

MAY 3, 2022

PAULSBORO, N.J.

6:00 P.M.

CAUCUS MEETING

Council Chamber:

Mayor Stevenson presided at the caucus meeting of Council held on the above date and place.

Borough Clerk VanScoy read the opening statement regarding the Open Public Meetings Act.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR.

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

Mayor Stevenson opened the floor to the public, 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 DiTonno seconded to close the floor to the public. All were in favor of the motion.

Mayor and Council discussed the shared service proposal that was presented by Fire Chief Michael Licciardello at the Special Meeting held on March 22, 2022.

Fire Chief Licciardello stated the Shared Service would be between Paulsboro, Greenwich and East Greenwich Townships. It would staff three (3) firefighters and one (1) officer during the day, Monday through Friday. It would cost \$44,000 per year per town. East Greenwich Township is preparing the agreement and would provide the financial services. Once in the shared service, the Borough can apply for grants and this would assist in the approval process.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Council Holloway seconded to authorize Fire Chief Licciardello to move forward with the Shared Service. All were in favor of the motion.

Fire Chief Licciardello stated he will be submitting monthly reports and also institute a group text program to notify Mayor and Council of any fire activity. He invited Mayor and Council and their significant others to attend the Firefighters Appreciation Dinner on Saturday from 6-10 p.m. where Firefighter Dan Berth will be recognized for 50 years of service.

Councilwoman Armistead stated the Fire Company will be celebrating their 125th Anniversary in 2024.

Fire Chief Licciardello stated they hoped to have a parade to celebrate this milestone.

Fire Chief Licciardello reported there was a brush fire off of Mantua Avenue which there hasn't been one since 2008. It was successfully extinguished.

Borough Engineer Erik Biermann discussed his report that is on the Regular meeting agenda.

Borough Engineer Biermann stated he is requesting release of the Performance and Payment Bonds for the Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) at Well No. 7. The bonds were held onto in lieu of a maintenance bond. He also recommended to Payment No. 8 for the Paulsboro and Billingsport Water Main Project.

Borough Engineer Biermann discussed Sickel's proposal for the NJDOT North Delaware Street Project.

Councilman Holloway stated the proposal will be tabled until the June meeting.

Borough Engineer Biermann asked Council to keep in mind that the Borough will have to be under a contract by the November meeting.

Mayor Stevenson stated statements will be made to the public at the Regular Meeting regarding the recent issues the community has been dealing with.

Council President Giovannitti stated it was a good clean up day event and opening day for the Paulsboro Little League on April 22, 2022. He thanked Officer Sierocinski and Code Enforcement Officer George Marra.

Administrator Jacobucci stated the Tax Collector's report showed the collection was up in April to 95%.

Administrator Jacobucci stated the utility moratorium for water and sewer collection ended on March 15th. June 1st is the deadline to participate in a 12-month payment plan to get current. The application deadline is May 25th.

Administrator Jacobucci reported the Borough will be hiring three (3) positions which are a Full Time Public Works employee, a Part Time tax/finance person and a Full Time Deputy Clerk.

Mayor Stevenson stated a Special Meeting has to be scheduled for May 24th at 6:00 p.m. to introduce the 2022 Budget and negotiations on the EEW Pilot at the Port.

Chief Kille recommended two (2) replacements in the Police Department and he recommended Michael Monts and Bryan Garrett.

There wasn't any further business for the Caucus Meeting.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adjourn the Caucus meeting at 6:47 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

This is a brief summary of the Caucus Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Paulsboro held on May 3, 2022 and should not be considered a verbatim transcript of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



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Borough Clerk



Gary C. Stevenson, Mayor

