

FEBRUARY 5, 2019

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 Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Absent: Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes.

Proclamation: Black History Month

Councilman Kidd read the Proclamation into the record.

Mayor Stevenson thanked Councilman Kidd for his long standing service.

**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 Holloway seconded to open the floor to the public. All were in favor of the motion.

There wasn't any public participation at this time.

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:**

Swearing In Ceremony, January 2, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Reorganization and First Regular Meeting, January 2, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Special Meeting, January 29, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Summary of reports and copies of minutes of meeting.

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

## **COMMUNICATION – CORRESPONDENCE:**

Received the following Tax Appeals:

US Bank NA Trustee – Block 99 Lot 16 – 243 Thomson Avenue

US Bank NA Trustee – Block 84 Lot 14 – 200 West Washington Street

US Bank NA Trustee – Block 70 Lot 11 – 158 McCorkell Avenue

Redstone Capital Group, LLC – Block 71 Lot 6 – 225 Hoffman Avenue

Basharat Hussain – Block 23 Lot 24 – 505 Greenwich Avenue

Dolores & Patrick Landolfi – Block 44 Lot 25 – 333 Billingsport Road

Patrick P. & Dolores A. Landolfi – Block 87 Lot 7 – 15 East Buck Street

Patrick & Dolores Landolfi – Block 94 Lot 5 – 26 East Buck Street

Jonathan Andreozzi – Block 91 Lot 36 – 204 West Buck Street

C&S Rentals, LLC – Block 103 Lot 3 – 1429-1431 Swedesboro Avenue

G&J De Homes, LLC – Block 84 Lot 8 – 232-234 West Washington Street

Samantha Simon – Block 91 Lot 32 – 213 West Broad Street

Bella Investors, LLC – Block 78 Lot 13 – 129 West Washington Street

Salvita, LLC – Block 80 Lot 6 – 28 East Adams Street

CPI Operations, LLC – Block 1.01 Lot 2 – Mantua Creek

Moses Construction, Inc. – Block 93 Lot 15 – 1324-1326 North Delaware Street

3 Broad Streets, LLC – Block 102 Lot 1 – 1400 South Delaware Street

Betty Gattuso – Block 90 Lot 4 – 318 West Buck Street

Betty Gattuso – Block 72 Lot 10 – 15 West Adams Street

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

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

Community Betterment Committee: Councilman Kidd, Chairman:

Councilman Kidd discussed Black History. It was established 93 years ago and it is still at a standstill as the same thing is going on. He feels the month should be celebrated 365 days a year.

Mayor Stevenson thanked Councilman Kidd as he spoke from the heart.

Public Property Committee: Councilman Holloway, II, Chairman:

Councilman Holloway wished everyone “Black History Month” which he also felt should be represented all year. He also appreciated everything Councilman Kidd has done.

Councilman Holloway discussed the Ordinance on Introduction regarding three (3) and four (4) way stops signs.

Councilman Holloway moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to send a thank you letter to Lorraine Boyer for all she did for the Borough of Paulsboro as CMFO/QPA. All were in favor of the motion.

Construction and Licensing Committee: Council President Giovannitti, Chairman:

Council President Giovannitti wished everyone “Black History Month’. He stated the tide is changing in this Country and there are great role models in Paulsboro.

Council President Giovannitti reported he has the Code Office working on a report and will have it for the next month’s meeting. He stated the last thing the Office wants is to give tickets. There is going to be another clean up in the spring.

Mayor Stevenson stated Ms. Evans gave a great presentation on the Gateway Community Action Partnership programs as one of the programs they provide is heating and utility assistance. She presented a brochure on their programs that will be on the Borough’s website. She makes an excellent role mode.

Mayor Stevenson reported the Plaza is progressing and they have been approved for new construction. The Port wall is going up surrounding the Port. They are building two (2) more wharfs. The Borough demolished three (3) properties. This is just a beginning and residents will be seeing more progress.

