

**DECEMBER 4, 2018**

**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 asked Ryhan Thornton to come forward and sit in his seat to be the “Mayor for the Day”. Miss Thornton completed a Civics’ project regarding the different leaders of the United States and in this State.

“Mayor” Thornton called the meeting to order.

“Mayor” Thornton asked Borough Clerk VanScoy to read the opening statement regarding the Open Public Meetings Act.

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

“Mayor” Thornton’s relative recited the Invocation.

“Mayor” Thornton asked Borough Clerk VanScoy to call the roll.

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

“Mayor” Thornton asked all those present to join in the salute to the flag, which was conducted by Borough Clerk VanScoy.

“Mayor” Thornton explained her Civic’s project and prepared a plaque showing President Trump, Governor Murphy and Mayor Stevenson which she showed Mayor Stevenson and Mayor Stevenson asked if she wanted to be the Mayor during the meeting.

Mayor Stevenson proclaimed Miss Thornton “Mayor of the Day”.

Christa Cooper, Boys and Girls Club, also spoke regarding Miss Thornton's project and thanked the Mayor and Council and the Police Department for their support of the Boys and Girls Club which was evident when everyone showed up for their "trunk or treat" event. She thanked Mayor Stevenson for giving Miss Thornton this opportunity.

Mayor Stevenson thanked Mrs. Cooper for all she does for the Boys and Girls Club. He stated it is about the community all working together.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to prepare a proclamation honoring Ryhan Thornton for being "Mayor for the Day" and present it at the Boys and Girls Club. All were in favor of the motion

Mayor Stevenson stated he will also touch base with Governor Murphy, Senator Sweeney and Assemblyman Burzichelli to see if they could attend.

Mayor and Council recessed the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Mayor and Council reconvened the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

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

Mayor Stevenson opened the floor to the public and 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. All were in favor of the motion.

Marc Kamp, 250 West Broad Street, representing the Land Use Board, questioned R. #262.18 which authorizes the Land Use Board to conduct a preliminary investigation to establish a non-condemnation redevelopment area.

Solicitor Michael Maley explained that the Borough had to adopt this resolution to authorize the Land Use Board to do the investigation which is for the Exxon Refinery, Block 1.01 Lot 2, Redevelopment area.

There wasn't any further public participation at this time.

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, November 7, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting, November 7, 2018 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.

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

## **COMMUNICATION – CORRESPONDENCE:**

### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Public Works Committee: Councilman Haynes, Chairman:

Councilman Haynes wished the residents a happy and safe holiday and also to his fellow Councilmembers, the Mayor, the Borough Clerk and the Borough Solicitor.

Public Safety Committee: Councilman DiTonno, Chairman:

Councilman DiTonno reported the crime rate is lower than last year. He also wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Community Betterment Committee: Councilman Kidd, Chairman:

Councilman Kidd asked for a Moment of Silence for former President George H.W. Bush who has passed away.

At this time, a Moment of Silence was held to honor former President George H.W. Bush.

Councilman Kidd informed everyone the Borough's Christmas Party and Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday, December 8, 2018 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Paulsboro High School cafeteria.

Public Property Committee: Councilman Holloway, II, Chairman:

Councilman Holloway wished everyone a Merry Christmas and he stated he looked forward to 2019.

Construction and Licensing Committee: Council President Giovannitti,  
Chairman:

Council President Giovannitti thanked Councilman Kidd for asking for the Moment of Silence for former President George H.W. Bush. He felt tonight was a great night. It showed this town is positive going forward. The Council is always looking to move forward.

Council President Giovannitti stated he will be requesting a report from the Construction Office in February.

Mayor Stevenson stated tonight really emphasized what Paulsboro is about.

Mayor Stevenson stated the Borough is going to be tearing down three (3) or four (4) houses and Gloucester County is tearing down three (3) or four (4) houses and the Borough will be acquiring more properties. He thanked the Governing Body for a great 2018. He also thanked Administrator Jacobucci, Borough Clerk VanScoy, CMFO Boyer, the Borough Public Works employees especially Herman Schoch and the Police Department. He wished everyone a great holiday and a Happy New Year.

Councilman Kidd discussed a problem a senior citizen resident had with the Gas Company as they weren't getting their utility bill. The Company told them someone informed the Company that they would be paying their bill electronically. They don't own a computer and they talked with a Supervisor for 1 ½ hours. It was finally resolved.

#### **ORDINANCES ON INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:**

#### **RESOLUTIONS – BILLS:**

**R. #253.18: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2018 BUDGET FOR THE THIRD WEEK OF THE MONTH (November 20, 2018).**

**R. #254.18: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2018 BUDGET.**

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #253.18 and R. #254.18. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA:**

**R. #255.18: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALLOWANCE OF DISABILITY DEDUCTION.** (This Resolution allows the tax deduction for eligibility of disability deduction.)

