

JUNE 8, 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. Absent: 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.

Joe Henry, Hardenbergh Insurance Group, presented the annual JIF "Safety on the Agenda" regarding "Slips, Trips and Falls".

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

Mayor Stevenson stated an agreement has been prepared and there is going to be a meeting next Monday at 7:45 p.m. with the mayors' of each town, the rank and file of the fire departments and Councilwoman Armistead at the Gibbstown Fire Hall.

Administrator Jacobucci stated she has two (2) concerns with the shared service agreement which are as follows:

1. There isn't any money amount in the Agreement and her understanding was it would cost the Borough \$22,000 for this year and \$44,000 per year. There is something in the agreement about paying for a scheduling app.
2. Wouldn't it be easier to say that all three (3) towns will pay the same amounts, and pay into a fund and East Greenwich Township will administer the funds in order to pay the firemen can get paid regularly as opposed to sending out an invoice and then paying them.

Fire Chief Licciardello stated the concern with the app and is used by other fire departments and the cost is per member. Every member would have to have a log in for this app and it ranges from \$4.00 to \$8.00 depending on what the app does. The cost would be between \$600.00 and \$1,000.00 for that app service.

Administrator Jacobucci stated that should be added in the agreement.

Fire Chief Licciardello stated the individuals would be paid on a monthly basis through East Greenwich. The Borough would pay quarterly. There are 77 individuals amongst the three (3) departments that are eligible.

Mayor Stevenson questioned which Station would they work out of.

Fire Chief Licciardello stated whomever the driver of the apparatus would be is which station they are working out of for that day. The Chiefs' will meet to schedule who the month ahead of who would be working.

Fire Chief Licciardello stated he is looking to recruit more members and they will be holding a "Fire and Ice Cream" Social event at Don & Bert's Custard on Tuesday night, June 21st from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. They will have fire prevention materials for the kids, membership applications for the adults/juniors and some free ice cream. They will try to do something like this once a month to get the word out about recruiting in the department. The department continues to train their members on a weekly basis. He is working with the Gloucester County Fire Academy to establish a training calendar for the members.

Administrator Jacobucci stated the 2022 Budget is ready to be introduced. She gave a recap to the 2022 budget. It includes a little over a 10-cent increase. The average home will pay \$107 more and the average home is \$104,544.

R. #135.22: 2022 BUDGET: – Introduction. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to introduce the 2022 budget, schedule the

public hearing on July 12, 2022 and adopt R. #135.22 on introduction. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilwoman Armistead, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #136.22: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to adopt R. #136.22 to discuss the AFSCME Contract negotiations. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilwoman Armistead, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Borough Engineer Biermann stated he has two (2) items on the agenda and they are the proposals for the 2023 NJDOT Municipal Roadway State Aid Application for Beacon Avenue which has to be submitted by the end of July and the 2021 & 2022 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program for the North Delaware Street Roadway Improvement which has to be under contract by November.

Councilman Holloway moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to approve both proposals from Sickels & Associates. All were in favor of the motions.

Solicitor Jim Maley stated he would like to add on the agenda an Ordinance to regulate short term rental properties and he explained the reasoning behind the Ordinance. This will regulate the “pop-up parties” and the houses that are rented for a short term and hold these “party houses”. They would be required to operate as a regular landlord rental lease.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:

O. #08.22: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO TO AMEND CHAPTER 59B OF THE BOROUGH CODE. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt O. #08.22 on introduction and first reading and schedule the second reading and public hearing on July 12, 2022. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilwoman Armistead, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Stevenson stated a Cannabis manufacturing facility is interested in developing behind Wawa which isn't Borough property. He asked Solicitor Maley what would be the process for this type of facility. He wanted to update the Governing Body on this as a person has submitted an application for a cannabis facility and has received a State conditional use license. It would be a manufacturing facility and not a retail facility. It will be located behind the Wawa off of I-295. This is preliminary.

Solicitor Maley stated the Borough only allowed cannabis facilities in the manufacturing zone. That area is not a manufacturing zone. If the Borough wanted to move on this, the Borough could amend the Borough wide Redevelopment Plan to allow that use to happen there which gives the Borough another layer of control. He is in contact with them regarding the redevelopment process and he didn't think they could get a Use Variance from the Land Use Board. He didn't feel the Cannabis statute allows that to happen.

Borough Engineer Biermann discussed the Lodge Avenue paving that was never completed.

Mayor Stevenson stated yes, it would be required by either the owner or the buyer to finish the road and they are aware of this.

Solicitor Maley also stated the Borough would also have to enact the taxes that the State allows the Borough to charge for these types of operations. They have a property tax as well as a 2% tax for revenues. This is a huge money maker for towns.

At 6:47 p.m., Mayor and Council went into Executive Session to discuss the AFSCME contract.

At 7:02 p.m., Mayor and Council commenced the Caucus Meeting.

Councilman DiTonno questioned if Pine Street could be blocked off for the Second Baptist Church's "Juneteenth" celebration.

Mayor Stevenson stated this requested has been previously been asked and the on the advice of the Borough Insurance Group, it has been denied to block off any streets.

Councilman DiTonno stated the Paulsboro Midget Football Organization has requested to rename Sabetta Field to the Daryl DeBerry Sports Complex.

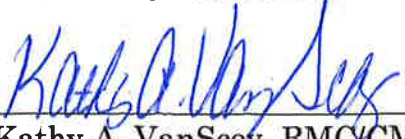
Administrator Jacobucci suggested they write a formal request.

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

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to adjourn the Caucus meeting at 7:07 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 June 8, 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