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

**O. #03.19: ORDINANCE AMENDING PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 61, “SEWERS” AND CHAPTER 78, “WATER” OF THE BOROUGH CODE REGARDING WATER AND SEWER RATES AND BILLING.** Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to adopt O. #03.19 on introduction and first reading and schedule the second reading and public hearing

on March 5, 2019. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**O. #04.19: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AMENDING CHAPTER 76-3 OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED “VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC – TRAFFIC REGULATIONS”, TO ESTABLISH THREE-AND FOUR-WAY STOP INTERSECTIONS AT VARIOUS STREETS.** Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to adopt O. #04.19 on introduction and first reading and schedule the second reading and public hearing on March 5, 2019. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**O. #05.19: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 9, ENTITLED “ANIMALS AND SHELTERS” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.** Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to adopt O. #05.19 on introduction and first reading and schedule the second reading and public hearing on March 5, 2019. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTIONS – BILLS:**

**R. #51.19: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2019 TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE THIRD WEEK OF THE MONTH (January 22, 2019).**

**R. #52.19: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2019 TEMPORARY BUDGET.**

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #51.19 and R. #52.19. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA:**

**R. #53.19: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF AN OVERPAYMENT BY LERETA TAX SERVICE TO THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE TAX YEAR 2018.** (This Resolution authorizes refund of an overpayment by Lereta Tax Service for Block 81 Lot 1 – 1101 Chestnut Street in the amount of \$1,092.49.)

**R. #54.19: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX PAYMENTS MADE BY LERETA TAX SERVICES IN 2018 WHICH RESULTED IN DUPLICATE PAYMENTS AND HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO BE APPLIED TOWARD THE**

**2019 BILLED TAX AMOUNTS.** (This Resolution authorizes to apply duplicate payments in 2018 to 2019 billed tax amounts.)

**R. #55.19: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALLOWANCE//DISALLOWANCE OF VETERANS, SENIOR CITIZENS OR DISABILITY DEDUCTIONS.** (This Resolution disallows the tax deduction for eligibility of the Senior Citizen and Veteran Deduction.)

**R. #56.19: RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN A SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY.** (This Resolution allows participation to apply for funding for a project under the Safe and Secure Communities Program – Grant #P-19-0814.)

**R. #57.19: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF 2018 RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT BY THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.** (This Resolution authorizes the Recycling Coordinator to submit the annual Recycling Tonnage Grant.)

**R. #58.19: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR STATE FY 2018 LIBRARY AID.** (This Resolution is the application for State Library Aid for the Gill Memorial Library for 2018.)

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to adopt R. #53.19 to R. #58.19. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

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

Received Raffle License Application, #RA-639, from PTA Guardian Angels School for an off-premise merchandise raffle on March 21, 2019 from 7-11 p.m.

Received Instant Raffle License Application, #RA-640, from P.V.F.A. #1 from March 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.

Received Raffle License Application, #RA-641, from Carmel S. Morina Lodge #2580 for an Off-Premise Merchandise Raffle on March 26, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

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

**RESOLUTIONS NOT ON CONSENT:**

**R. #59.19: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE PROSECUTORS IN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.**

**R. #60.19: RESOLUTION PROVIDING PARTIAL PAYMENT NO. 6 FOR THE WATER METER PROJECT.** (This Resolution authorizes partial payment No. 6 in the amount of \$29,429.10).

**R. #61.19: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 IN CONNECTION WITH THE WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.** (This Resolution is necessary for additional work and/or revision of the original specifications for the Water Meter Replacement Project in the amount of \$22,176.00.)

**R. #62.19: RESOLUTION PROVIDING PARTIAL PAYMENT NO. 8 FOR THE THOMSON AVENUE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT STORM SEWER.** (This Resolution authorizes partial payment No. 8 in the amount of \$208,619.22).

**R. #63.19: RESOLUTION PROVIDING PARTIAL PAYMENT #2 FOR THE TEMPORARY GAC INSTALLATION PROJECT.** (This Resolution authorizes partial payment No. 2 in the amount of \$65758.00).

**R. #64.19: RESOLUTION PROVIDING PAYMENT FOR THE CARBON EXCHANGE AT WELL NO. 7 WTP.** (This Resolution authorizes payment of \$92,800.00 to Calgon Carbon Corporation for the Carbon Exchange at Well No. 7 WTP.)

