

DECEMBER 3, 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. (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 Giampola seconded to open the floor to the public at 7:04 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

There wasn't any public participation.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Caucus Meeting, November 6, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting, November 6, 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 minutes.

COMMUNICATION – CORRESPONDENCE:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Safety Committee: Councilman DiTonno, Chairman:

Councilman DiTonno asked everyone to please don't throw out large pieces of items as that is what thief's look for.

Councilman DiTonno stated the Police Department will be hosting "Coffee with a Cop" on January 18th, 2020 at Weiss' Hardware Store.

Community Betterment Committee: Councilman Kidd, Chairman:

Councilman Kidd asked everyone to check on their neighbors during the cold weather especially vacant homes. It worries him with the cold weather that the homeless are looking for vacant homes.

Chief Kille stated the County will enact a Code Blue Alert Program which is a voluntary program. Anyone can come to the Police Department and they will set them up with housing.

Councilman Giampola stated the County alerts the Borough when there is a Code Blue Alert and it will be forwarded to all of the Mayor and Council. This alert will open up shelters throughout the County. The Borough is a warming center during regular business hours.

Councilman Kidd stated he has never heard of this before.

Councilman Kidd reminded everyone of the Children's Christmas Breakfast Party on December 14, 2019 from 9-11 a.m. at the Paulsboro High School and this Saturday, December 6th at 6:30 p.m. is the Tree Lighting Ceremony and parade.

Public Property Committee: Councilman Holloway, II, Chairman:

Councilman Holloway stated there isn't anything new and he wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Finance Committee: Councilman Giampola, Chairman:

Councilman Giampola stated the CMFO and the Administrator have been reviewing the 2020 budget.

Councilman Giampola wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Construction and Licensing Committee: Council President Giovannitti, Chairman:

Council President Giovannitti wished everyone Happy Holidays. He also stated he was pleased with the employees regarding the work they were doing at the corner of Adams & Washington Street. The Police Department is looking at placing a camera in that area.

Council President Giovannitti also stated the Code Office is doing a good job.

Councilman Giampola stated the Committee that was formed to review the water bills for the churches met. It was felt by the Committee that there won't be a charge for the first 1,000 gallons of water and every 1,000 gallons after the first \$1,000 gallons, there will be a charge of \$5.00 for each 1,000 gallons of water and it will only be applied to the sanctuary (just the Church). At the January meeting an Ordinance will be introduced and the second reading/public will be on the February agenda retroactive to January 1, 2019. There isn't anything the Borough can do about the sewer part of the bill as that is set by the County.

Mayor Stevenson thanked the Committee and he appreciated their review. He asked them to reach out to the churches to explain the above.

Mayor Stevenson wished everyone a Merry and safe Christmas.

Mayor Stevenson reported work is being completed on the Dollar Tree Store at the Plaza as well as the other businesses that are going there.

Mayor Stevenson stated he is doing Toys for Tots Program that will provide toys for 20,000 kids. He thanked the Borough Public Works Department for picking up and distributing the toys on December 9th. He asked if anyone knows of anyone who needs toys, to let me know.

Mayor Stevenson discussed selling 309 Olive Street.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:

O. #15.19: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BLOCK 56.01 LOT 5, ALSO KNOWN AS 309 OLIVE STREET, AND THE EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt O. #15.19 on introduction and first reading and schedule the second reading and public hearing on December 30, 2019. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Stevenson asked to reschedule the Reorganization Meeting from January 2nd to January 7th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to reschedule the Reorganization and first Regular Meeting on January 7th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES ON INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:

RESOLUTIONS – BILLS/BUDGET:

R. #212.19: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM CERTAIN ACCOUNTS TO OTHER ACCOUNTS IN THE 2019 BUDGET.

R. #213.19: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2019 BUDGET FOR THE THIRD WEEK OF THE MONTH (October 15, 2019).

R. #214.19: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2019 BUDGET.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #212.19, R. #213.19 and R. #214.19. R/C: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA:

R. #215.19: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF AN OVERPAYMENT DUE TO EXEMPT STATUS FOR THE OWNER NEW JERSEY HOUSING AND MORTGAGE FINANCE AGENCY BY CORELOGIC TAX SERVICES TO THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE TAX YEAR 2019 1ST AND 2ND QUARTERS. (This Resolution refunds 2019 tax payments for Block 91 Lot 24 – 269 West Broad Street.)

R. #216.19: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF AN OVERPAYMENT BY CORELOGIC REAL ESTATE TAX SERVICE TO THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE TAX YEAR 2019. (This Resolution refunds 2019 tax payments due to overpayments for various properties.)

R. #217.19: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN BALANCES ON WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS. (This Resolution cancels certain balances due to erroneous billings.)

R. #218.19: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITION OF CERTAIN BALANCES ON WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS. (This Resolution adds certain balances due to erroneous billings.)

R. #219.19: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING THE PAYOUT OF ACCUMULATED VACATION AND SICK TIME FOR AN EMPLOYEE WHO HAS SEPARATED FROM THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2019. (This Resolution authorizes the payout for an employee who has retired.)

