

JUNE 8, 2022

PAULSBORO, N.J.

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING

Council Chamber:

Mayor Stevenson presided at the Regular Meeting of Council held on the above date and place.

Mayor Stevenson called the meeting to order.

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

Moment of Silence was held for former Gloucester County Commissioner Director and long-time Council Member Robert Damminger.

Mayor Stevenson asked all those present to join in the salute to the flag, which was conducted by Borough Clerk VanScoy.

Roll call: Council President Giovannitti, Councilwoman Armistead, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Absent: Councilwoman Turner.

Swearing In of Sgt. John Haase.

Sgt. Haase thanked Mayor and Council for their support as well as his family and friends.

The regular meeting was recessed at 7:17 p.m.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR. (Regular Meeting – Agenda item 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.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to open the floor to the public at 7:20 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Tyesha Scott, 10 West Adams Street, questioned if there as a cannabis company coming into the Borough.

Mayor Stevenson stated yes and explained. The Ordinance on the agenda is a taxing ordinance as regulated by the State. It is all very preliminary.

Solicitor Maley stated the actions being taken at this meeting have nothing to do with any specific application with anybody. It is generically putting a taxing structure in as per state law and setting up a process to apply to get an approval for a facility in town.

There wasn't any further public participation at this time.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to close the floor to the public at 7:22 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Caucus Meeting, May 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting, May 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Summary of reports and copies of minutes of meeting.

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

COMMUNICATION – CORRESPONDENCE:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Stevenson stated it was a great Memorial Day Service at the new monument. They honored 30 World War II veterans who were residents of Paulsboro and made the ultimate sacrifice. They had 26 families who attended. He thanked Sickels and everyone who contributed. He also thanked Borough Maintenance Supervisor Herman Schoch and the Public Works Department for cleaning the area beautifully. Next Memorial Day, he would like to see another smaller monument placed to honor the five (5) Paulsboro residents who died in Korea.

Mayor Stevenson discussed the Port Project. The Paulsboro Port has finally begun their training program. They will be holding an informational forum at the Paulsboro Fire House on June 16th and there will be two (2) times, at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Representatives from the State, County, the Port and Europe will be in

there. They will be hiring welders and painters. There will be a video presentation. Training will be done at Gloucester County Institute of Technology. They are willing to pay for the training which will range from \$500.00 to \$800.00. A banner will be placed at the point off of Broad Street regarding the Forum, flyers will be given out and yard signs will be placed around the town. Pre-Registration is required.

Mayor Stevenson asked Marc Kamp to inform the residents regarding the 4th of July Parade.

Marc Kamp, Greater Paulsboro Chamber of Commerce, discussed the 4th of July Parade. The Parade will be held Monday, July 4th starting at the Plaza and will go to the High School. A letter will be sent out next week.

Finance Committee: Councilman Kidd, Chairman:

Councilman Kidd stated he will not be discussing anything regarding finance as he has spoken with the Solicitor and he has a conflict and abstains.

Public Works Committee: Councilman Holloway, Chairman:

Councilman Holloway congratulated Council President Giovannitti and Councilman DiTonno on their election win. He asked the Engineer and the Administrator to give his report.

Community Betterment Committee: Councilman DiTonno, Chairman:

Councilman DiTonno stated the Community Betterment Committee is holding a Sunday Fun Day at the Fort Billings Park this Sunday. Food, fun games, etc. Juneteenth will be held at Second Baptist Church on Saturday, June 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Paulsboro Volunteer Fire Association will hold an Ice Cream Social at Don & Bert's Custard Stand on Tuesday, June 21st from 6:00-8:00 p.m. to recruit volunteers or just to bring the kids out to learn about fire prevention. He congratulated all the kids from Loudenslager and Billingsport schools who had their "moving up" ceremony and the High School Seniors who are graduating.

Construction and Licensing Committee: Council President Giovannitti, Chairman:

Council President Giovannitti thanked Borough Maintenance Supervisor Herman Schoch and the Public Works Department for all the preparation for the Memorial Day Ceremony.

Public Safety Committee: Councilwoman Armistead, Chairwoman:

Councilwoman Armistead felt the Shared Service Program Agreement with the East Greenwich, Greenwich and Paulsboro for daytime firefighting services was very important. The agreement would provide a daytime crew from Monday to Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. She thanked Chief Kille and his department because she has seen an uptick of foot and bicycle patrols. She further reported the Chief, Public Works Supervisor Schoch and herself on looking into redoing, refreshing and implementing new signage where ever needed throughout the town.