**R. #65.19: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT FOR THE TEMPORARY CARBON MODEL 10 GAC RENTAL.** (This Resolution authorizes payment of \$83,320.00 for the Temporary Carbon Model 10 GAC Rental to Calgon Carbon Corporation.)

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to adopt R. #59.19 to R. #65.19. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**R. #69.19: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A SPILL FUND DAMAGE CLAIM FORM TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.** Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to adopt R. #69.19. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

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

**O. #01.19: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AND EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. (BLOCK 83 LOTS 24 AND 27).** (This Ordinance authorizes the Borough's purchase of Block 83 Lots 24 (357 West Buck Street) and 27 (361 West Buck Street) for the purchase price of \$1.00.)

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.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to close the floor to the public and adopt O. #01.19 on second and final reading. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**O. #02.19: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PRIVATE LEASE OF BLOCK 2, LOTS 9, 10 AND 11 ALSO KNOWN AS 105 RIVERVIEW AVENUE, LYING WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14 ET SEQ, TO MILLER ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP, INC.** (This Ordinance authorizes a formal lease agreement between the Borough of Paulsboro and Miller Environmental Group, Inc. for Block 2 Lots 9, 10 and 11.)

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.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to close the floor to the public and adopt O. #02.19 on second and final reading. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**Administrator's Report:**

Administrator Jacobucci discussed hiring a part-time assistant to the CMFO by the name of Judson Moore. As Council is aware she is the Acting CMFO. The application search closes on this Friday.

**R. #70.19: RESOLUTION APPOINTING JUDSON MOORE AS PART-TIME ASSISTANT TO THE CMFO FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.** Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to adopt R. #70.19. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Administrator Jacobucci stated she will need a Resolution regarding municipal liens on the following properties:

1. 211 West Buck Street
2. 117 East Jefferson Street
3. 1703 Dayton Avenue

Administrator Jacobucci also stated she will need a Resolution regarding Change Order No. 1 for the Demolition of Three (3) Properties to Franchi Demolition Company in the amount of \$450.00.

**R. #71.19: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PLACEMENT OF MUNICIPAL LIENS ON VARIOUS PROPERTIES WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.**

**R. #72.19: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEMOLITION OF VARIOUS PROPERTIES IN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.**

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to adopt R. #71.19 and R. #72.19. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Administrator Jacobucci discussed the final payment to Allied Painting for the Standpipe Reconditioning Project. The Borough approved this payment last year but it was held because of the lack of necessary paperwork. That paperwork has been completed and this payment can be released. Another Resolution is not required.

Administrator Jacobucci stated the County Health Department has requested a survey of the Borough's Board of Health. This survey has been completed and she informed Mayor and Council that they are the Board of Health for the Borough.

**Engineer's Report:**

Borough Engineer Biermann explained his report on the three (3) and four (4) way stop intersections. He has consulted with Police Chief Gary Kille. The purpose of the intersection changes is improved safety and expedition of traffic of all modes of transit in the neighborhood (motor vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian). They have proposed 10 new 3-way stop intersections and one (1) new 4-way stop intersection.

Borough Engineer Biermann reported on the progress of Thomson Avenue. The last connection of the storm sewer at the intersection of Thomson and Paul Avenues has been complete. There is still more work that needs to be done but the storm sewer is connected all the way through. The video of most of the sewer lines has also been completed.

Mayor Stevenson questioned if this is on schedule.



Borough Engineer Biermann stated they are doing pretty well and are on schedule.

Borough Engineer Biermann stated they have looked at the Paul House roof. The Paul House is leaking badly and there is ongoing damage occurring to the internal and external structure of the house as a result. He recommended to temporarily tarp the roof until the funds are in place to stabilize and replace the roof. Pricing is estimated to be \$2,258.00 for the stabilization and \$13,320.00 for the roofing.

Mayor Stevenson thanked Dr. Quint for looking into funding for this project. He hoped to someday make the Paul House into a museum or historical society.

