

OCTOBER 1, 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 DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Absent: Councilman Haynes.

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 at 7:07 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

There wasn't any public participation.

Councilman Giampola 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, September 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting, September 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Summary of reports and copies of minutes of meeting.

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

COMMUNICATION – CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Gabriel Onorato, President, Class of 2020, Paulsboro High School, requesting permission to conduct the annual Homecoming Parade on Saturday, October 26, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. The line of march will commence at the Paulsboro Fire House, proceed down Delaware Street and end at the Paulsboro High School. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to receive, file the letter, grant permission and notify the proper departments. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter of retirement from James C. Grimes on October 31, 2019. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to receive, file, accept the letter, send letter of congratulations on his retirement and present a proclamation at his retirement function or next Council meeting. All were in favor of the motion.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Safety Committee: Councilman DiTonno, Chairman:

Councilman DiTonno did not have anything to report however, Chief Kille is requesting authorization to advertise for trained SLEO I and II Officers.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to authorize Chief Kille to advertise for trained SLEO I and II Officers. All were in favor of the motion.

Community Betterment Committee: Councilman Kidd, Chairman:

Councilman Kidd discussed the stray cat “Trap, Neuter and Release (TNR)” Program and an Ordinance will need to be introduced. The Non-Profit Organization would like to utilize the Fire House for this program.

Councilman Kidd stated the Borough doesn’t have any basketball courts which leaves the kids playing basketball in the streets. He further stated there was a piece of equipment from a playground that will cost \$8,000 to replace.

Mayor Stevenson suggested holding off introducing the “TNR” until the November meeting.

Councilman Giampola stated the Fire Company is aware of this program and it will take place next March.

Councilman Kidd discussed the water bills that have went out and he hoped the residents don't throw them away thinking they are trash. They are little postcards. He suggested the Borough should have a meeting to explain the bills or a forum for the residents.

Public Property Committee: Councilman Holloway, II, Chairman:

Councilman Holloway stated the Borough is moving forward with the housing initiative as it started tearing down the “Lee” house and the house across from the Second Baptist Church. There will be more meetings and the Committee is meeting next Wednesday. There will be more updates. He also asked everyone to get out and vote to keep the team going.

Construction and Licensing Committee: Council President Giovannitti, Chairman:

Council President Giovannitti gave an update on the store on North Delaware Street. The Chief has designated a stationary Police Officer at the store from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. The Committee will be meeting with the Store owner, etc. He further reported that Code Enforcement Officer Marra is keeping the Code up to date.

Council President Giovannitti reported there were two (2) events held over the weekend and they were the Health Fair in the parking lot next to the Municipal Building and the Car Show at the Library. He gave “kudos” to Ms. Scott for organizing the Health Fair.

Finance Committee: Councilman Giampola, Chairman:

Councilman Giampola discussed appointment of a part-time CMFO/QPA. He recommended appointing Judson Moore.

Councilman Kidd questioned if this is a part-time position.

Councilman Giampola stated it is a part-time position at 16 hours a week or as needed. He will forward his email and his cell phone number. He will ask Mr. Moore to be present at the November meeting.

R. #179.19: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HIRING A PART-TIME CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICER (CMFO) AND A QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT (QPA) FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #179.19. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Councilman Giampola thanked Administrator Jacobucci for the tireless work she did as acting CMFO/QPA.

Councilman Giampola stated it is Breast Cancer Awareness month and asked everyone, men and women, to be checked.

Councilman Giampola stated he would like to start a project through the Public Works Department to decorate manholes by different organizations. He saw this program that was done in Japan. He asked Kristy Moore at the Refinery to steer up this project.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to proceed with the above noted project to decorate manholes at no cost to the Borough. Manholes would be exchanged in order to paint them. All were in favor of the motion.

Borough Engineer Biermann stated there are a lot of manhole covers that can't be switched out due to their age.

Councilman Kidd stated the Health Fair turned out nice and of the many booths, there was a Breast Cancer booth. He stated even men can develop breast cancer. It was a worthwhile event and he hoped it would improve next year.

Councilman Kidd discussed the Post Office shutting down postal deliveries on certain streets due to dogs.

Mayor Stevenson asked Chief Kille to enlighten everyone on this matter.

Chief Kille stated there were several incidents where loose dogs have chased the postal carriers. The Post Office sent a letter to the Borough and he met with the residents involved. It is status quo at this time and the Post Office will continue delivery service.

Mayor Stevenson thanked all those involved with organizing the Health Fair.

Mayor Stevenson reported there have been a couple of demolitions done in town. There was an official “ribbon cutting” on Thomson Avenue as it has been complete. He thanked Council, especially Council President Giovannitti and Councilman Kidd for meeting with the Football organization and he also thanked the Football organization.