ORDINANCES ON INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:

O. #06.22: AN ODINANCE BY THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 72 OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO IMPOSE A TRANSFER TAX ON THE SALE OF CANNABIS BY LICENSED BUSINESSES OPERATING IN THE BOROUGH AND A USER TAX ON CONCURRENT LICENSE HOLDERS OPERATING MORE THAN ONE ESTABLISHMENTS.

O. #07.22: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, TO REGULATE THE PROCESS FOR OBTAINING LOCAL SUPPORT FOR SUITABILITY OF CANNABIS BUSINESS.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt O. #06.22 and O. #07.22 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. Abstained: Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

RESOLUTIONS – TRANSFERS/BILLS:

R. #116.22: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2022 TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE THIRD WEEK OF THE MONTH (May 17, 2022).

R. #117.22: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2022 TEMPORARY BUDGET.

Council President Giovannitti moved Councilman DiTonno seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #116.22 and R. #117.22. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilwoman Armistead, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA:

R. #118.22: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF A DUPLICATE PAYMENTS BY LERETA TAX SERVICE TO THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE TAX YEAR 2021 AND 2022. (This Resolution authorizes a refund to Block 111 Lot 14, 1549 Paul Avenue, in the amount of \$2,094.91 due to a duplicate payment.)

R. 119.22: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF AN OVERPAYMENT BY FOUNDATION TITLE TO THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE TAX YEAR 2022. (This Resolution authorizes a refund to Block 15 Lot 13, 554 Beacon Avenue, in the amount of \$1,267.40 due to an overpayment.)

R. #120.22: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGES. (This Resolution authorizes the discharge of mortgages that were through the RCA Program.)

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #118.22 to R. #120.22. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilwoman Armistead, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Bingos/Raffles/Permits/Firemen's Association Membership Applications:

Paulsboro Day Committee, RA-690, On-Premise Cash Raffle – September 10, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. (Rain Date – September 11, 2022.) Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to receive, file and approve the raffle license. All were in favor of the motion.

Licenses:

Memo from Chief Gary Kille regarding annual Liquor License renewal. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to receive and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #121.22: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE RENEWAL OF A CLUB LICENSE #0814-31-018-002 LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE WOODBURY LODGE #2585 T/A LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE WOODBURY LODGE #2585.

R. #122.22: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE RENEWAL OF A CLUB LICENSE #0814-31-024-002 CARMEL S. MORINA LODGE #2580 SONS OF ITALY IN AMERICA T/A CARMEL S. MORINA LODGE #2580 OF SONS OF ITALY IN AMERICA.

R. #123.22: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE RENEWAL OF A CLUB LICENSE #0814-31-019-001 PAULSBORO SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC. T/A PAULSBORO SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

R. #124.22: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE RENEWAL OF A CLUB LICENSE #0814-31-017-001 GREATER PAULSBORO LODGE 575 I.B.P.O.E. OF W. T/A GREATER PAULSBORO LODGE 575 I.B.P.O.E. OF W.

R. #125.22: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE RENEWAL OF A PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE #0814-44-007-007 MA BHADRA, LLC T/A HANY'S LIQUORS.

R. #126.22: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE RENEWAL OF A PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE #0814-44-002-008 RJ PREET LIQUORS, LLC T/A BURT'S LIQUORS.

R. #127.22: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE RENEWAL OF A PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE #0814-33-006-009 MARILYN T. HESS T/A ALIBI INN.

R. #128.22: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE RENEWAL OF A PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE #0814-33-013-015 OSTERIA 545, LLC T/A OSTERIA 545 ITALIAN KITCHEN & BAR.

R. #129.22: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE RENEWAL OF A PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE #0814-32-010-005 BILLINGSPORT SPIRITS T/A BOURBON AND BREWS.

R. #130.22: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE RENEWAL OF A PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE #0814-33-008-012 KENNETH HAYNES, SR. T/A RIVERSIDE INN.