**R. #256.18: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF A TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPT PROPERTY FOR 2018 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER TAX PAYMENT BY CORELOGIC REAL ESTATE TAX SERVICE TO THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE TAX YEAR 2018.** (This Resolution authorizes refund of 2018 4<sup>th</sup> quarter tax payment for total disabled veteran exempt property.)

**R. #257.18: 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. #258.18: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGES.** (This Resolution authorizes the discharge of several mortgages in the RCA program.)

**R. #259.18: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF A LETTER OF CREDIT FOR BLOCK 73, LOT 5.** (This Resolution authorizes the release of a Performance Guarantee which consists of \$50,374.80 Letter of Credit #S040209 to Christopher J. Tuti.)

**R. #260.18: RESOLUTION PROVIDING PARTIAL PAYMENT NO. 4 FOR THE WATER METER PROJECT.** (This Resolution authorizes partial payment No. 4 in the amount of \$22,726.85).

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to adopt R. #255.18 to R. #260.18. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**Raffles/Permits/Firemen's Association Membership Applications:**

Received Firemen's' Application for Alec G. Sampson. (Investigation complete.)

Received Firemen's' Application for Stavros Papoutsakis. (Investigation complete.)

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to receive, file and approve the applications. All were in favor of the motion.

**RESOLUTIONS NOT ON CONSENT:**

**ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:**

**O. #19.18: ORDINANCE TO AMEND PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 32A, “FIRE ASSISTANCE, INTERMUNICIPAL” AND CHAPTER 50A, “POLICE ASSISTANCE INTERMUNICIPAL” OF THE BOROUGH CODE REGARDING THE COUNTY MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT.** Council President Giovannitti 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 and adopt O. #19.18 on second and final reading. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**O. #20.18: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AMENDING CHAPTER 76-3 OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED “VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC – TRAFFIC REGULATIONS”, TO ESTABLISH FOUR-WAY STOP INTERSECTIONS AT VARIOUS STREETS.** Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes 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 Haynes seconded to close the floor to the public and adopt O. #20.18 on second and final reading. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Administrator's Report:

**R. #261.18: RESOLUTION AMENDING R. #189.18 ENTITLED “RESOLUTION BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR THE DEDICATION OF REVENUES BY ESTABLISHING A DEDICATED TRUST BY RIDER FOR THE DEMOLITION AND/OR REHABILITATION OF ABANDONED PROPERTIES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. ROA:4-39; N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.12S; AND N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.5B.** Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #261.18. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno,

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

**R. #262.18: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO LAND USE BOARD TO CONDUCT A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION TO ESTABLISH A NON-CONDEMNATION REDEVELOPMENT AREA WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, GLOUCESTER COUNTY.** Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #262.18. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Administrator Jacobucci announced that Zoning Officer George Marra has received his Certification as a Zoning Officer. She reported the 2019 Professional Services and Consultant request for proposals have gone out and they will be received on December 20, 2018.

Engineer's Report:

Borough Engineer Biermann reported on the status of the Thomson Avenue project. The contractor is working on the sanitary sewers but they will not be paving the road during the winter.

Police Chief's Report:

Chief Kille thanked the Boys and Girls Club for their recognition and pledged the department's future involvement.

Chief Kille stated he will be placing the electronic sign board by Second Street to inform the residents regarding the four (4) way stop intersections. He will be reviewing other streets for implementation of four (4) way stop intersections.

Chief Kille stated it is the holiday season and he reminded everyone to try not to carry a lot of cash on them; to be cognizant of their surroundings and to lock everything.

Memo from Chief Gary Kille regarding recommendation to hire two (2) SLEO I Police Officers. (Resolution required.) Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to receive and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

Chief Kille recommended the appointment of Jacob Jowett and Jonathan Roll as Class I SLEOs.

**R. #263.18: RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER CLASS I SLEOS FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO POLICE**

**DEPARTMENT.** Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #262.18. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Mayor Stevenson opened the floor to the public and 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. All were in favor of the motion.

Emma Hackley, 206 West Washington Street, discussed the code enforcement for trash being placed outside of the residences.

Mayor Stevenson agreed with Mrs. Hackley as he noticed 110 or 112 West Washington Street must have emptied out the whole house. He will look into the matter.

Mrs. Hackley suggested looking into a PA system for the court room as she has a hard time hearing things.

Mayor Stevenson stated the Borough will look into a PA system.

Mrs. Hackley also suggested when the Borough holds their cleanup day to have clean ups in sections only instead of the whole town.

Mayor Stevenson thanked Mrs. Hackley.

There wasn't any further public participation.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to close the floor to the public 7:50 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Mayor Stevenson congratulated Administrator Jacobucci on receiving the "Women in Government" award at the New Jersey State League of Municipalities conference.

Administrator Jacobucci stated Paulsboro feels more like home.



There wasn't any further Borough business.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 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 4, 2018 and should not be considered a verbatim transcript of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathy A. VanScoy, RMC/CMC/CMR  
Borough Clerk

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Gary C. Stevenson, Mayor