Mayor Stevenson stated there was discussion regarding naming a street and it will be talked about and brought back at the next meeting.

ORDINANCES ON INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:

O. #11.19: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING COLLECTION OF FEES FOR POLICE SECONDARY (OFF-DUTY) EMPLOYMENT. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to table O. #11.19 on introduction and first reading. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS – BILLS:

R. #180.19: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2019 BUDGET.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #180.19. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola (abstained on all Fire Department bills), Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA:

R. #181.19: RESOLUTION CANCELLING 2019 PROPERTY TAXES FOR EXEMPT PROPERTY OWNER – BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.

R. #182.19: RESOLUTION CANCELLING 2019 PROPERTY TAXES FOR EXEMPT PROPERTY OWNER – BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.

R. #183.19: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF A PAYMENT BY A LIENHOLDER FOR THE TAX SALE PREMIUM YEAR 2010.

R. #184.19: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALLOWANCE/DISALLOWANCE OF VETERANS/WIDOW OF VETERAN, SENIOR CITIZENS OR DISABILITY DEDUCTIONS. (This Resolution allows the

tax deduction for eligibility of the Senior Citizen and Veteran/Widow of Veteran Deduction.)

R. #185.19: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND TO THE PAULSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION #1 FOR RAFFLE LICENSE, RA-#650. (This Resolution authorizes a refund to PVFA #1 for Raffle License #RA-650 as NJLGCC informed this raffle license was not required.)

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #181.19 to R. #185.19. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

Application for a Bingo License #BA-654 for Paulsboro Volunteer Fire Association #1 to hold their 2020 annual Bingo events.

Application for a Bingo License #BA-655 for St. Clare of Assisi Parish to hold their 2020 annual Bingo events (Sundays.)

Application for a Bingo License #BA-656 for St. Clare of Assisi Parish to hold their 2020 annual Bingo events (Saturdays.)

Application for an Instant Raffle License #RA-657 for PVFA #1 to hold their 2020 annual instant raffle.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to receive, file the applications and approve the above licenses. All were in favor of the motion except Councilman Giampola abstained on all the above licenses.

Licenses:

RESOLUTIONS NOT ON CONSENT:

R. #186.19: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FISCAL GRANT CYCLE JULY 1, 2020 – JUNE 30, 2025. (This Resolution authorizes the submission of a strategic plan for the Paulsboro Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2025.)

R. #187.19: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FULL PAYMENT FOR THE LOWER PRM TEST WELL AT WELL NO. 7 WTP SITE. (This Resolution authorizes full

payment to Steffen Drilling, LLC in the amount of \$19,400.00 for the Lower PRM Test Well at Well No. 7 WTP Site.)

R. #188.19: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FULL PAYMENT FOR THE LOWER PRM TEST WELL AT WELLS NO. 8 & 9. (This Resolution authorizes full payment to Steffen Drilling, LLC in the amount of \$19,400.00 for the Lower PRM Test Well at Wells No. 8 & 9.)

R. #189.19: RESOLUTION PROVIDING PARTIAL PAYMENT NO. 1 FOR THE REBID OF THE 2017 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. (This Resolution authorizes partial payment No. 1 in the amount of \$162,459.94).

R. #190.19: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND PROVIDED BY A TEAM CONCRETE, INC. FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF SPRUCE STREET IN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY. (This Resolution releases the maintenance bond that was accepted in the amount of \$420,642.00 to A Team Concrete, Inc. for the Reconstruction of Spruce Street.)

R. #191.19: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, GLOUCESTER COUNTY, URGING SUPPORT OF A-5450/S-3827 THAT CLARIFIES THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY CORPORATE TAX RESPONSIBILITIES. (This Resolution supports A-5450/S-3827 which will clarify the telecommunications industry corporate tax responsibilities.)

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #186.19 to R. #191.19. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

O. #12.19: BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS REDEVELOPMENT AREA UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$7,418,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$7,418,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING. Council President Giovannitti moved

and Councilman Giampola 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 to adopt O. #12.19 on second and final reading. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Administrator's Report:

Administrator Jacobucci stated the USDA for the Billingsport Water Main Project for the Port requires four (4) Resolutions; two (2) Resolutions were needed for Amendments 2 & 3 for the Thomson Avenue project for USDA and one (1) Resolution is required for the Mazza property redevelopment agreement and they are as follows:

R. #192.19: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LOAN AND AGREEMENT WITHS THE USDA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,619,000 (LOAN) AND \$1,014,000 (GRANT) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A PORTION OF THE COST OF ACQUIRNG, CONSTRUCTING, EXPANDING, IMPROVING, AND/OR EXTENDING MUNICIPAL UTILITIES FOR THE PROJECT COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE "BILLINGSPORT/PORT WATER MAIN" PROJECT.

