

APRIL 5, 2022

PAULSBORO. N.J.

6:00 P.M.

TELECONFERENCE REGULAR MEETING

Council Chamber:

Mayor Stevenson presided at the Teleconference 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 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, 2022.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Teleconference Regular Meeting – March 1, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
Special Meeting – March 22, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Summary of reports and copies of minutes of meeting.

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

COMMUNICATION – CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Gary R. Goss, Jr., President, Paulsboro Little League, requesting permission to hold annual Opening Day Parade on April 9, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. The parade route will begin at the Borough Hall to Billings Avenue and conclude at the Louis Damminger Sports Complex. Councilman Holloway moved and Councilwoman Turner seconded to receive, file and approve the request. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Vincent M. Voltaggio, County Engineer, regarding 2022 Gloucester County Mill and Overlay Program (South Delaware Street, Between Broad Street and Berkley Road). Councilman Holloway moved and Councilwoman Turner seconded to receive and file the letter. All were in favor of the motion.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works Committee: Councilman Holloway, Chairman:

Councilman Holloway stated he didn't have much to report and what he did have to report will be presented by Borough Engineer Biermann during his report.

Community Betterment Committee: Councilman DiTonno, Chairman:

Councilman DiTonno stated the annual spring shredding event will be held on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. as well as the Borough's clean up day from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Also, being held on Saturday, is the Paulsboro Little League Baseball's opening day with a parade at 1:00 p.m. starting at the Borough Hall and continuing to the fields. He congratulated the Youth and High School Sports teams such as the Boys and Girls Basketball teams. He would like to present a proclamation at next month's meeting to the 5th and 6th grade boys basketball teams and the Girls Basketball Team for the winning the Championships. He further informed everyone the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 16th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Fort Billings Park.

Public Property Committee: Councilwoman Turner, Chairwoman:

Councilwoman Turner stated CamCare is requesting to use the parking lot next to the Municipal Building on June 22, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for NJMVC "Agency on Wheels" Program.

Councilwoman Turner moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to approve CamCare the use of the parking lot next to the Municipal Building on June 22, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the above-mentioned event. All were in favor of the motion.

Public Safety Committee: Councilwoman Armistead, Chairwoman:

Councilwoman Armistead reported she has met with the Public Safety Committee and she has met with the Rutgers Study Group on March 10th regarding the PFAS study and the incident with the water in 2009. The Borough has the cleanest water and they are rolling out a study for PFAS. She has also met with Police Chief Kille and Captain Ridinger who informed her they have been shorthanded since 2015. They are overwhelmed with calls and only has 14 Officers. The new Officers use the Borough's Police Department as a training place and then move on to other departments. She felt the entry level pay needs to be reviewed. They talked about other programs such as a mentoring program and the Junior Police Program. The Police Department are doing foot and bicycle patrols and will be more of a presence. She felt the housing situation adds to the problems. The police department needs to recruit and have more diversity on the force and a better relationship through out the town. She discussed the traffic on Swedesboro and Pine Street due to Loudenslager School. She suggested speed bumps. She also discussed the red truck that is parked on Broad Street that blocks the view by Weiss'.

Construction and Licensing Committee: Council President Giovannitti,
Chairman:

Council President Giovannitti stated he is going to have another Code Committee Meeting. The tickets written have increased as a strong code enforcement makes a difference. He would like to see signs in parking lots with a time limit. He will meet next week. He asked everyone if they had any complaint to report their concern on the website.

Mayor Stevenson reported he will have the names of the alternate members for the Historic Preservation Commission at a future meeting. He thanked the Paulsboro Little League for the opening day parade. There will be about 200+ kids who will be participating. He thanked the volunteers, the public works department, etc. The shredding event and the clean up will be on Saturday, April 9th and he stated it is important to see everyone out to help clean the Borough and talk with the business owners. He discussed the Paul House and the Historic Preservation Commission's goal is to make it an historical designation. He has talked with the Public Works Supervisor regarding shoring it up and doing a walk through. He would like to see it called the Museum of Paulsboro.

Councilwoman Turner stated they will be addressing issues regarding the Paul House at the meeting and getting grant money.

Mayor Stevenson stated the grant process is a long process and he is waiting on Dr. Quint to get back.

ORDINANCES ON INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:

There weren't any Ordinance on introduction and first reading at this time.

RESOLUTIONS/TRANSFERS – BILLS:

R. #92.22: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2020 TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE THIRD WEEK OF THE MONTH (March 15, 2022).

