

JULY 9, 2019

PAULSBORO. N.J.

6:25 P.M.

CAUCUS MEETING

Council Chamber:

Mayor Stevenson presided at the caucus 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.

Members present were: Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd (arrived at 6:34 p.m.). Absent: Council President Giovannitti.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR.

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

Mayor Stevenson opened the floor to the public, asked anyone speaking to give their name, address and reminded everyone there was a five (5) minute time limit.

There wasn't any public participation.

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

Engineer's Report:

Borough Engineer Biermann stated there are several Resolutions on the agenda to be adopted and they are as follows:

1. R. #149.19 – Full Payment to Level-1 Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$5,721.55 for installation of a butterfly valve on the discharge piping inside the water treatment plant.

2. R. #150.19 – Change Order No. 1 in connection with the Thomson Avenue Water Main & Sanitary Sewer Improvements (Contract No. 2) to South State, Inc. in the amount of \$143,980.00 for installation of water main on Pine Street, connecting the new Thomson Avenue main to the water main on Swedesboro Avenue. This is funded by USDA.
3. R. #151.19 – Change Order No. 3 in connection with the Thomson Avenue Water Main and Sanitary Sewer Improvements (Contract 1) to R.E. Pierson Construction Company, Inc. for a reduction in the amount of \$130,060.91 as a credit to the contract.
4. R. #152.19 – Partial payment No. 11 to R.E. Pierson Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$153,009.75 which is all but the retainage.
5. R. #153.19 – Sickels has performed the final maintenance period inspection and recommends release of the maintenance bond in the amount of \$308,460.71 to Perna Finnigan, Inc. for the Reconstruction of Hoffman and West Avenues Project.
6. Borough Engineer Biermann recommending advertising for the receipt of bids for the NJDOT 2018 Road Program for Pine Street in the amount of \$270,000 from Broad Street to Swedesboro Avenue.
7. Proposal for the preparation of the 2019 NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant road design and construction phase services for West Washington Street, North Delaware Street to Pine Street. Borough Engineer Biermann stated he will go over the spreadsheet with Administrator Jacobucci to see if funding is there before the Borough can authorize the proposal.

Borough Engineer Biermann discussed the crosswalk that was replaced by the Fire House on Thomson and Swedesboro Avenues. It was completed compliant with ADA rules.

Councilman Giampola suggested a solution by placing a Crossing Guard at that location.

Borough Engineer Biermann stated he will look at it in more detail.

Mayor Stevenson questioned if the money was still there to pave Elizabeth Avenue and Vannaman Boulevard.

Borough Engineer Biermann stated he is addressing this with USDA to see if the funds are available to do the piping and repaving.

Councilman Kidd questioned the cost to remove the tree on Commerce Street.

Borough Engineer Biermann stated it is normal that it cost \$1,000 or more to remove the tree.

Police Chief's Report:

Chief Kille stated he has a memo on the agenda regarding Paulsboro's night out on Tuesday, August 6th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall.

Chief Kille stated the foot and bicycle patrols are out.

Administrator's Report:

Administrator Jacobucci discussed the following:

1. Recommendation to adopt the Resolution renewing membership in the TRICO JIF Insurance Fund.
2. Introduction of an Ordinance for the sale of property of Block 62 Lot 16 – 109 West Jefferson Street.
3. Resolution adopting Refunding Bond in the amount of \$1,505,000. The Borough saved \$62,000 on future payments.

Administrator Jacobucci stated the water bills have went out to the property owners and the budget has been addressed which she has received the okay to adopt from the State.

Administrator Jacobucci also discussed installation of solar panels on the gypsum land. The Mayor and Administrator Jacobucci were approached by someone who wanted to install the solar panels. They are asking for 90 day compete RFP. She is asking for Council's permission to allow herself and Mayor Stevenson to sign an agreement. She felt it was a great idea but there is a lot more negotiating to go on.

Mayor Stevenson stated he is also going to talk with the Port. This is all preliminary and non-binding.

Mayor Stevenson stated Auditor Petroni is present at the meeting if Council had any questions regarding the budget.

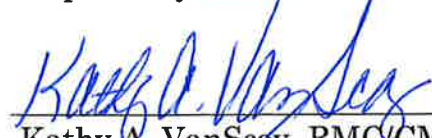
There weren't any questions.

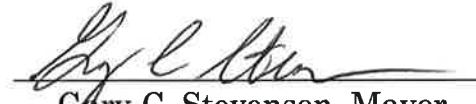
There wasn't any further business for the Caucus Meeting.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adjourn the Caucus meeting at 6:58 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

This is a brief summary of the Caucus Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Paulsboro held on July 9, 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