

**JANUARY 5, 2021**

**PAULSBORO. N.J.**

**6:00 P.M.**

**TELECONFERENCE ANNUAL REORGANIZATION AND  
FIRST REGULAR MEETING**

Council Chamber:

Mayor Stevenson presided at the Teleconference Annual Reorganization and First Regular Meeting of Council held on the above date, place and by going to Zoom Meeting:

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Due to the public health emergency caused by the Coronavirus (COVID-19), and the subsequent issuance of the Governor's Executive Order 107, the Borough of Paulsboro, effective April 7, 2020 and until further notice, will conduct all future meetings remotely and by electronic means without providing a physical meeting place. The Borough Hall will not be open to the public for this meeting. The electronic public meeting is being held in lieu of an in-person public meeting due to the state of emergency arising from the current situation involving the COVID-19 virus and to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the public.

Mayor Stevenson called the Teleconference Annual Reorganization and First Regular Teleconference Meeting to order.

Mayor Stevenson read the opening statement regarding the Open Public Meetings Act. Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.A.C. 5:39-1.1-1.7 AND P.L. 2020, C. 34, adequate notice of this Regular Teleconference Meeting, as required by said Act, has been provided by contacting each Council Member, posting the scheduled meeting on the Municipal Bulletin Board, and on the Borough's website, emailed and faxed to the South Jersey Times and the Courier Post and filed with the Borough Clerk on December 30, 2020.

Members present were: Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd.

**Election of President of Council:**

Councilman Haynes nominated Councilman Giovannitti as President of Council and Councilman DiTonno seconded the nomination. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**Remarks by the President of Council.**

Council President Giovannitti thanked Mayor and Council and he recognized the Municipal family, Department Heads and employees especially during COVID-19. He has high expectations and goals for this year.

Mayor Stevenson announced the following Councilmanic Committee Appointments for 2021: (Council Committees are selected with input from all Councilmembers and submitted to the Mayor to be read into the public record)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson: Alfonso Giampola  
Larry Haynes, Sr.  
Eric DiTonno

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson: Eric DiTonno  
John Giovannitti  
Joe L. Kidd

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson: Larry Haynes, Sr.  
Theodore Holloway, II  
John Giovannitti

**PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson: Theodore Holloway, II  
Alfonso Giampola  
Eric DiTonno

**COMMUNITY BETTERMENT COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson: Joe L. Kidd  
Theodore Holloway, II  
Larry Haynes, Sr.

**CONSTRUCTION AND LICENSING OFFICE:**

Chairperson: John Giovannitti  
Alfonso Giampola  
Joe L. Kidd

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded that the appointments be confirmed. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Teleconference Regular Meeting – December 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Summary of reports and copies of minutes of meeting.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS – CORRESPONDENCE:**

Letter from Rachele Vierick, Secretary, Paulsboro Fire Department regarding election of Fire Chief.

Letter from John J. Vinci, Sr., Gloucester County Utilities Authority, regarding Fiscal Year 2021: GCUA Operating Budget

Letter from John J. Vinci, Sr. Gloucester County Utilities Authority, regarding Public Hearing Notice on Proposed Rate Schedule.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to receive and file the above letters. All were in favor of the motion.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Mayor Stevenson recognized Councilman Kidd on his many years in office.

Public Property Committee:

Councilman Holloway stated he is excited about the Wind Turbine Project at the Port. He further stated it is an honor to serve with this Council and he hopes to keep moving forward.

Mayor Stevenson recognized Ashley Alvarez who is present on behalf of Congressman Donald Norcross.

Public Safety Committee:

Councilman DiTonno congratulated Councilmen Kidd and Holloway, wished everyone a Happy New Year and hoped everything would be back to normal.

Public Works Committee:

Councilman Haynes also congratulated Councilmen Kidd and Holloway. He is looking forward to working with all of Mayor and Council again as they work well together.

Construction and Licensing Committee:

Council President Giovannitti also congratulated Councilmen Kidd and Holloway.

Finance Committee:

Councilman Giampola wished everyone a Happy New Year. He has talked with the Administrator regarding a Refinancing Resolution which is on this agenda for approval. He wished everyone a good 2021.