R. #193.19: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LOAN AND GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH THE USDA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,758,000 (LOAN) AND \$1,300,000 (GRANT) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A PORTION OF THE COST OF ACQUIRNG, CONSTRUCTING, EXPANDING, IMPROVING, AND/OR EXTENDING MUNICIPAL UTILITIES FOR THE PROJECT COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE "BILLINGSPORT/PORT WATER MAIN" PROJECT.

R. #194.19: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND EMPOWERING THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO TO TAKE ALL ACTION AS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE TO OBTAIN GRANT AND LOAN MONIES FROM THE USDA FOR THE PROJECT COMMONLY KNOW AS "THE BILLINGSPORT/PORT WATER MAIN" PROJECT.

R. #195.19: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND EMPOWERING THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO TO TAKE ALL ACTION AS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE TO OBTAIN GRANT AND LOAN MONIES FROM THE USDA FOR THE PROJECT COMMONLY KNOW AS "THE BILLINGSPORT/PORT WATER MAIN" PROJECT.

R. #196.19: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT #2 TO THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE THOMSON AVENUE PROJECT WATER AND WASTE WATER AS REQUIRED BY THE USDA WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL GRANT PROGRAM.

R. #197.19: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT #3 TO THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE THOMSON AVENUE PROJECT WATER AND WASTE WATER AS REQUIRED BY THE USDA WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL GRANT PROGRAM.

R. #198.19: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH AME INVESTMENTS, LLC FOR BLOCK 97, LOT 12.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #192.19 to R. #198.19. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Police Chief's Report:

Memo from Chief Gary Kille regarding recommendation of the Halloween Curfew 2019. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to receive, file the memo and approve the Halloween season hours. All were in favor of the motion.

Engineer's Report:

Borough Engineer Biermann gave an update on the Thomson Avenue Projects #1 and #2. Both contracts are in the punch list phase and there are some significant items that need correcting for contract #1.

Borough Engineer Biermann reported the water main has been installed and they have submitted the revised plans and specifications to NJDOT for authorization to advertise for bids for the NJDOT 2018 Road Program Pine Street Paving project that will pave the street from Broad Street to Swedesboro Avenue.

Councilman Giampola stated this is a main thoroughfare for the Loudenslager School.

Borough Engineer Biermann stated the contractor can certainly start work after the school year ends. The Borough will have to have the contract awarded by February 20, 2020.

Mayor Stevenson stated the Borough is working hard and diligent on the corner by the store on Delaware Street. There will be a meeting next Thursday regarding the store. He thanked the residents who came out to the meeting to discuss the issues at the store.

Councilman Kidd informed everyone the Boys and Girls Club will be hosting a “Trunk or Treat” event on Halloween night.

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 7:54 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Michael Pidliskey, 572 Billings Avenue, questioned the sewer bills. He asked if everyone is paying \$85.00 per quarter.

Mayor Stevenson stated it is a flat fee for the sewer and it is charged by what the County charges.

Cheryl Scott, 1645 Swedesboro Avenue, questioned if the Borough will be paving Swedesboro Avenue.

Borough Engineer Biermann stated the Borough will be paving Paul and Pine Streets up to Swedesboro Avenue. The Borough is not contemplating paving Swedesboro Avenue.

Mrs. Scott stated it was patched in front of her house.

Borough Engineer Biermann stated the Gas Company is the one who patched the street.

Mrs. Scott stated it looked like a “hot mess”.

Borough Engineer Biermann stated he will look at it.

Mrs. Scott thanked Mayor and Council for all their hard work and suggested someone go in the store to see what it is they are selling. She also stated there is someone who walks their dog which is loose walking next to the owner. She is glad Mayor and Council are trying to make improvements and felt housing is the root of the problems in Paulsboro. She also felt Paulsboro is not a dumping ground for

HUD. She stated the Borough should hold the Landlords accountable. She thanked Mayor and Council again and she also stated, as a resident, she is trying to help to do something to turn the town around.

Councilman Giampola stated the County Fire Marshal's Office has started this week on fire inspections.

Mayor Stevenson also informed every one of the Boys and Girls Club's Trunk or Treat event being held on October 31, 2019 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. He felt it was a great event.

Jennifer Maden, 1501 South Commerce Street, thanked Mayor and Council for the discussion that was held at the Caucus Meeting regarding her property. She thanked Borough Engineer Biermann for talking about this matter. She is asking and begging for Mayor and Council's help in correcting her property.

Mayor Stevenson thanked Mary Harris, President of the Paulsboro Senior Citizens.

Administrator Jacobucci announced there is going to be a Flu Shot Clinic held on October 24th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the Senior Citizens and employees of the Borough. They just have to bring their insurance cards.

There wasn't any further Borough business.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to close the floor to the public and adjourn at 8:10 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 October 1, 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