

JANUARY 4, 2022

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 January 5, 2021 and changed to a remote meeting on January 3, 2022.

Swearing In: Karen Armistead, Councilwoman
Jennifer Turner, Councilwoman

Mayor Stevenson welcomed Gloucester County Commissioner Heather Simmons.

Commissioner Simmons stated it is an honor to perform the Swearing in of Councilwomen Jennifer Turner and Karen Armistead and she was pleased to be on the bridge/overpass on Billingsport Road for the dedication for former Councilwoman Jeanne Giampola.

Commissioner Heather Simmons recited the Oath of Office to Councilwoman Jennifer Turner and Councilwoman Karen Armistead.

Mayor Stevenson thanked Commissioner Heather Simmons. H also recognized former Mayor and Councilman Jeff Hamilton and former Councilwoman in Deptford Jacqueline Love.

Ms. Love wished everyone a safe and enjoyable New Year and to keep God first as God is good.

Councilwoman Turner stated God will continue to lead and guide her. She thanked all her sisters and brothers who are here and all those who voted or not voted for her. She appreciates being on Council and is looking forward to working with Mayor and Council.

Councilwoman Armistead stated it is so good to be here and she recognized Danielle Scott. She is very grateful for the position. She is looking forward to working with Mayor and Council. Mayor and Council needs to correct the problem and be part of the solution. There is positive growth but there needs to be room for improvement. Everyone has to pull together. She thanked everyone and Jesus Christ.

Dr. Rena Morrow congratulated Councilwoman Turner, Councilwoman Armistead and everyone else.

Mayor Stevenson stated the Council will be going through the agenda and he would understand if anyone wanted to log out and he thanked everyone.

Mayor Stevenson recessed the meeting for one minute in order for anyone to leave the meeting.

Mayor Stevenson reconvened the meeting.

Mayor Stevenson recognized Claire Riggs.

Members present were: Councilwoman Armistead, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner.

Election of President of Council:

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

Remarks by the President of Council.

Council President Giovannitti congratulated Councilwomen Turner and Armistead. He likes the group that is Mayor and Council. He appreciates and thanks his fellow Councilmembers for their support.

Mayor Stevenson announced the following Councilmanic Committee Appointments for 2022: (Council Committees are selected with input from all Councilmembers and submitted to the Mayor to be read into the public record)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Chairperson: Joe L. Kidd
John Giovannitti
Karen Armistead

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: Chairperson: Karen Armistead
John Giovannitti
Joe L. Kidd

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Chairperson: Theodore Holloway, II
Eric DiTonno
Jennifer Turner

PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE: Chairperson: Jennifer Turner
Karen Armistead
Theodore Holloway, II

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT COMMITTEE: Chairperson: Eric DiTonno
Theodore Holloway, II
Joe L. Kidd

CONSTRUCTION AND LICENSING COMMITTEE:
Chairperson: John Giovannitti
Eric DiTonno
Jennifer Turner

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISONS:
Mayor Gary C. Stevenson
Theodore Holloway, II

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded that the Committees be confirmed. Roll call: Ayes: Councilwoman Armistead, Councilman DiTonno, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Teleconference Regular Meeting – December 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
Teleconference Annual Year End Financial Meeting – December 28, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Summary of reports and copies of minutes of meeting.

Councilman Holloway moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to receive, file and approve the minutes and reports. All were in favor of the motion.

COMMUNICATIONS – CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from John J. Vinci, Sr., Gloucester County Utilities Authority, regarding Fiscal Year 2022: GCUA Operating Budget

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

Councilman Holloway moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to receive and file the letters. All were in favor of the motion.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee, Councilman Kidd:

Councilman Kidd discussed the virus and its impact on the in-person Council meetings.

Public Safety Committee, Councilwoman Armistead:

Councilwoman Armistead stated public safety is an important and integral part of the Borough. Public Safety touches every part of the Borough and not just the Police Department.

Public Works Committee, Councilman Holloway:

Councilman Holloway congratulated Councilwomen Turner and Armistead and he couldn't wait to work with them. He also congratulated Councilman Giovannitti on his position as Council President. He feels it will be a productive year.

Public Property Committee, Councilwoman Turner:

Councilwoman Turner stated she is happy to be back on the Council. She feels Council needs to walk the community. She thanked the everyone for the position. She is glad to have an experienced Council President but also feels the Council President seat/position need to be rotated but she is happy to have Council President Giovannitti.

Community Betterment Committee, Councilman DiTonno:

Councilman DiTonno stated he did not have anything to report at this time but he is looking forward to working with Councilwomen Turner and Armistead.

