management bills), Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #202.16: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF AN OVERPAYMENT BY A MORTGAGE COMPANY TO THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE TAX YEAR 2016. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #202.16. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #203.16: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF AN OVERPAYMENT BY AN INDIVIDUAL TO THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE TAX YEAR 2016. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #203.16. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #204.16: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN BALANCES ON WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #204.16. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #205.16: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF REAL ESTATE TAXES, WATER AND SEWER TAXES AND TAX SALE CERTIFICATE NO. 94-86 FOR BLOCK 121 LOT 33. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #205.16. Roll

call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #206.16: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF GARY KILLE AS DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #206.16.

Councilman Kidd questioned if this fell under Title 40 and when it was brought before the Public Safety Committee.

Chief Marino stated he sent up a memo several weeks ago for review on the Public Safety Committee.

Mayor Stevenson stated all of Council is the Public Safety Committee.

Chief Marino explained that the #2 person in charge is either the Deputy Chief or the Captain. The Lieutenant is usually a road supervisor. It is beneficial for the Department and he apologized if Council didn't get this beforehand.

Councilman Kidd stated it isn't anything personal and he questioned if the Chief was planning on retiring.

Chief Marino stated no, not in the near future.

Councilman Kidd stated Council promoted a Captain to a Deputy Chief before because the former Chief was retiring.

Chief Marino assured Council he would not be coming back and asking for a Lieutenant and Council has his word.

Councilman Kidd stated this should be considered during budget discussions.

Administrator Jacobucci stated the Police Department needs someone who is a true Administrator.

Roll call to adopt R. #206.16: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes. Nays: Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. **Motion carried.**

R. #207.16: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF

PAULSBORO AND GARY KILLE, DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #207.16. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes. Nays: Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. **Motion carried.**

R. #208.16: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE DEDICATION OF REVENUES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

R. #209.16: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE DEDICATION OF REVENUES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

Administrator Jacobucci requested the above two (2) Resolutions be held until the Work Session Meeting.

R. #210.16: 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 Kidd seconded to adopt R. #210.16. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Stevenson stated this above Executive Session is being held to discuss pending litigation regarding Gallenthin 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. #14.16: ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 12.14 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT SALARY ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO”. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to open the floor to the public for O. #14.16. 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. #14.16 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.**

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:

O. #15.16: ORDINANCE RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENTS FOR ACQUISITION AND LEASING OF LAND LOCATED WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to adopt O. #15.16 on introduction and first reading and schedule the second reading and public hearing on December 20, 2016.

Councilman Kidd questioned this Ordinance and asked it to be explained.

Solicitor Maley stated it incorporates the small portion that was added to the lease for Conrail.

Councilman Kidd stated the reason he is asking is because steel is being transported and if something happens on this section, who would be liable.

Solicitor Maley stated there should be some indemnification from the South Jersey Port Corporation.

Administrator Jacobucci stated it is just an amendment to lease and South Jersey Port Corporation has indemnified the Borough. She would be happy to go over the original lease.

Councilman Kidd stated there should have been a work shop to discuss this further.

Mayor Stevenson stated this Ordinance is for first reading and will hold the public hearing at the next work session meeting.

R/C: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway. Nays: Councilman Kidd. **Motion carried.**

Received Bingo License #BA-609, Paulsboro Volunteer Fire Association #1 for their 2017 annual Bingos.

Received Bingo License Application, BA-606, St. Clare of Assisi Parish for their 2017 annual bingos.

Received Bingo License Application, BA-607, Guardian Angels Regional School Board for their 2017 annual bingos.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to receive, file and approve the Bingo Licenses. All were in favor of the motion except Council President Giovannitti abstained from BA-606 and Councilman Giampola abstained from BA-609 and BA-606.

Memo from Tracy Forlenza, Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, regarding JIF Dividend Announcement. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to receive, file the memo and approve the dividend as a credit against the 2017 JIF Assessment. All were in favor of the motion.

Received from the Gloucester Board of Taxation the 2016 Abstract of Added/Omitted Ratables. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to receive and file the Abstract. All were in favor of the motion.

