

APRIL 2, 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.

Rev. Melvin Orr conducted 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.

Presentation of awards for Paulsboro Clean Community.

Administrator Jacobucci stated the Borough is presenting checks to Paulsboro Little League and Paulsboro Pet Food Bank for their contribution to cleaning up the town.

No one was present to receive the checks from Paulsboro Little League and Paulsboro Pet Food Bank.

**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.

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 at this time.

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Caucus Meeting, March 5, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting, March 5, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Summary of reports and copies of minutes of meetings.

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

### **COMMUNICATION – CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

Public Safety Committee: Councilman DiTonno, Chairman:

Councilman DiTonno stated the Paulsboro Little League will be holding their Annual Opening Day Parade on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019. He also stated the Loudenslager School is holding a Career Day on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Community Betterment Committee: Councilman Kidd, Chairman:

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

Public Property Committee: Councilman Holloway, II, Chairman:

Councilman Holloway did not have anything to report at this time but he wished everyone a Happy Spring and Happy Easter.

Public Works Committee: Councilman Haynes, Chairman:

Councilman Haynes reported that Thomson Avenue is moving along. He also reported the Borough received a grant from NJDOT for \$270,000 for the Washington Street Project from Delaware Street to Pine Street and the contractor will be starting work on the CDBG road project.

Councilman Haynes further reported NJDOT will be milling and paving Broad Street from Billingsport Road to the West Deptford Wawa. There will not be any parking on Broad Street and there will be alternating traffic patterns.

Borough Engineer Biermann stated signage will be placed to inform everyone.

Finance Committee: Councilman Giampola, Chairman:

Councilman Giampola stated Council will be adopting a temporary budget that will cover the next two (2) months. The State's "FAST" system isn't so fast. He wished everyone Happy Spring and stated the Borough will be holding their annual Spring Clean-Up on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a rain date of Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Mayor Stevenson stated the Port is done pounding poles due to the "spawning" season. And he complimented the wall that the Port built as it looks nice. He thanked the Port.

Councilman Haynes questioned if there was anything that could be done about the train whistle blowing.

Mayor Stevenson stated the whistle blows due to Federal regulations and it blows at all approaching intersections regardless of what time. He brought this up with the Railroad Industry and they have to follow the Federal rules.

Councilman Haynes stated the train blows the horn before the Port to get the gate open.

Mayor Stevenson stated this should be done by radio and not by horn. He will follow up and make a phone call regarding this. The Port is getting ready to work on the "wye" railroad track which is to be used by the Port trains.

Councilman Kidd stated the train whistle blowing is worse in the center of town.

Mayor Stevenson stated they have to blow the whistle 200 or 300 feet before the intersection.

Chief Kille stated they have to blow the whistle at all intersections.

Mayor Stevenson stated he will make a phone call.

**ORDINANCES ON INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:**

**RESOLUTIONS – BILLS/BUDGET:**

**R. #82.19: RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2019.**

**R. #83.19: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2019 TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE THIRD WEEK OF THE MONTH (March 19, 2019).**

**R. #84.19: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2019 TEMPORARY BUDGET.**

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #82.19, R. #83.19 and R. #84.19. 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.**

**RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA:**

**R. #85.19: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALLOWANCE/DISALLOWANCE OF SENIOR CITIZENS DEDUCTIONS.** (This Resolution allows or disallows the tax deduction for Senior Citizens.)

**R. #86.19: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE.** (This Resolution authorizes the discharge of mortgage in the RCA program.)

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #85.19 & R. #86.19. 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:**

Received raffles license application, RA#642, Paulsboro Day Committee, for an On-Premise Merchandise Raffle on April 27, 2019 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Received raffles license application, RA-#643, Paulsboro Day Committee, for an On-Premise 50/50 Cash Raffle on April 27, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Received raffles license application, RA-#644, Paulsboro Wrestling Association, for an On Premise Raffle "Night at the Races" on May 11, 2019 from 7:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Councilman Holloway moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to receive, file and approve the above licenses. All were in favor of the motion except Councilman DiTonno abstained on RA-#644.

**Licenses:**

**RESOLUTIONS NOT ON CONSENT:**

**R. #87.19: RESOLUTION PROVIDING PARTIAL PAYMENT NO. 10 FOR THE THOMSON AVENUE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT STORM SEWER.** (This Resolution authorizes partial payment No. 10 in the amount of \$81,622.39).

**R. #88.19: RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BYLAWS OF THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE TO INCLUDE A CONFLICTS OF INTEREST CLAUSE.** (This Resolution amends the original bylaws of the Municipal Alliance to include a conflict of interest clause.)

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #87.19 and R. #88.19. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

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

**Administrator's Report:**

Administrator Jacobucci stated the below Resolution involves applying for additional USDA funding for the Water Main Project as per Carolyn Zumpino of Triad Associates.

**R. #89.19: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR USDA WATER AND WASTE DISPOSAL FUNDING UNDER THE BUSINESS AND COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM.** (This Resolution authorizes the Borough to apply to the USDA Rural Development for supplemental funding under the Business and Communities Grant Program to fund costs associated with the Water Main Project and will reduce the loan burden.) Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to adopt R. #89.19. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Engineer's Report:

Letter from Erik Biermann, Sickels and Associates, regarding Receipt of Bids for the re-bid of the 2017 Roadway Improvement Program. Councilman Haynes moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to receive and file the letter. All were in favor of the motion.

Borough Engineer Biermann recommended awarding the re-bid to Ricky Slade Construction in the amount of \$183,000 for Spruce Street from Broad Street to Thomson Avenue.

**R. #73.19: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AWARDING REBID OF THE NJDOT 2017 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.**

Councilman Haynes moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to adopt R. #73.19. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Letter from NJDOT regarding FY 2019 Municipal Aid Program for the West Washington Street Roadway Improvements Project in the amount of \$270,000. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to receive, file and accept the letter. All were in favor of the motion.

Police Chief's Report:

Memo from Chief Gary Kille regarding resignation of SLEO I Daniel Diamond. Councilman Giampola moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to receive and file the letter. All were in favor of the motion.

Memo from Chief Gary Kille regarding hiring of Alternate Crossing Guard. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to receive and file the letter. All were in favor of the motion.

Chief Kille recommended hiring Diane Varelli as an Alternate Crossing Guard.

**R. #91.19: RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALTERNATE SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD.** Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #91.19. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, 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 Giampola seconded to open the floor to the public at 7:26 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Rev. Orr, Huff & Morton Avenues, questioned the status of the taxes on the property at 249 Morton Avenue.

Mayor Stevenson stated the bank took over the property and the Borough has cited the bank. As for the taxes, he is not sure but he will find out and he will let him know.

Rev. Orr stated the property at 318 Morton Avenue needs the trash cleaned up. It is the property behind the water tower.

Mayor Stevenson stated he would check into this.

Irma Stevenson, 216 West Jefferson Street, invited everyone to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hall of Distinguished Alumni at the High School this Saturday from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. It is a free event. She invited everyone to come and thank the named honorees.

Mayor Stevenson thanked the group for recognizing Paulsboro graduates.

Mayor Stevenson wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to close the floor to the public 7:33 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

There wasn't any further Borough business.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 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 2, 2019 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