

SEPTEMBER 12, 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.

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

Marc Kamp, resident, gave the invocation.

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.

Mayor Stevenson recognized Dr. Laurie Bandlow and Mr. Platt from the High School and presented the student interns from the Exxon Mobil Summer Youth STEM Program with proclamations.

Mayor Stevenson introduced the Borough's mentors for the Interns and especially thanked Mary Curtis for her role in keeping this program going.

Mr. Platt thanked Administrator Jacobucci for her assistance in keeping the program going which is in its 18th year.

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

Mayor Stevenson opened the floor to the public in case anyone had a question regarding the Conrail presentation and 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.

There wasn't any public participation.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Caucus Meeting, July 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting, July 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

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

COMMUNICATION – CORRESPONDENCE:

Memo from Tax Collector Georjean Widener regarding certification of mailing of tax bills.

Letter of retirement from Borough Foreman Charles Tinder effective October 31, 2017.

Letter from Leona G. Mather, Gloucester County Division of Senior Services, requesting the shuttle bus to transport the Paulsboro Senior Citizens to the annual Senior Citizen Picnic on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 (rain date September 21st) at Red Bank Battlefield in National Park from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to receive, file the above letters and accept Mr. Tinder's letter of retirement and recognize Mr. Tinder at the next Council meeting and also approve the shuttle bus request and notify the proper departments. All were in favor of the motion.

Memo from Owen C. Haynes, Sr., Riverside Inn, requesting a one day permit to utilize all of his property to hold an event on Saturday, September 23, 2017.

Mayor Stevenson held this request until Mayor and Council receives a response to their inquiry from the Solicitor.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Stevenson thanked the Paulsboro Day Committee and all those who volunteered with Paulsboro Day. He thanked the Paulsboro Refinery as they

hosted and paid for Paulsboro Day. He congratulated the Paulsboro Refinery on their 100th Anniversary. He gave a big congratulation to Kristie Moore and the Refinery,

Kristie Moore, Paulsboro Refinery, thanked all who attended Paulsboro Day. The Refinery works hard to be a part of the community and she thanked the Paulsboro Day Committee.

Mayor Stevenson reported the Save-A-Lot grocery store has opened. He thanked the residents for coming to the Grand Opening. He has met with the developer's and demolition work should be starting on the old Rita's Water Ice Store, the Foto Store, etc. Dollar Tree, a UPS Store and a Business Center are coming. There is a meeting in Trenton next week for the Route 295 development. He will give an update on this meeting at the meeting in October. He is working on getting money to tear down dilapidated homes but there are layers of bureaucracy.

Finance Committee: Councilman Giampola, Chairman:

Councilman Giampola thanked Administrator Jacobucci for bringing Mayor and Council into the 21st century with laptops. The Finance Committee is getting ready for budget time.

Public Works Committee: Councilman Haynes, Chairman:

Councilman Haynes reported the Borough is using \$193,000 from the 2017 NJDOT grant to pave Spruce Street from Broad Street to Thomson Avenue and Billings Avenue from Second Street to Riverview. The Engineers will be applying for the 2018 NJDOT grant to pave Pine Street from Swedesboro Avenue to Adams Street. The Standpipe project is 100% completely painted on the inside and 90% painted on the outside.

Construction and Licensing Committee: Council President Giovannitti, Chairman:

Council President Giovannitti thanked all those individuals involved with Paulsboro Day, the Interns and recognized those behind the scenes. He also thanked Herman Schoch, employee, and Kristie Moore of the Paulsboro Refinery.

Council President Giovannitti stated the Construction and Licensing Committee is working on and tweaking the Trash and Recycling Guide. The Code Office is continuing to monitor the rental industry and he gave "kudos" to them. He asked everyone to remember "09/11". He is requesting approval to utilize the shuttle bus to transport residents to all sports away events.

Public Property Committee: Councilman Holloway, II, Chairman:

Councilman Holloway thanked Kristie Moore, the Paulsboro Refinery and Chief Morina. It was a great summer.