R. #93.22: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2021 TEMPORARY BUDGET.

Councilman Holloway moved and Councilwoman Turner seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #92.22 and R. #93.22. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilwoman Armistead, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA:

R. #94.22: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALLOWANCE/DISALLOWANCE OF VETERANS, SENIOR CITIZENS OR DISABILITY DEDUCTIONS. (This Resolution allows or disallows the tax deduction for Veteran, Disability or Senior Citizens.)

R. #95.22: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF AN OVERPAYMENT OF CERTAIN BALANCES ON UTILITY ACCOUNTS. (This Resolution authorizes refund of overpayments to Block 92 Lot 2, 1317 Pine Street - \$25.50 and 1315 Pine Street - \$25.50.)

R. #96.22: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF CERTAIN WATER/SEWER SUBSEQUENT PAYMENT ON LIENS OCCURRING DURING THE STATE MANDATED MORATORIUM, EXECUTIVE ORDER 190. (This Resolution authorizes refunds of subsequent payments made by lienholders due to Executive Order 190.)

R. #97.22: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPORTING AND AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2022 GLOUCESTER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE. (This Resolution adopts the 2022 Gloucester County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update as the Borough's Hazard Mitigation Plan.)

Councilman Holloway moved and Councilwoman Turner seconded to adopt R. #94.22 to R. #97.22. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilwoman Armistead, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Raffles/Permits/Firemen's Association Membership Applications:

Carmel S. Morina Lodge #2580, RA-686, Off-Premise Raffle Application– May 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Carmel S. Morina Lodge #2580, RA-687, Off-Premise Cash Raffle Application– July 4, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

Paulsboro Wrestling Association, #RA-688, On-Premise Raffle (Night at the Races) on May 20, 2022 from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Received Amusement Games Applications for the following (all inspections have been completed):

The Office Bar & Grill
Woodbury Moose Lodge No. 2585
Greater Paulsboro Elks Lodge #575
Bourbon & Brews

Councilman Holloway moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to receive, file the raffle and amusement games applications and approve the licenses. All were in favor of the motion except Councilman DiTonno abstained on the Raffle Licenses for Carmel S. Morina Lodge #2580 and the Paulsboro Wrestling Association and Councilman Holloway abstained on the Amusement Games License for Greater Paulsboro Elks Lodge #575.

RESOLUTIONS NOT ON CONSENT:

There weren't any Resolution not on consent at this time.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

There weren't any Ordinances on second reading at this time.

Administrator's Report:

Administrator's Report stated the Annual Financial Statement is being finalized and she hoped to introduce the 2022 Budget at the May meeting. She recommended adopting an amendment to the Temporary Budget.

R. #100.22: A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2022 TEMPORARY BUDGET ADOPTED ON JANUARY 4TH, 2022 AND FURTHER AMEND THE MARCH 22, 2022 AMENDMENT. Councilman Holloway moved and Councilwoman Turner seconded to adopt R. #100.22. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilwoman Armistead, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Administrator Jacobucci reported on the Tax Collector's report and collections are up and is the highest rate in the last 3-4 years. It is 94%. She gave "kudos" to Tax Collector Georjean Widener and Water and Sewer Clerk Temple McBride. She will be emailing Councilwoman Armistead the Municipal Court reports.

Administrator Jacobucci also reported she is starting preliminary meetings with the Architect for the new Municipal Building. This building has reached its period of usefulness.

Administrator Jacobucci further reported she has received a good response for the Clean up event. The Borough will give the bags, gloves and picker uppers and

the shred machine will be here as well. She further stated there will be about 208-210 players for the Little League parade on the same day. It will be a very festive day.

Memo from George E. Marra, Code/Zoning Department Head, regarding Jeffrey Leach Probationary Period. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to receive and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

Administrator Jacobucci stated the Borough hired a part-time Code Officer and his probationary period has passed. She recommended a promotion from probationary to Part-Time from 10 to 20 hours per week.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilwoman Turner seconded to approve the promotion from probationary to Part-Time. All were in favor of the motion.

Administrator Jacobucci stated if an organization wanted to participate in the clean up event, they have to sign up with 10 people and they will receive 10 bags and \$500.00.

Engineer's Report:

Letter from Erik K. Biermann, Sickels & Associates, regarding Change Order No. 2, Billingsport & Paulsboro Marine Terminal, R.E. Pierson Construction, Co., Inc. in the increased amount of \$264,701.40.

