

APRIL 6, 2021

PAULSBORO. N.J.

6:00 P.M.

REGULAR TELECONFERENCE MEETING

Council Chamber:

Mayor Stevenson presided at the Regular Teleconference Meeting of Council held on the above date, place and by going to Zoom at <https://zoom.us>, enter Meeting ID: 860 3874 0610 and the passcode: 751776 to enter the meeting or at the following link:

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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 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 doors, 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 January 5, 2021.

Members present were: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Haynes (appeared at 6:15 p.m.), Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd (appeared at 6:26 p.m.). Absent: Councilman Giampola.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Teleconference Regular Meeting, March 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Summary of reports and copies of minutes of meeting.

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

COMMUNICATION – CORRESPONDENCE:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Councilman Giampola, Chairman:

Administrator Jacobucci gave the report for the Finance Committee. She is combining her report with this report. She reported on O. #04.21 Bond Ordinance, Resolution #81.21 awarding the purchase of 40 Riverview Avenue and the introduction of O. #05.21 authorizing the purchase, R. #82.21 which is the professional service agreements for the USDA Grant/Loan Funding in reference to the Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project, R. #83.21 and R. #84.21 which authorizes the filing of the application and the Emergency Budget Insertion which is also for the Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project and R. #92.21 which is the Loan Resolution for West Washington Street.

Administrator Jacobucci also reported the Borough will be holding a combined Shred and Clean Up Day on Saturday, April 24, 2021.

At this time, 6:15 p.m., Councilman Haynes appeared for the meeting.

Construction and Licensing Committee: Council President Giovannitti, Chairman:

Council President Giovannitti stated he has checked out some properties and there is a problem property. He asked anyone who has a concern, to go on the Borough's website to file it and it will be addressed by the Department.

Public Works Committee: Councilman Haynes, Chairman:

Councilman Haynes discussed the West Washington Street Project. The Borough has received \$1.3 million dollars from USDA and received \$520,000 from NJDOT towards the project. The bid will be out in the summer.

Councilman Haynes reported on the Billingsport/Port Water Main Project and the Contractor is working on the handicap ramps.

Public Property Committee: Councilman Holloway, II, Chairman:

Councilman Holloway stated there are a lot of houses that have been re-habbed. He further stated the Borough will be holding a Juneteenth Celebration on June 19th where there will be food, vendors, entertainment, etc. It will be similar to a miniature Paulsboro Day.

Public Safety Committee: Councilman DiTonno, Chairman:

Councilman DiTonno stated he hoped everyone had a wonderful Easter.

Councilman DiTonno reported there will be two (2) new hires in the Police Department. He also wanted to bring to Council's attention regarding the purchase of the Police vehicles and he wanted to talk about purchasing 4-Door Ford Pick Up Trucks. Woolwich Township uses the trucks as Police Vehicles.

Mayor Stevenson stated there was an event today with Congressman Norcross regarding the American Rescue Plan. He further reported Camcare will be doing more COVID-19 testing, vaccines and dental services. He thanked Congressman Norcross and he thanked everyone who participated in support of the two (2) children who passed away in a house fire at their memorial. He is looking into getting smoke detectors out to the residents.

Mayor Stevenson stated the Borough has received a letter from Fire Chief Glenn Roemmich regarding leave of absence and the Fire Company has appointed Michael Licciardello to the position of Acting Fire Chief.

At this time, 6:26 p.m., Councilman Kidd appeared in the meeting.

Community Betterment Committee: Councilman Kidd, Chairman:

Councilman Kidd stated Little League has commenced and there were only 40 players and he questioned if they have combined in with Gibbstown.

Mayor Stevenson stated yes, they have and he was just advised of this.

Councilman Kidd stated the Borough did a good job on painting the Little League fields.

ORDINANCES ON INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:

O. #04.21: BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT AND THE REPAIR AND/OR RECONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS STREETS IN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$379,300 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 \$360,335; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to adopt O. #04.21 on introduction and first reading and schedule the second reading and public hearing on May 4, 2021. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

RESOLUTIONS/TRANSFERS – BILLS:

R. #76.21: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2021 TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE THIRD WEEK OF THE MONTH (March 16, 2021).

R. #77.21: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2021 TEMPORARY BUDGET.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #76.21 and R. #77.21. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA:

R. #78.21: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALLOWANCE/DISALLOWANCE OF VETERANS/WIDOW OF VETERANS, SENIOR CITIZENS OR DISABILITY DEDUCTIONS. (This Resolution allows or disallows the tax deduction for Veteran, Disability or Senior Citizens.)

R. #79.21: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN CREDIT BALANCES ON WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS. (This Resolution authorizes credit/cancellation of various water and sewer accounts.)

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to adopt R. #78.21 and R. #79.21. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Raffles/Permits/Firemen's Association Membership Applications:

Received Fireman's application for Thomas J. Hulmes. (All background investigations have been completed.)

Received Application to amend Bingo License #BL-669 from Paulsboro Volunteer Fire Association #1 cancelling March 2021 bingo events due to COVID-19.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to receive, file the application/amendment and approve both the firemen's application and the Bingo License amendment. All were in favor of the motion.

RESOLUTIONS NOT ON CONSENT:

R. #80.21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONSENT TO SUBLEASE TO PAULSBORO WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT LLC AND EEW AMERICAN OFFSHORE STRUCTURES, INC. IN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (This Resolution authorizes a consent to sublease to allow EEW American Offshore Structures to lease property at the Paulsboro Marine Terminal.)