Construction and Licensing Committee, Council President Giovannitti:

Council President Giovannitti stepped away from the Zoom meeting at this time.

ORDINANCES ON INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:

O. #01.22: ORDINANCE TO AMEND PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 34A, "FIRE PREVENTION" OF THE BOROUGH CODE REGARDING ENFORCEMENT OF THE NEW JERSEY UNIFORM FIRE CODE.

Councilman Holloway moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt O. #01.22 on introduction and first reading and schedule the second reading and public hearing on February 1, 2022. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman DiTonno, Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. Abstained: Councilwoman Armistead, Councilwoman Turner. **Motion carried.**

O. #02.21: ORDINANCE AMENDING PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 61, "SEWERS" AND CHAPTER 78, "WATER" OF THE BOROUGH CODE REGARDING WATER AND SEWER RATES AND BILLING. Councilman Holloway moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt O. #02.22 on

introduction and first reading and schedule the second reading and public hearing on February 1, 2022. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. Abstained: Councilwoman Armistead, Councilwoman Turner. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS – BILLS:

R. #01.22: RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2022.

R. #02.22: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PROCEDURE TO PROCESS BILL PAYMENTS THE THIRD WEEK OF EACH MONTH AND THE MONTH OF AUGUST.

CONSENT AGENDA:

R. #03.22: RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.

R. #05.22: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RULES OF ORDER FOR THE CONDUCT OF BOROUGH MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR 2022.

R. #06.22: RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES OF ALL PUBLIC MONIES AND OTHER FUNDS OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE YEAR 2022.

R. #07.22: 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. #08.22: RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR 2022.

R. #09.22: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PETTY CASH FUNDS FOR THE BOROUGH CLERK AND THE CHIEF OF POLICE FOR 2022.

R. #10.22: RESOLUTION APPOINTING CYNTHIA WOOD AS DEPUTY MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR 2022.

R. #11.22: RESOLUTION APPOINTING CAROL MILLIS AS MUNICIPAL COURT RECORDER FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR 2022.

R. #12.22: RESOLUTION APPOINTING SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR 2022.

R. #13.22: RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL OFFICERS FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE YEAR 2022.

R. #14.22: RESOLUTION APPOINTING GEORGE MARRA AS ZONING ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE YEAR 2022.

R. #15.22: RESOLUTION APPOINTING ROBERT DEANGELO AS HEARING OFFICER OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.

R. #16.22: RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELSIE TEDESKI AS CODE OFFICE CLERK/TECHNICAL ASSISTANT/RENTAL REGISTRATION SECRETARY FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.

R. #17.22: RESOLUTION APPOINTING FRANCIS TURTON AS RENTAL PROPERTY INSPECTOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE YEAR 2022.

R. #18.22: RESOLUTION APPOINTING HERMAN SCHOCH AS SAFETY COORDINATOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND YEAR 2022.

R. #19.22: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO APPOINTING SUSAN JACOBUCCI AS FUND COMMISSIONER FOR THE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND FOR THE YEAR 2022.

R. #20.22: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO APPOINTING SUSAN JACOBUCCI AS CLAIMS COORDINATOR OF THE GLOUCESTER, SALEM AND CUMBERLAND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND.

R. #21.22: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO APPOINTING ALTERNATE FUND COMMISSIONER FOR THE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND FOR THE YEAR 2022.

R. #22.22: 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. #23.22: 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. #24.22: RESOLUTION APPOINTING KATHY A. VANSCOY AS PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER AS PER N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.5 FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.

R. #25.22: 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. #26.22: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO PROVIDING FOR INTEREST AND A GRACE PERIOD ON TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2022.

R. #27.22: 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 2022.

Mayor Stevenson questioned if Council wanted to pull R. #04.22 which sets the meeting dates for Council meetings. He asked if Council would like to continue with the zoom format for these meetings due to the spike in Covid-19 and the Omicron variant.

Councilman Holloway moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to pull R. #04.22 from the consent agenda and discuss it later in the meeting. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilman Holloway moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #01.22 to R. #03.22 and R. #05.22 to R. #27.22. Roll call: Ayes: Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Abstained: Councilwoman Armistead. **Motion carried.**

R. #04.22: RESOLUTION SETTING THE DATES, TIME AND PLACE OF THE VARIOUS MEETINGS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE YEAR 2022.

Councilman Holloway felt it was a good idea to continue with the zoom format until the May Council meeting date and revisit it at the April meeting.

Councilwoman Armistead questioned if things get better before then, can the Meeting format be amended?

Mayor Stevenson stated, yes, it can be amended. The Governing Body has to be more safe than sorry.