Councilman Holloway moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to accept and approve the request from Glorious Light Christian Ministries to use the Borough lot next to the Municipal Building to hold an outdoor church service on Sunday, September 24th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. contingent upon receiving a Certificate of Insurance for this event. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilman Holloway moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to approve the use of the Shuttle Bus to transport residents to the away sporting events. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilman Holloway moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to approve the use of the Shuttle Bus for the Harry Potter event in Swedesboro on October 28th, 2017. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilman Holloway reported that all Paulsboro Midget and High School Football games this weekend ended in victories.

Community Betterment Committee: Councilman Kidd, Chairman:

Councilman Kidd suggested someone follow up on the future of the Exxon Mobil Summer Intern Program due to the Exxon Mobil sale.

Councilman Kidd questioned what was wrong with the Water Tank on Lincoln Avenue as it looks like it is turning green on the top.

Councilman Kidd moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to authorize the Engineer to check into the Water Tank on Lincoln Avenue. All were in favor of the motion.

Mayor Stevenson extended his condolences to Councilman Kidd as his brother passed away.

Public Safety Committee: Councilman DiTonno, Chairman:

Councilman DiTonno stated he was “piggybacking” off of what everyone else has said as he has heard nothing but positive comments regarding Paulsboro Day.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:

O. #17.17: ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO.14.16 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT SALARY ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO”. (This Ordinance amends the most current Salary Ordinance regarding the Police Department to make it more consistent with the Police contract.) Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt O. #17.17 on introduction and first reading and schedule the second reading and public hearing on October 3, 2017. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

O. #18.17: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER FOR THE LEASE OF THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 28 EAST BROAD STREET IN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO TO OPERATE A BASIC LIFE SUPPORT AMBULANCE SERVICE. (This Ordinance authorizes a lease agreement with Gloucester County for the premises at 28 East Broad Street (old Ambulance Building) to operate a basic life support ambulance service.) Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt O. #18.17 on introduction and first reading and schedule the second reading and public hearing on October 3, 2017. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS – BILLS:

R. #160.17: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS OUT OF THE 2017 BUDGET FOR THE THIRD WEEK OF THE MONTH (July 18, 2017). (This Resolution authorizes the payment of the bills for the week of July 18, 2017.)

R. #161.17: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS OUT OF THE 2017 BUDGET FOR AUGUST 1ST & 15TH, 2017

R. #162.17: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2017 BUDGET.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #160.17, #161.17 and #162.17. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION ON CONSENT AGENDA:

R. #163.17: RESOLUTION ALLOWING EXTENSION OF GRACE PERIOD FOR 3RD QUARTER YAXES 2017. (This Resolution allows a 25 day grace period due to the mailing of the tax bills.)

R. #164.17: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN BALANCES ON WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS. (This Resolution cancels certain balances due to the water/sewer service being shut off and it being a vacant property.)

R. #165.17: RESOLUTION TO SHRED CHECKS FOR VARIOUS CLOSED BANK ACCOUNTS. (This Resolution allows the CMFO to shred checks left from closed bank accounts.)

R. #166.17: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF AN OVERPAYMENT BY A MORTGAGE COMPANY TO THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE TAX YEAR 2017. (Refund of tax payments to Seterus c/o Lereta LLC.)

R. #167.17: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF AN OVERPAYMENT BY AN INDIVIDUAL TO THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE TAX YEAR 2017. (Refund of tax payments to 701 Revach Realty, LLC.)

R. #168.17: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF AN OVERPAYMENT BY A MANAGEMENT COMPANY TO THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE TAX YEAR. (Refund of tax payments to Suburban Management.)

R. #169.17: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALLOWANCE/DISALLOWANCE OF VETERANS, SENIOR CITIZENS OR DISABILITY DEDUCTIONS. (This Resolution allows or disallows the tax deduction for Veteran, Disability or Senior Citizens.)

R. #170.17: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX PAYMENTS MADE IN 2017 WHICH RESULTED IN AN OVERPAYMENT AND WILL BE FORWARDED TO 2018 BILLED TAX AMOUNTS. (This Resolution forwards the 2018 tax balances from the payments applied to the balance of 2017 tax billed amounts which resulted in an overpayment.)