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #215.19, R. #216.19, R. #217.19, R. #218.19 and R. #219.19. 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:

Licenses:

RESOLUTIONS NOT ON CONSENT:

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

O. #13.19: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BLOCK 26, LOTS 1 AND 3, ALSO KNOWN AS 132-34 GREENWICH AVENUE, AND THE EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. 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 Giampola seconded to close the floor to the public and to adopt O. #13.19 on second and final reading. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

O. #14.19: AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING A NEW TAX EXEMPTION AND ABATEMENT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE “FIVE YEAR TAX EXEMPTION AND ABATEMENT LAW,” N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1 ET SEQ. FOR THE ENTIRETY OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER. 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 Holloway seconded to close the floor to the public and to adopt O. #13.19 on second and final reading. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: Motion carried.

Administrator's Report:

Administrator Jacobucci stated the terms of the Fire Chief (Councilman Alfonso Giampola) and Deputy Fire Chief (Glenn Roemmich) has to be extended due to ineligibility of candidates.

R. #220.19: RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALFONSO GIAMPOLA AS FIRE CHIEF AND APPOINTING GLENN ROEMMICH AS DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF FOR A LIMITED TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #220.19. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: Motion carried.

Councilman Giampola recused himself for the above discussion and vote.

R. #221.19: RESOLUTION PLACING LIENS ON PROPERTIES THAT HAVE FAILED TO COMPLY WITH PROPERTY MAINTENANCE SUMMONSES OR HAVE BEEN SECURED BY THE BOROUGH IN AN EMERGENT SITUATION. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #221.19. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: Motion carried.

Administrator Jacobucci wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Engineer's Report:

Borough Engineer Biermann stated he recommends the release of the escrow for the Verizon Antennas Project at the Standpipe.

R. #226.19: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF CASH ESCROW ACCOUNT BALANCES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,503.25 FOR THE VERIZON ANTENNA/STANDPIPE PROJECT. Councilman Giampola moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to adopt R. #226.19. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: Motion carried.

Borough Engineer Biermann recommended authorization to advertise for bids for the 2018 NJDOT Pine Street Project.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to authorize the Engineer for advertise for Bids for the 2018 NJDOT Pine Street Project. All were in favor of the motion.

Borough Engineer Biermann discussed the settlement and release agreement for 1501 South Commerce Street.

R. #227.19: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A RELEASE OF CLAIMS AGREEMENT BETWEEN JENNIFER MADEN, ERIC SINGLETON, THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, RICHARD E. PIERSON CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. AND SICKELS & ASSOCIATES, INC. Councilman Giampola moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to adopt R. #227.19. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: Motion carried.

Police Chief's Report:

Memo from Chief Gary Kille regarding recommendation of Promotion to next level Patrolman. (Resolution required.)

R. #222.19: RESOLUTION PROMOTING GARY LOWELL TO THE APPOINTMENT OF PATROLMAN FIFTH CLASS IN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #222.19. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Memo from Chief Gary Kille regarding recommendation of Promotion to next level Patrolman. (Resolution required.)

R. #223.19: RESOLUTION PROMOTING ELIJAH CAMACHO TO THE APPOINTMENT OF PATROLMAN SEVENTH CLASS IN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT. Council President Giovannitti moved and

Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #223.19. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Memo from Chief Gary Kille regarding LESO Resolution – 2020. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to receive and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #224.19: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, NEW JERSEY THROUGH THE PAULSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY, LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE, 1033 PROGRAM TO ENABLE THE PAULSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST AND ACQUIRE EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #224.19, Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Chief Kille stated he will be submitting SLEO I Officers formal offer in January.

Chief Kille also stated he will be holding a “Coffee with a Cop” event on January 18th at Weiss Hardware Store.

Chief Kille informed everyone he will be introducing Officer Jon Sierocinski as the Community Relations Officer.

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 7:35 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Marc Kamp, 250 West Broad Street, stated the Chamber of Commerce is hosting the Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting at the Borough Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Kamp reported the Lighthouse held the annual Lighthouse Challenge and there were approximately 2,112 visitors to the lighthouse. This year set records and there were visitors from seven (7) states. He thanked the Mayor and Council, the Police Department and the Public Works Department for all their help.

Mr. Kamp also reported the Lighthouse Committee is working on a video setup which would include a television inside the lighthouse and having photos up on the top of the lighthouse and then a live video feed to show the ascent and descent. The Lighthouse also received a grant to replace the fence which is a disaster.

Mayor Stevenson thanked the Refinery for decorating the tree and the donation of the candy canes. He really appreciated it.

Chief Kille stated he will place the electronic sign out to inform the residents of the tree lighting event.

Dawn Fento, Alley Cat Allies, discussed the Trap Neuter Release Ordinance that needs to be in place in order for them to start the project.

Administrator Jacobucci stated the Borough cannot introduce an Ordinance until January 7, 2020 and then it can be adopted at the February 4, 2020 meeting.

Councilman Kidd stated he would like to have a Committee Meeting regarding this in January 2020.

Councilman Giampola suggested setting a date for April and to get in touch with Councilman Kidd with a date to meet.

Councilman Kidd stated he will have a meeting and will get in touch with her about a date.

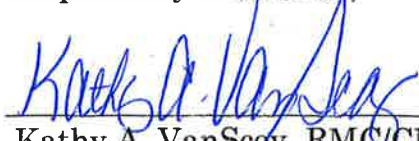
There wasn't any further Borough business.

Councilman Giampola moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to close the floor to the public at 7:45 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.


Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 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 3, 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