Councilman Holloway moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #04.22 to set the Council Meeting dates for 2022 with the Zoom format for February, March and April Council meetings. Roll call: Ayes: Councilwoman Armistead, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Raffles/Permits/Firemen's Association Membership Applications:

At this time, there weren't any such permits or applications.

RESOLUTIONS NOT ON CONSENT:

Mayor Stevenson felt Council could vote on R. #28.22 to R. #43.22 as on consent (one vote).

R. #28.22: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2022 FOR A BOROUGH ATTORNEY FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (Maley Givens)

R. #29.22: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2022 FOR LABOR RELATIONS COUNSEL FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (Barker, Gelfand, James & Sarvas)

R. #30.22: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2022 FOR SPECIAL LABOR COUNSEL FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (Barker, Gelfand, James & Sarvas)

R. #31.22: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2022 FOR AUDITING SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (Holt, McNally & Associates.)

R. #32.22: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2022 FOR BOND COUNSEL FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (Parker McCay, P.A.)

R. #33.22: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2022 FOR MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (John Alice, Esq.)

R. #34.22: RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALTERNATE BOROUGH PROSECUTORS.

R. #35.22: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2022 FOR PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (Mark Klargman, Esq.)

R. #36.22: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2022 FOR CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (Stephen Altamuro, Esq. and Michael Smolensky, Esq.)

R. #37.22: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2022 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. #38.22: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2022 FOR REDEVELOPMENT COUNSEL FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (Maley Givens.)

R. #39.22: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2022 FOR GRANT CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (Triad Associates.)

R. #40.22: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2022 FOR A BOROUGH INSURANCE AGENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (Hardenbergh Insurance Group.)

R. #41.22: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2022 FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (Triad Associates.)

R. #42.22: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2022 FOR FINANCIAL ADVISOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (Acacia Financial Group, Inc.)

R. #43.22: 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.

Councilman Holloway moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #28.22 to R. #43.22. Roll call: Ayes: Councilwoman Armistead, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. 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.

Councilman Holloway moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to confirm the above appointments. Roll call: Ayes: Councilwoman Armistead, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.** (Council President Giovannitti was not present on Zoom to vote.)

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 – Jennifer Maden

Councilman Holloway moved and Councilwoman Turner seconded to confirm the appointment. Roll call: Ayes: Councilwoman Armistead, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. 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: John Giovannitti

Alternate Member of Council: Jennifer Turner

Class IV: Citizens:

1. 4 Year Term – Robert DeAngelo
2. Unexpired Term (Ridinger) – Jason Newman – 12/31/2023
3. Unexpired Term (Thomas) – Jennifer Maden – 12/31/2023
4. Unexpired Term Alternate 2 – Larry Haynes – 12/31/2022
5. Alternate 3 – 2 Year Term – Alfonso Giampola
6. Alternate 4 – 2 Year Term – Jack Henderson

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION: Mayor Appoints without Consent of Council:

Alternate 1 – Mayor Stevenson stated he will appoint at the next meeting.

Alternate 2 – Mayor Stevenson stated he will appoint at the next meeting.

Appointment of Mayor's Special Committees:

Lighthouse Committee: Chairperson: Marc Kamp

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

Council President Giovannitti resumed the Zoom Meeting

Mayor Stevenson asked Council President Giovannitti if he had a report to give.

Council President Giovannitti reported the Committee would like to hire a part time employee to get more help in the office. They are updating the Code Book and he will get with Councilwomen Turner and Armistead. He thanked Councilman Holloway for his nomination for Council President.

Administrator's Report:

Administrator Jacobucci congratulated Councilwomen Turner and Armistead. She looks forward to working with them. She reported the Borough had a 95+% collection rate for takes and she is working on the year end. She also looked forward to meeting with the Finance Committee on the 2022 Budget. She will be in touch with Councilwomen Turner and Armistead for their paperwork, pictures, etc.

Mayor Stevenson thanked Administrator Jacobucci.

Engineer's Report:

Letter from Erik K. Biermann, Sickels & Associates, Inc., regarding Maintenance Bond Release – Reconstruction of Pine Street Roadway Improvements, Landberg Construction, LLC. Councilman Holloway moved and Councilwoman Armistead seconded to receive and file the letter. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #44.22: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND PROVIDED BY LANDBERG CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR THE PINE STREET ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

Councilman Holloway moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #44.22. Roll call: Ayes: Councilwoman Armistead, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Borough Engineer Biermann thanked Mayor and Council for their continued confidence and he looked forward to working with the Borough.

Councilwoman Armistead questioned when the West Washington Street project was going to start.