Letter from Erik K. Biermann, Sickels & Associates, Inc., regarding Receipt of Bids and recommendation.

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

R. #98.22: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 IN CONNECTION WITH THE BILLINGSPORT & PAULSBORO MARINE TERMINAL WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (This Resolution authorizes an increase in the Contract amount by \$264,392.10 to include water main sizing, alignment, and length changes necessary to accommodate development of the EEW wind turbine monopile manufacturing facility at the Paulsboro Marine Terminal.) Councilman Holloway moved and Councilwoman seconded to adopt R. #98.22. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilwoman Armistead, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Gloucester Soil Conservation District Application and fee for the NJDOT Local Freight Project in the amount of \$1,945.00. Councilman Holloway moved and Councilwoman Turner seconded to receive, file the application and approve submittal of the application and the fee. All were in favor of the motion.

Receipt of Sealed Bids: Thomson & Paul Avenue Water Main Improvements:

	Base Bid	Alt. Bid	Total
1. Landberg Construction, LLC	\$1,091,992.98	\$20,071.80	\$1,112,064.78
2. R.E. Pierson Cons. Co., Inc.	\$1,137,801.26	\$24,140.90	\$1,161,942.16
3. South State, Inc.	\$1,166,159.00	\$22,440.00	\$1,188,599.00
4. Think Pavers, LLC	\$1,777,924.00	\$27,371.80	\$1,805,295.80

Councilman Holloway moved and Councilwoman Turner seconded to receive, file the bids and spread the bids in the minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #99.22: RESOLUTION AWARDING BID FOR THE THOMSON & PAUL AVENUE WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO LANDBERG CONSTRUCTION, LLC. Councilman Holloway moved and Councilwoman Turner seconded to adopt R. #99.22. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilwoman Armistead, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Councilman Holloway moved and Councilwoman Turner seconded to amend R. #99.22 to conditionally adopt R. #99.22 once funding has been determined as the alternate bid is separate from the USDA funding for the base bid. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilwoman Armistead, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Police Chief's Report:

Memo from Chief Gary Kille regarding resignation of Ptl. Paul Iacovoni. Councilman Holloway moved and Councilwoman Turner seconded to receive and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

Chief Kille stated there are currently two openings in the Department and there are 18 applicants that have applied. He will be holding interviews next Monday and Tuesday. He reported there was a shooting adjacent to the Municipal Building and a 19-year-old man from Penns Grove has been arrested. He also reported the bicycle and foot patrols will start the first week in May for a couple days each week. He has also had a high turnover rate and new guys in the department.

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.

Councilman Holloway moved and Councilwoman Turner seconded to open the floor to the public at 6:50 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Marc Kamp, 250 West Broad Street, stated the Historic Preservation Commission will be submitting two (2) names to serve on the Commission as Alternate Members. Ms. Maden will be contacting them to see if they would like to serve on the Commission. The next HPC meeting is in May. He wanted everyone to know the Council's zoom meetings during COVID has been brought to everyone through the Greater Paulsboro Chamber of Commerce's Zoom account.

Mayor Stevenson and Councilwoman Turner thanked the Chamber for the use of the Zoom account for its meetings.

Mr. Kamp stated the Lighthouse will be open on Easter Day which is the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Erva Macauley, 209 Huff Avenue, stated she saw on the unofficial Web site that there was going to be a town wide yard sale on April 30th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The website is Billingsport Awareness section on Facebook Group.

Councilman DiTonno asked Ms. Macauley to contact him on Facebook regarding this event.

Councilwoman Turner questioned when the Greater Paulsboro Chamber of Commerce meets.

Mr. Kamp stated the Chamber's meetings are social meet and greets and the next meeting that will be held is a luncheon at Osteria 545 on April 27th, 2022.

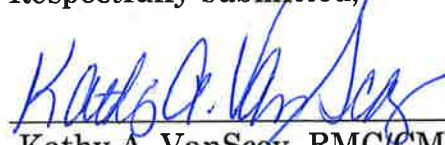
There wasn't any further public participation.

Mayor Stevenson reminded everyone the May 3rd meeting is an In-person meeting so there will be a Workshop (Caucus) at 6:00 p.m. and the Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Holloway moved and Councilwoman Turner seconded to close the floor to the public and adjourn the meeting at 7:01 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 April 5, 2022 and should not be considered a verbatim transcript of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,


Kathy A. VanSoy, RMC/CMC/CMR
Borough Clerk


Gary C. Stevenson, Mayor