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #163.17, R. #164.17, R. #165.17, R. #166.17, R. #167.17, R. #168.17, R. #169.17 and R. #170.17. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti,

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

Raffles/Permits/Firemen's Association Membership Applications:

Raffle License Application #RA-620 from United Way of Gloucester County for an On-Premise 50/50 Cash Raffle on September 19, 2017 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Raffle License Application #RA-621 from Carmel S. Morina Lodge #2580 for an Off-Premise Merchandise Raffle on September 19, 2017 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Raffle License Application #RA-622 from Paulsboro Wrestling Association for an Off-Premise 50/50 Cash Raffle on February 17, 2018 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to receive, file and approve the Raffle License. All were in favor of the motion except Councilman Giampola abstained from the Carmel S. Morina, Lodge #2580 and Councilman DiTonno abstained from the Carmel S. Morina Lodge #2580 and the Paulsboro Wrestling Association.

Junior Firefighter Application for Nicholas Severino
Junior Firefighter Application for Roland H. Kaigh, III

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to approve both Junior Firefighter applications. All were in favor of the motion.

Licenses: There weren't any licenses at this time.

RESOLUTIONS NOT ON CONSENT:

R. #171.17: RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT REGARDING THE GRAY VS. BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO MATTER.

(This Resolution memorializes the action taken by telephone poll on July 14, 2017 in the settlement of the pending litigation of Gray vs. Borough of Paulsboro.) Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #171.17. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: Councilman DiTonno. Motion carried.

R. #172.17: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES. (This Resolution continues the participation of the shared service Agreement with

Gloucester County for emergency medical services.) Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #172.17. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #135.17: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH VERIZON WIRELESS FOR INSTALLATION OF NETWORK NODES ON UTILITY POLES. (This Resolution authorizes Verizon Wireless consent for the non-exclusive use of the public Rights-of-Way for the purpose of owning, constructing, installing, operating, and maintaining Nodes. Tabled from June 7, 2017.) Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to table R. #135.17. All were in favor of the motion.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

O. #08.17: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ARTICLE XI, TITLED “RIGHTS-OF-WAY USE LICENSES”, IN CHAPTER 69, TITLED “STREETS AND SIDEWALKS”, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (The Ordinance will establish certain standards on a competitively neutral and non-discriminatory basis for the use of the public right-of-way.) Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to table #08.17. All were in favor of the motion.

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:

Best Practices Checklist (Resolution is required to accept the Checklist.)

R. #173.17: RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CY 2017 BEST PRACTICES INVENTORY QUESTIONNAIRE. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #173.17. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #174.17: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO APPROVING FORM OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL BY SUMMIT DRILLING CO., INC. FOR THE CLONMELL ROAD MONITORING WELL INSTALLATION, PAULSBORO, NEW JERSEY. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #174.17. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno,

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

Municipal Joint Insurance Fund Technology Risk Assessments.

Administrator Jacobucci stated Mayor and Council will have to have a discussion regarding a policy for public property usage requests.

Engineer's Report:

NJDOT FY2018 Municipal Aid Road Projects.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to authorize the proposal for Professional Services for the 2018 NJDOT Roadway State Aid Application for Pine Street – Adams Street to Swedesboro Avenue. All were in favor of the motion.

Police Chief's Report:

Memo from Chief Vernon R. Marino regarding resignation of Detective Michael Bielski. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Di Tonno seconded to receive, file the memo and send Officer Bielski a letter of thanks. All were in favor of the motion.

Memo from Chief Vernon R. Marino regarding recommendation to advertise to hire Full-Time Police Officer to fill vacancy. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to receive, file the memo and authorize the advertisement. All were in favor of the motion except Councilman Kidd abstained.

Memo from Chief Vernon R. Marino regarding recommendation to bring back Community Service. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to receive and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

Deputy Chief Kille explained the Community Service Program. Sentenced individuals will work in the Community Service Program and an Officer will oversee them.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to accept the Community Service Program. All were in favor of the motion.

Chief Marino gave a report on manpower and arrests. He will be leaving the Detective unit vacant at this time.

Mayor Stevenson thanked Chief Marino and the Police Department for the great work this summer.

Chief Marino stated the Department has taken 17 guns off the street in the last three (3) months.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (Public Portion):

Mayor Stevenson asked anyone speaking to give their name, 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 8:00 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Emma Hackley, 201 West Buck Street, on behalf of the Billingsport Church, stated she brought forth the request to place a bench and a tree at the Fort Billings Park and would like to know the status of the request.

Councilman Kidd apologized as he has had some family matters to attend to.