**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:**

**RESOLUTIONS – BILLS:**

**R. #01.21: RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2021.**

**R. #02.21: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PROCEDURE TO PROCESS BILL PAYMENTS THE THIRD WEEK OF EACH MONTH AND THE MONTH OF AUGUST.**

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #01.21 and R. #02.21. Roll call: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**R. #03.21: RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.**

**R. #04.21: RESOLUTION SETTING THE DATES, TIME AND PLACE OF THE VARIOUS MEETINGS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE YEAR 2021.**

**R. #05.21: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RULES OF ORDER FOR THE CONDUCT OF BOROUGH MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR 2021.**

**R. #06.21: RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES OF ALL PUBLIC MONIES AND OTHER FUNDS OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE YEAR 2021.**

**R. #07.21: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO ADOPTING A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES.**

**R. #08.21: RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR 2021.**

**R. #09.21: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PETTY CASH FUNDS FOR THE BOROUGH CLERK AND THE CHIEF OF POLICE FOR 2021.**

**R. #10.21: RESOLUTION APPOINTING CYNTHIA WOOD AS DEPUTY MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR 2021.**

**R. #11.21: RESOLUTION APPOINTING CAROL MILLIS AS MUNICIPAL COURT RECORDER FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR 2021.**

**R. #12.21: RESOLUTION APPOINTING SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR 2021.**

**R. #13.21: RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL OFFICERS FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE YEAR 2021.**

**R. #14.21: RESOLUTION APPOINTING GEORGE MARRA AS ZONING ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE YEAR 2021.**

**R. #15.21: RESOLUTION APPOINTING ROBERT DEANGELO AS HEARING OFFICER OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.**

**R. #16.21: RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELSIE TEDESKI AS RENTAL REGISTRATION SECRETARY FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE YEAR 2021.**

**R. #17.21: RESOLUTION APPOINTING FRANCIS TURTON AS RENTAL PROPERTY INSPECTOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE YEAR 2021.**

**R. #18.21: RESOLUTION APPOINTING HERMAN SCHOCH AS CERTIFIED PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER, CLEAN COMMUNITIES COORDINATOR, CERTIFIED RECYCLING PROFESSIONAL AND JIF SAFETY COORDINATOR FOR THE YEAR 2021.**

**R. #19.21: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO APPOINTING SUSAN JACOBUCCI AS FUND COMMISSIONER FOR THE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND FOR THE YEAR 2021.**

**R. #20.21: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO APPOINTING SUSAN JACOBUCCI AS CLAIMS COORDINATOR OF THE GLOUCESTER, SALEM AND CUMBERLAND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND.**

**R. #21.21: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO APPOINTING ALTERNATE FUND COMMISSIONER FOR THE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND FOR THE YEAR 2021.**

**R. #22.21: RESOLUTION APPOINTING SUSAN JACOBUCCI AND CHIEF GARY KILLE AS CONTACT PERSONS FOR THE EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE LIABILITY ATTORNEY CONSULTATION SERVICE FOR THE GLOUCESTER, SALEM, CUMBERLAND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND.**

**R. #23.21: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO APPOINTING MAYOR GARY C. STEVENSON AS FUND COMMISSIONER AND ADMINISTRATOR SUSAN JACOBUCCI AS ALTERNATE FUND COMMISSIONER FOR THE SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND.**

**R. #24.21: RESOLUTION APPOINTING KATHY A. VANSKOY AS PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER AS PER N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.5 FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.**

**R. #25.21: A RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY WITH RESPECT TO ALL OFFICIALS, APPOINTEES, EMPLOYEES, PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT COME INTO CONTACT WITH MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS.**

**R. #26.21: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO PROVIDING FOR INTEREST AND A GRACE PERIOD ON TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2021.**

**R. #27.21: RESOLUTION SETTING THE DATES, TIMES AND PLACE OF THE VARIOUS TRICO JIF SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2021.**

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #03.21 to R. #27.21. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno (abstained on R. #16.21), Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

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

Received Fireman's Application from Tyler Benson. (Background Investigation complete – See attached). Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to receive, file and approve the Fireman's application. All were in favor of the motion.

**RESOLUTIONS NOT ON CONSENT:**

Mayor Stevenson placed the following Resolutions on Consent.