R. #81.21: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO ROBERT A. DEANGELO AND MEREDITH C. WRIGHT TO PURCHASE 40

RIVERVIEW AVENUE, BLOCK 41 LOT 11. (This Resolution authorizes the award of bid for the sale of 40 Riverview Avenue, Block 41 Lot 11 in the amount of \$41,000.00.)

R. #82.21: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO APPROVING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS FOR USDA WATER AND WASTE GRANT/LOAN FUNDING IMPLEMENTATION FOR THE PAULSBORO WATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION PROJECT. (This Resolution authorizes the professional services agreements for the USDA Water and Waste Grant/Loan Funding for the Paulsboro Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project.)

R. #83.21: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR USDA WATER AND WASTE GRANT/LOAN FUNDING FOR THE PAULSBORO WATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION PROJECT. (This Resolution authorizes the filing of the application for the USDA Water and Waste Grant/Loan Funding for the Paulsboro Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project.)

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to adopt R. #80.21 to R. #83.21. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

O. #03.21: CALENDAR YEAR 2020: ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14).

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to open the floor to the public in regards to this Ordinance. 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 adopt O. #03.21 on second and final reading. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Administrator's Report:

R. #84.21: EMERGENCY TEMPORARY RESOLUTION PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to adopt R. #84.21. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:

O. #05.21: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SALE OF BLOCK 41 LOT 11, ALSO KNOWN AS 40 RIVERVIEW AVENUE, AND THE EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to adopt O. #05.21 on introduction and first reading and schedule the second reading and public hearing on May 4, 2021. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #92.21: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE INCURRENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A PORTION OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, ENLARGING, IMPROVING, AND/OR EXTENDING ITS MUNICIPAL FACILITY TO SERVE AN AREA LAWFULLY WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION TO SERVE. (This Resolution authorizes a Loan Resolution with USDA in the amount of \$971,000 for the West Washington Street Water Main Project.) Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway to adopt R. #92.21. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Engineer's Report:

Letter from Stephen Cosaboon, Sickels & Associates, Inc., regarding Final Payment No. 12, Thomson Avenue Infrastructure Improvement Project Storm Sewer.

Letter from Erik K. Biermann, Sickels & Associates, Inc., regarding Change Order No. 1 for Well No. 7 VFD.

Letter from Erik K. Biermann, Sickels & Associates, Inc., regarding Payment No. 1 (Final) in connection with Well No. 7 VFD to A.C. Schultes, Inc.

Letter from Erik K. Biermann, Sickels & Associates, Inc., regarding Partial Payment No. 1 in connection with the Billingsport & Paulsboro Marine Terminal Water Main Improvements.

Letter from Erik K. Biermann, Sickels & Associates, Inc., regarding partial payment No. 2 in connection with the Billingsport & Paulsboro Marine Terminal Water Main Improvements.

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

R. #85.21: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FINAL PAYMENT NO. 12 FOR THE THOMSON AVENUE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT STORM SEWER PROJECT TO R.E. PIERSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. (This Resolution authorizes final payment #12 in the amount of \$46,411.32.)

R. #86.21: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 IN CONNECTION WITH WELL NO. 7 VFD. (This Resolution authorizes an increase in the Contract amount by \$2,033.00 for the replacement of a defective circuit breaker for Well No. 7 pump motor electric power feed.)

R. #87.21: RESOLUTION PROVIDING (FINAL) PAYMENT NO. 1 IN CONNECTION WITH WELL NO. 7 VFD TO A.C. SCHULTES, INC. (This Resolution authorizes (final) payment #1 in the amount of \$55,033.00.)

R. #88.21: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A MAINTENANCE/CORRECTION PERIOD IN CONNECTION WITH THE WELL NO. 7 VFD PROJECT. (This Resolution establishes the maintenance/correction period to commence on April 6, 2021 and will expire on April 6, 2022.)

R. #89.21: RESOLUTION PROVIDING PARTIAL PAYMENT NO. 1 IN CONNECTION WITH THE BILLINGSPORT & PAULSBORO MARINE TERMINAL WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS. (This Resolution authorizes partial payment #1 in the amount of \$630,502.34.)

R. #90.21: RESOLUTION PROVIDING PARTIAL PAYMENT NO. 2 IN CONNECTION WITH THE BILLINGSPORT & PAULSBORO MARINE TERMINAL WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS. (This Resolution authorizes partial payment #2 in the amount of \$279,325.33.)

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to adopt R. #85.21 to R. #90.21.

Councilman Kidd questioned if anyone has looked at the roads regarding R. #89.21 and R. #90.21.

Borough Engineer Biermann stated it is temporary until the trenches are restored then the road will be repaved.

Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Police Chief's Report:

Memo from Chief Gary Kille regarding hiring of Full-Time Police Officers. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to receive and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #91.21: RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY APPOINTING JOSHUA G. GRAHAM AND VINCENT J. DIGIACOMO AS A PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICERS FOR THE PAULSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to adopt R. 91.21. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Memo from Chief Gary Kille regarding promotion of Officer Kennedy to 6th Class. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to receive and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #93.21: RESOLUTION PROMOTING RYAN KENNEDY TO THE APPOINTMENT OF PATROLMAN SIXTH CLASS IN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to adopt R. #93.21. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to open the floor to the public at 6:50 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

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.

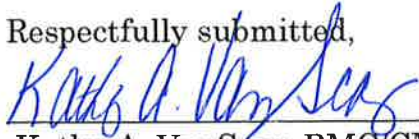
There wasn't any public participation.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to close the floor to the public at 6:50 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

This is a brief summary of the Teleconference Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Paulsboro held on April 6, 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