Mayor Stevenson stated Councilman Kidd will bring a report forth at the next meeting on October 3, 2017.

Mrs. Hackley gave a note of encouragement to the Police Department and asked them to keep the pressure on.

Mrs. Hackley questioned if there was going to be a meeting with the Landlords.

Councilman Giampola stated when the Borough sends out the renewals to the Landlords there will be a notice informing them about running their business and what the Borough expects.

Mrs. Hackley stated she is not seeing any results and the residents are discouraged. The landlords are taking advantage of the town. She has been telling residents to not lose hope and to stand firm.

At this time, 8:05 p.m., Councilman DiTonno left the meeting.

Jennifer Turner, 233 West Buck Street, stated there are a lot of speeding cars on Buck Street.

Joice Cooper, 123 West Buck Street, stated there was a shooting and her house was shot. She has hole in her bedroom wall. She questioned why these people are parking on Buck Street. She has called the police but they keep going and don't say

anything. When they park there, they throw out their trash. Is there some way the tag number could be taken and get them for littering.

Councilman Kidd informed Mrs. Cooper to keep calling the police. People are also shooting off fire crackers and people do not know if it is fire crackers or gun shots. The people need to start making an example out of those shooting fire crackers.

Mrs. Cooper asked if there was anything that could be done about "curb ball".

Chief Marino stated it is a game played mostly by 10-12 year olds and the police have taken their balls away but it comes down to the parenting.

Marc Kamp, 250 West Broad Street, representative of the Paulsboro Day Committee, thanked Mayor and Council, the Police Department and Public Works employee, Herman Schoch for their support and assistance with Paulsboro Day. He also thanked the Paulsboro Refinery and Kristie Moore.

Diane Richardson, 206 Nassau Avenue, stated a contractor cut down a tree, put the debris out, called the Borough Hall and the Borough picked it up. 205 Lincoln Avenue has six (6) cars in the driveway and (3) cars in the street. 220 Lincoln Avenue is also doing the same thing. They are running a car business. She also has a noise complaint regarding the Port. The crane and trucks beep constantly. There are other alternatives.

Mayor Stevenson stated he has a meeting with John Burzichelli tomorrow and he will discuss this with him.

Mrs. Richardson questioned when they will put up the sound wall?

Mayor Stevenson stated he will address this with them tomorrow.

David Monroe, 140 Greenwich Avenue, also discussed the beeping noise at the Port and he also discussed a pool at 134 Greenwich Avenue.

Mayor Stevenson stated the Borough will get the pool removed.

Councilman Haynes stated he looked into the pool issue and he spoke to residents. He looked at it and has talked with Code Enforcement Officer Wayne Bender. Mr. Bender was told how to proceed by Solicitor Maley. He did not follow up on this as he received flack that this wasn't a part of his committee.

Mayor Stevenson stated he will get on this right away.

Robert Richardson, 206 Nassau Avenue, also complained about the back-up beeper alarms at the Port. He also asked for a stop sign on Second Street and loud music. He stated he has a lot of issues.

Mayor Stevenson stated he will stop by and see Mr. Richardson.

Jennifer Turner, 233 West Buck Street, stated a child's ear drum was ruptured by loud music in his parent's car. She also stated on behalf of the Recreation Committee, she thanked the Mayor and Council who made "Movie Night" at the park.

Councilman Giampola moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to close the floor to the public at 8:35 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Comments of Council:

Councilman Haynes had nothing to add.

Councilman Kidd moved and Council President Giovannitti to invite Conrail to the Borough's meeting. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilman Holloway had nothing further to add.

Council President Giovannitti stated the Borough has an Administrator to oversee everything in the Borough and if someone had a question, they should call the Administrator. The Committee has to clean up the trash and recycling guide.

Mayor Stevenson thanked all the residents for coming to the meeting. Things are moving along, the Council now has I-Pads. He thanked Chief Marino and Deputy Chief Kille on the Community Service Program presentation.

Mayor Stevenson brought up the memo from Owen Haynes requesting the one day event at the Riverside Inn.

Solicitor Maley explained that special conditions are imposed at the time of renewal and can be relaxed at any time during the year; however, once Council relaxes those conditions, then they cannot impose those conditions until the next renewal.

There wasn't any further Borough business.

Councilman Giampola moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 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 September 12, 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