**R. #28.21: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2021 FOR A BOROUGH ATTORNEY FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (Maley Givens)**

**R. #29.21: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2021 FOR LABOR RELATIONS COUNSEL FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (Weir & Partners, LLP.)**

**R. #30.21: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2021 FOR SPECIAL LABOR COUNSEL FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (Barker, Gelfand & James)**

**R. #31.21: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2021 FOR AUDITING SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (Petroni & Associates.)**

**R. #32.21: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2021 FOR BOND COUNSEL FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (Parker McCay, P.A.)**

**R. #33.21: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2021 FOR MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (John Alice, Esq.)**

**R. #34.21: RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALTERNATE BOROUGH PROSECUTORS.**

**R. #35.21: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2021 FOR PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (Dawn Leeds, Esq.)**

**R. #36.21: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2021 FOR CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (Stephen Altamuro, Esq.)**

**R. #37.21: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2021 FOR BOROUGH ENGINEERING SERVICES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11- 1 ET SEQ. (GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES/WATER AND SEWER ENGINEERING SERVICES). (Sickels & Associates, Inc.)**

**R. #38.21: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2021 FOR REDEVELOPMENT COUNSEL FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (Maley Givens.)**

**R. #39.21: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2021 FOR GRANT CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (Triad Associates.)**

**R. #40.21: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES PURSUANT TO**



**THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2021 FOR A BOROUGH INSURANCE AGENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (Hardenbergh Insurance Group.)**

**R. #41.21: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2021 FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (Triad Associates.)**

**R. #42.21: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2021 FOR FINANCIAL ADVISOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (Acacia Financial Group, Inc.)**

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #28.21 to R. #42.21. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**R. #43.21: 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 DECEMBER 3, 2020.**

**R. #44.21: 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.**

**R. #45.21: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION AND ISSUANCE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE PURCHASE OF 40 RIVERVIEW AVENUE.**

**R. #46.21: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO APPROVING FORM OF PERFORMANCE BOND, SAFETY/STABILIZATION GUARANTEES AND ESCROW FEE SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL BY PAULSBORO DG, LLC FOR THE DOLLAR GENERAL PROJECT, 110-117 EAST BROAD STREET, BLOCK 94.01 LOTS 8 & 10, PB-1043, PAULSBORO, NEW JERSEY.**

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #43.21 to R. #46.21. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti.

Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**APPOINTMENT OF VARIOUS OTHER BOROUGH OFFICIALS BY MAYOR STEVENSON AND CONFIRMED BY MOTION:**

TAX SEARCH CLERK: Georjean Widener.

WATER AND SEWER SEARCH CLERK: Temple McBride

IMPROVEMENT SEARCH CLERK: Kathy A. VanScoy.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to confirm the above appointments. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS BY MAYOR STEVENSON AND CONFIRMED BY MOTION IF NECESSARY:**

GILL MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Mayor Appoints with Consent of Council:

5 Year Term – Judy Mackenzie

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to confirm the appointment. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

LAND USE BOARD: Mayor Appoints without Consent of Council:

Class I: Mayor Gary C. Stevenson

Class II: Official: Jack Palumbo

Class III: Member of Council: Larry Haynes, Sr.

Alternate Member of Council: Alfonso Giampola

Class IV: Citizens:

1. 4 Year Term – Erva Macauley
2. 4 Year Term – Marc Kamp
3. Alternate 1 – 2 Year Term – Alice Williams
4. Alternate 2 – 2 Year Term – Jason Newman

Appointment of Mayor's Special Committees:

Mayor Stevenson nominated himself as Emergency Management Coordinator, Glenn Roemmich and Herman Schoch (911 Coordinator) as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinators.

**R. #49.21: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR(S) FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.** Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #49.21. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Lighthouse Committee: Chairperson: Marc Kamp

Friends of the Paul House/Library Committee: Chairperson: Dr. Walter Quint

Administrator's Report:

Administrator Jacobucci congratulated Councilmen Kidd and Holloway.

Administrator Jacobucci requested a refinancing Resolution for \$2.1 million General Obligation Bonds. There will be a savings this year.

**R. #47.21: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF UP TO \$2,135,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2021, OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO; MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS TO MAINTAIN THE EXEMPTION OF THE INTEREST ON SAID BONDS FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION; AND AUTHORIZING SUCH FURTHER ACTIONS AND MAKING SUCH DETERMINATIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO EFFECTUATE THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE BONDS.** Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #47.21. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #47.21. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Administrator Jacobucci stated she is working diligently on the budget. She thanked Tax Collector Widener and Water and Sewer Clerk McBride for their tax and water and sewer collections. She reported this week, that the Comcast Internet was down which controlled the telephones and internet. It is finally up and running again. She thanked Tracey Robinson for staying on the phone with Comcast and the problem is that there is water getting into the lines. She wished everyone a Happy New Year and everyone will have to buckle down as she is expecting high expectations.