Administrator's Report:

Administrator Jacobucci discussed appointing P/T S/H Department Employee to F/T. The employee is recommended by Borough Foreman Tinder and the position was posted.

Councilman Haynes moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to appoint Robert Sargent as a full time employee in the Public Works Department. All were in favor of the motion except Councilman Kidd abstained.

Administrator Jacobucci discussed the Professional appointment of Triad Associates for various Projects. Triad's original contract was not to exceed \$40,000 and the three (3) projects exceed that amount. These are reimbursable or third party payouts. Triad's contract would have to be extended for \$90,000. Two (2) projects for the Thomson Avenue Project cost \$16,000 each and the Water Main to the Port Project will cost \$32,000. The Borough is not obligated. She recommends approving the extension of Triad's contract for \$90,000. The contracts for Solicitor Maley, Bond Counsel and Auditor will be discussed at the next Work Session Meeting.

R. #211.16: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AMENDING THE GRANT CONSULTANT CONTRACT AWARDED TO TRIAD, LLC TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS

WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to adopt R. #211.16. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Engineer's Report:

Borough Engineer Biermann reported the Football Scoreboard is up and it looks pretty good.

Borough Engineer Biermann also reported that the intersection of Clonmell Road and Delaware Street is 75% complete. They will have the intersection paved and opened up shortly to eliminate truck traffic.

Borough Engineer Biermann stated the Public Works Committee will meet next week to discuss the NJDOT Road Program.

Police Chief's Report:

Chief Marino discussed the memo that is on the agenda regarding the request to create two (2) handicap parking spaces, one in front of 26 West Broad Street and one in front of 125 West Broad Street. In order to install handicap spaces, the Offices would have to have ADA compliant ramps. The Borough would be taking on undue liability. He suggested Council not approve these parking spaces.

Councilman Kidd stated this road is a State Highway.

Chief Marino informed Councilman Kidd that both he and the Borough Clerk directed Dr. Budman's Office to NJDOT and they were directed back to the Borough by NJDOT.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Councilman Giampola, Chairman:

Councilman Giampola stated he did not have anything to report. He has met with the Administrator and they will be holding a Finance Committee Meeting next week and also the Negotiating Committee Meeting.

Public Property Committee: Councilman Holloway, II, Chairman:

Councilman Holloway stated he did not have anything to report but he tried to go into Executive Session regarding communication between the Council as some things are not being brought to the attention of other Councilmembers. There are too many things going on and not being brought back to the Council. There was a holiday event this week that wasn't brought before the Public Property Committee. It also didn't go before Council and it should have. The event could have been more successful. Also, he wasn't informed the scoreboard at the Football Field was put up and he asked to be informed. He stated Mayor Stevenson said Mayor and Council don't micromanage. Everything has to go through Council as they are the ones who make the decisions such as block parties should go through him as the Public Property Committee. Certain things only go through certain people.

Mayor Stevenson stated as far as the parade goes, he is not sure Council approves but all of Council was there when the Recreation Committee and the Chamber of Commerce discussed the parade and they worked together. He felt the parade was successful. There are two (2) Committees that can swap duties. It is not Public Property or Community Betterment.

Councilman Holloway stated but the event used Borough property.

Mayor Stevenson congratulated all who took part in the event.

Councilman Holloway stated it is not the Mayor's job to run the Council. Everything must go through the Council. The communication needs to get better. He further stated nobody has to answer Mayor Stevenson's email as he is not the boss.

Public Safety Committee: Councilman DiTonno, Chairman:

Councilman DiTonno stated he did not have anything to report. He did stop at the Fire House and was told that Santa would be around on the Fire Truck on December 17th and December 18th. He invited Mayor and Council to help hand out candy canes.

Community Betterment Committee: Councilman Kidd, Chairman:

Councilman Kidd stated the Chamber of Commerce never got back to him through the Community Betterment Committee but everybody else knew of the event. There was a transition where the Chamber and the Recreation Committee always worked together. The event was never discussed with him. Everyone should start respecting the Community Betterment Committee and the Public Property Committee.

Councilman Kidd moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to authorize the Borough Clerk to send thank you letters to all outside contractors who contributed their time to installing the scoreboard at the Football Field.