Borough Engineer Biermann also reported that USDA and USEDA have committed funding for the offsite water main (through the Borough) and onsite water main (at the Paulsboro Marine Terminal). However, they are awaiting execution of a formal agreement between the Borough and GCIA.

Borough Engineer Biermann discussed Resolution #66.19. He has reviewed and recommended partial payment #1 in the amount of \$39,051.41, however he questioned if the Borough is able to hold this payment until the unresolved claims have been completed.

Administrator Jacobucci stated she did not have any problem with paying this payment.

**R. #66.19: RESOLUTION PROVIDING PARTIAL PAYMENT NO. 1 FOR THE THOMSON AVENUE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – WATER AND SANITARY SEWER.** (This Resolution authorizes partial payment No. 1 in the amount of \$39,051.41). Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to adopt R. #66.19. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

#### Police Chief's Report:

Chief Kille explained the Animal Control Ordinance. The State law was passed that in order to enforce and investigate animal cruelty cases; they are now done by the local Police and not the County Health Department. The Borough has to amend the Ordinance to allow the County to handle the complaints and work jointly with the Human Enforcement Local Officer (HELO). At this time, Officer Sierocinski is the HELO Officer for the Department.

Chief Kille reported he has held shift meetings and has implemented property checks and a community relations program. He received a letter of commendation and read it into the record from an East Greenwich resident who happened to be at McDonald's and witnessed Patrolman Haas stop and check on the business.

Mayor Stevenson thanked Chief Kille for implementing the community relations program and he asked Chief Kille to extend a thank you to Patrolman Haas.

Chief Kille stated he will have more officers on foot and bicycle patrols commencing in March or April.

Memo from Chief Gary Kille regarding recommendation of Promotion to next level Patrolman. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Kidd seconded to receive and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

**R. #67.19: RESOLUTION PROMOTING MICHAEL KONNICK TO THE APPOINTMENT OF PATROLMAN NINTH CLASS IN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT.** Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to adopt R. #67.19. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None.  
**Motion carried.**

Memo from Chief Gary Kille regarding request for Resolution to participate in Safe and Secure Grant. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to receive and file the memo. Borough Council already adopted the Resolution. All were in favor of the motion.

Memo from Chief Gary Kille regarding recommendation to hire full-time Police Officer (20<sup>th</sup> Officer). Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to receive, file the memo and review the resumes on file and authorize advertising if needed. All were in favor of the motion.

Memo from Chief Gary Kille regarding recommendation to advertise for SLEO I Officers.

Chief Kille stated he would like to receive authorization to advertise for SLEO I Officers as he would like to add two (2) or three (3) more at no additional cost.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to receive, file the memo and authorize advertisement. All were in favor of the motion.

## **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 Holloway seconded to open the floor to the public at 8:02 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Emma Hackley, 201 West Buck Street, stated the contractor did a wonderful job demolishing the house near her. She also stated the last time she was at the meeting, she discussed yard and house clean ups and why the Borough allows so much time to clean up. It is demoralizing.

Mayor Stevenson stated she is right with the Code and it is a gray area. The process is a long court process and the process needs to be shortened.

Ms. Hackley stated it is a health hazard and it should be addressed.

Mayor Stevenson stated he is going to a County Mayor's Meeting next Monday and he will pick their brains on how they handle this issue.

Ms. Hackley reminded everyone that summer is coming and the noise and speeding will be picking up.

Michael Pidliskey, 572 Billings Avenue, stated Railroad Avenue is in bad shape.

Mayor Stevenson thanked the School Crossing Guards for coming to the meeting especially Nancy Myers.

Councilman Kidd suggested amending the Ordinance to have Landlords place a dumpster when the houses are emptied out.

Administrator Jacobucci stated it is already in the Property Maintenance Ordinance.

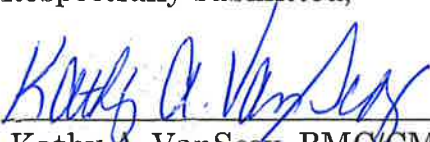
Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to close the floor to the public 8:13 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

There wasn't any further Borough business.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 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 5, 2019 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