## Engineer's Report:

Borough Engineer Biermann stated he has one (1) action item for this agenda. The NJDEP stated the Borough's Stormwater Ordinance has to be updated. The Ordinance has to be in place by March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021. The Borough will have to have first reading and introduction in February and second reading and adoption in March. They have prepared a proposal which will cost \$1,695.00 and he is requesting authorization to proceed with the proposal and Ordinance.

Councilman Giampola moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to authorize the proposal from Sickels to prepare the Stormwater Ordinance. All were in favor of the motion.

Borough Engineer Biermann gave an update on the Billingsport Port Project. There will be a pre-construction meeting with USDA offsite. The contractor will start the project in three (3) weeks.

Borough Engineer Biermann reported there will be a pre-construction meeting with South Jersey Gas Company as they are installing gas lines under the railroad tracks on Mantua Avenue as well as two (2) pits on each side to run the pipe through. They will start next week. The road will be closed down and they will have to loop traffic around.

Councilman Giampola asked if the residents on Nassau, Beacon and 5<sup>th</sup> Street were going to be notified of the closing.

Borough Engineer Biermann stated they will be requiring the contractor to notify the residents.

Councilman Kidd questioned the funding for the Port Project.

Borough Engineer Biermann stated the Port is being funded by GCIA but it goes through the Borough and the Borough has obtained USEDA and USDA funds. The Borough isn't paying for anything towards the Port Project.

Mayor Stevenson thanked Borough Engineer Biermann and Sickels & Associates.

## Police Chief's Report:

Chief Kille wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Chief Kille stated Academy classes were cancelled last year. He would like to requests conditional offers of employment to two (2) of the Part-Time SLEO Officers, Jonathon Roll and Patrick H. McHenry. They are outstanding Officers. He recommended the conditional offers pending the physical and psychological

examinations in order for them to attend the Academy March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Memo from Chief Gary Kille regarding request to hire three (3) Full-time Police Officers. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to receive and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

**R. #48.21: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO TO EXTEND AN OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT TO JONATHON ROLL AND PATRICK H. MCHENRY AS NEW PROBATIONARY PATROL OFFICERS WITHIN THE PAULSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT.** Councilman Giampola moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #48.21. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #48.21. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Chief Kille reported the patrol vehicles are replaced every three (3) years and he is starting the process.

Councilman Kidd questioned if these vehicles will be leased.

Chief Kille stated no, they are financed or bonded. He hasn't leased any vehicles.

Council President Giovannitti questioned if the vehicles will be SUVs.

Chief Kille stated they will be similar to what the Borough has now.

Memo from Chief Gary Kille regarding request to purchase police vehicles. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to receive and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

Mayor Stevenson thanked Chief Kille and Captain Ridinger for the job they do.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR.** (General 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 6:55 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 at 6:55 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Mayor's Annual Statement:


Mayor Stevenson stated it has been an honor to work with this Governing body the last five (5) years. He reported that the Dollar Tree is doing very well. The \$7,000,000 Thomson Avenue Project has been completed and he thanked Borough Engineer Biermann for overseeing this project. The Railroad has completed the spur to the Port. The Borough has demolished five (5) houses last year and there are more scheduled. The Borough couldn't have done any of this without Solicitor Maley at Maley Givens. The Borough has updated its water treatment facilities. The Port has officially announced the Wind Turbine Project at the Port and it will create 700 full-time jobs. He will be forming a Committee to help reach out to the residents to let them know what is going on at the Port. There will be a notice going out to the residents regarding jobs, training, etc. He thanked Administrator Jacobucci for getting the Paul House fixed. Dr. Quint is working on the historical factor for the Paul House and possibly making it into a museum. He is working with the Plaza developers which will be tearing down the old "Grants store, etc. Both parties have agreed. The Borough will be doing West Washington Street from Delaware Street to Wert Avenue. He thanked the grant writers, the County and State Officials and all the employees. He asked everyone to be safe, wear a mask. The Borough will be buckling down and tightening its belt. He asked the residents to keep their eyes and ears open. He also thanked Council and stated there is a lot to be done next year.

There wasn't any further Borough business.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

This is a brief summary of the Reorganization and First Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Paulsboro held on January 5, 2021 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