Council President Giovannitti stated some people do not want to be recognized.

All were in favor of the above motion.

Councilman Kidd stated the Recreation Committee is holding the children's annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 10th at the High School. He would like to have the Public Works Department pick up the toys on Friday and deliver them to the High School after 3:00 p.m.

Councilman Kidd asked the different recreation organizations to get their budgets in.

Public Works Committee: Councilman Haynes, Chairman:

Councilman Haynes stated he did not have anything to report but the Public Works Committee will be meeting Thursday, December 15th at 4:30 p.m. to go over future road projects.

Construction and Licensing Committee: Council President Giovannitti, Chairman:

Council President Giovannitti told everyone Merry Christmas. He congratulated Deputy Chief Kille. He stated communication can always improve. The Recreation Committee is having problems with attendance. He explained the scoreboard matter fell into his lap. He thought he kept everyone in the loop. The job was done very professionally. He thanked Borough Engineer Biermann from Sickels, Mario Christina from the Port and another company for their contributions in getting the scoreboard at the Football Field installed. He reported the Code Office handed out 25 summonses. They will periodically be inspecting for junk cars and the house will be done on Swedesboro Avenue. The Code Office will be meeting with Administrator Jacobucci. They will investigate anything to better the Borough. The Committee will meet and bring back the report to the Council. Council is moving forward and he will try to do his part. Mayor Stevenson is holding an Open House this Saturday. He will try to return telephone calls.

Councilman Giampola stated the Jeanne Giampola Christmas Project will be held on December 16th. The Post Office will be assisting in collecting the food. They will be putting baskets together and delivering them on December 17th. He was also elected as Fire Chief for another three (3) year term.

Mayor Stevenson thanked Councilman Giampola for continuing his mother's tradition with the Christmas Project and he congratulated him on another term as Fire Chief.

Mayor Stevenson stated State Senator Steve Sweeney will be in Paulsboro on Friday, December 9th at 3:30 p.m. at the High School.

Mayor Stevenson further stated this year marks 75 years of the Pearl Harbor attack. He asked everyone to please thank a veteran. He was invited yesterday to Trenton to mark this occasion.

Mayor Stevenson thanked all those for their participation in the Christmas Parade and he congratulated the High School Football Team.

Mayor Stevenson reported he attended the annual New Jersey State League of Municipalities Conference and he came back with some ideas.

Mayor Stevenson also thanked everybody who was involved in installing the scoreboard at the Football field. H also stated he will take the "bull by the horns" and do everything he can for the Borough. Every Tuesday after 2:00 p.m., he will meet with the people, residents and Council. He doesn't apologize for wanting to make the town better and he will try to do a better job. He stated Council will need to step up and re-evaluate how, where and what things have to be done.

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.

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

Jennifer Turner, 233 West Buck Street, Chairperson of the Recreation Committee, thanked the Governing Body for their support of the Recreation Committee. The Committee will continue with six (6) programs and look at the members on the Committee. The members need to be reminded to make the meetings. She looked forward to working with everyone in 2017.

Mayor Stevenson thanked Mrs. Turner.

Marc Kamp, 250 West Broad Street, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, thanked Mayor and Council, the Police Department and the Public Works Department for their support of the Christmas Parade.

Mary Harris, 265 Vanneman Boulevard, stated this is a small town and tonight she saw seven (7) people not get along and she would like to see them get along because how can they work for the people of Paulsboro if the Council can't get along. This is not good for the town. She begged that if one of them has a problem to try to solve it before coming to the meeting. She also stated she loves all of the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Stevenson stated he couldn't agree more. The perception is the key and if someone has an issue, there are places to air it out. Council would work better as a team.

Mayor Stevenson also stated he is hosting an Open House at his residence on Saturday, December 10, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. and everyone is invited.

There wasn't any further public participation.

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

At this time, 8:49 p.m., Mayor and Council went into Executive Session to discuss personnel and pending litigation.

Mayor and Council reconvened the Regular Meeting at 9:25 p.m.

There wasn't any further Borough business.

Councilman Giampola moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 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 December 6, 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