Borough Engineer Biermann stated they are waiting on NJDOT.

Mayor Stevenson thanked Sickels & Associates.

Police Chief's Report:

Chief Kille did not have anything to report. He wished everyone a healthy and safe New Year. He looked forward to working with the new Councilwomen as well as the rest of Council.

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.

Councilman Holloway moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to open the floor to the public at 7:00 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Marc Kamp, 250 West Broad Street, welcomed Councilwomen Turner and Armistead to Council and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Stevenson thanked Mr. Kamp.

Reverend Melvin Orr of Second Baptist Church expressed his gratitude and congratulated Councilwomen Turner and Armistead.

Mayor Stevenson stated the Marine Corp. held their toys for tots this year and he thanked Second Baptist Church and all the churches for the help with the names of families and distribution.

Dan Mahler, Mayor of Wanaque, NJ, congratulated Councilwomen Turner and Armistead on their election and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

There wasn't any further public participation.

Councilman Holloway moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to close the floor to the public at 7:08 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Mayor Stevenson thanked Jim Maley and Emily Givens of Maley Givens.

Solicitor Michael Maley stated he looked forward to working with the Borough again.

Mayor's Annual Statement:

Mayor Stevenson stated the thanked everyone for attending the Zoom meeting. He feels Paulsboro is at a very important crossroad. The Borough has new development coming into the Borough but some other issues are impacting the community. He will briefly touch base on this government's plans in the future to address those issues and concerns. Housing is his top priority and this year the Borough will finally have a builder who will begin building a number of homes on lots the Borough acquired through different processes. The builder has started one on Beacon Avenue with more to come shortly, homes rehabbed and sold to home buyers along with an incentive plan to help them acquire those homes. The Borough will also be a lot bolder in going after landlords who only use the Borough as their personal cash cow. He will be working with the Code officials, Prosecutor, Public Works and Police Department. The Borough has changed outdated ordinances so that there may be a better enforcement and penalties for those said landlords. The Borough has hired another Code Official as well. Borough will be building a new Administrative Building and they have started the process in hiring an Architect. The Port is on its way to providing jobs for the residents and economic boon to the Borough. The Council must realize its potential and use it to the Borough's advantage, which also includes helping the local businesses. The EDA and Port recently formed a partnership with GCIT & Rowan University on training. Once that is finalized, he will announce it and the steps for the residents to apply which will most likely be late Spring. The Borough needs to restart the Route-295 corridor development behind Wawa. It is a wasted opportunity for the Borough to capitalize on its value. There has been some communication with people who are recently interested. The Plaza's 2nd phase is starting to come to fruition after many years of planning. The NJDOT has given their approval to demolish the Plaza around March 1st which is the old K-Mart. There will be new stores such as a mailbox store, a sign store and a nail salon. It was great to have Osteria 545 open up at the former Nino's Restaurant. The West Washington Street project is ready to be done beginning in the Spring. The Borough is also looking at doing North Delaware Street as well and will begin in the spring which the project will be from Delaware Street to Wert Avenue. The Borough will continually look at projects to do but the residents need to keep in mind that these projects take a lot of money.

Borough Engineer Biermann stated the project will cost a total of a little less than five million dollars (\$5,000,000).

Mayor Stevenson stated the Borough tries to do one (1) street every year.

Borough Engineer Biermann stated the Borough has received two (2) grants to do Delaware Street from the Railroad tracks going North.

Mayor Stevenson stated he has great faith in Chief Kille to take whatever steps necessary to fight and curb the crime and build strong community relations.

Chief Kille stated this will include foot beats and bicycle patrols.

Mayor Stevenson implored the residents for their help in fighting the crime.

Chief Kille stated he has received some cooperation.

Mayor Stevenson stated everyone should work together. He congratulated and welcomed the new Council members to the Governing Body and he looked forward to working with them. He has already spoken to them, and they both will bring a wealth of ideas to the table. Councilwomen Turner and Armistead and stated sometimes change is good. He is looking forward to the wealth of their ideas.

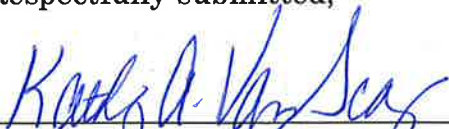
Mayor Stevenson wished everyone a safe and Happy New Year and recognized and thanked Borough Clerk VanScoy, Administrator Jacobucci and the ladies in the front office who all run the town and all the Borough's workers. He asked everyone to be safe and to mask up.

There wasn't any further Borough business.

Councilman Holloway moved and Councilwoman Armistead seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 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 4, 2022 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