R. #138.22: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE RENEWAL OF A PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE #0814-33-011-004 LAWRENCE-SHACKLOCK ENTERPRISES, INC. T/A THE OFFICE BAR & GRILL.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #121.22 to R. #130.22 and R. #138.22 with the conditions as recommended by Chief Kille on R. #124.22 (updated membership list), R. #127.22 (Must open one (1) day per month for four (4) to six (6) hours to remain active), R. #128.22 (same conditions as previous renewals), R. #129.22 (same conditions as previous renewals) and R. #130.22 (same conditions as previous renewals). Roll call: Ayes: Council

President Giovannitti (abstained on R. #122.22 and R. #123.22), Councilwoman Armistead, Councilman DiTonno (abstained on R. #122.22), Councilman Holloway (abstained on R. #124.22), Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. Abstained: Council President Giovannitti (R. #122.22 and R. #123.22), DiTonno (R. #122.22) and Councilman Holloway (R. #124.22). **Motion carried.**

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

Administrator's Report:

Administrator Jacobucci the MEL, Municipal Excess Liability Insurance is asking Council to adopt a Resolution of support as recommended by the MEL for CAP Exception Relief Legislation.

R. #137.22: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN APPROPRIATIONS AND LEVY CAP EXEMPTION FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD FOR INCREASES IN LIABILITY, WORKER'S COMPENSATION, CYBER LIABILITY AND PROPERTY INSURANCE. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to adopt R. #137.22. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilwoman Armistead, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Administrator Jacobucci stated the Public Works Department is in need of some equipment which can be purchased through a State Contract. This equipment includes: 12K 2 Post Lift (3027.80 lbs), Stack adapter Kit, Stack Adapter 6 in, Installation charges, 220A Workhorse MIG Welder (296 lbs) and Solos Legend 22.2 Automobile Analyzer (7 lbs). There is money available in one of the ordinances and in the Capital Improvement fund.

R. #131.22: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN ITEMS FOR PUBLIC WORKS FROM SNAP-ON INDUSTRIAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE CONTRACT PURCHASING PROTOCOLS. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #131.22. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilwoman Armistead, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Engineer's Report:

Letter from Erik K. Biermann, Sickels & Associates, regarding Proposal for Professional Services for 2021 & 2022 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program for the North Delaware Street Roadway Improvements – Phases I & II.

Letter from Erik K. Biermann, Sickels & Associates, regarding Proposal for Professional Services for the 2023 NJDOT Municipal Roadway State Aid Application.

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

Borough Engineer Biermann reported the Borough authorized both proposals which are for the following projects:

1. Submission of a new application to NJDOT for 2023 Roadway Improvements for a portion of Beacon Avenue project.
2. 2021-2022 Roadway Improvement for the North Delaware Street project from the Railroad Tracks going North but short of Billingsport Road. The construction contract has to be awarded by the November 2022 meeting.

Borough Engineer Biermann also reported they are currently processing the contracts for Thomson and Paul Avenues water main and road improvement project and the West Washington Street project.

Police Chief's Report:

Memo from Chief Gary Kille regarding resignation of Ptl. Joshua Graham.

Memo from Chief Gary Kille regarding request conditional office of employment to the position of SLEO Class II of Joseph A. Baron.

Memo from Chief Gary Kille regarding request to hire Full-Time Police Officer.

Memo from Chief Gary Kille regarding notification of Major Purchase.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to receive and file the above memos. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #132.22: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO TO EXTEND A CONDITIONAL OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT TO CHRISTOPHER MORAN AS NEW PROBATIONARY PATROL OFFICER WITHIN THE PAULSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #132.22. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilwoman Armistead, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #133.22: RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER CLASS II SLEO FOR THE BOROUGH OF

PAULSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT. (Joseph Baron.) Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #133.22. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilwoman Armistead, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #134.22: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF AN AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION SYSTEM (ALPR) AND ALL RELATED HARDWARE FOR THE PAULSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE CONTRACT PURCHASING PROTOCOLS. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #134.22. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilwoman Armistead, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

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.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to open the floor to the public at 7:48 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Theresa Cooper, 300 West Buck Street, questioned if the trash and recycling are to be collected in one (1) day.

Administrator Jacobucci stated yes, and it saved the Borough money because they only have to come into town one day.

Ms. Cooper stated but they aren't picking up in one day.

Administrator Jacobucci stated they are having problems with getting personnel.

Ms. Cooper felt an update should go out to the residents regarding the trash and recycling collection. She also wanted to bring up about the water bill and the Covid money.

Administrator Jacobucci explained the first \$75,000 for COVID was to pay for personal protection equipment such as masks, sanitizer, etc. The second funding was called the Recovery Act funding which the Borough got \$612,000. The Borough received \$306,000 last year and hopefully the Borough will receive \$306,000 this year. The money was used last year on Police retention, loss of income from the interest on the water bills, it was used on infrastructure costs and more on the loss of income. Once the second phase of the money is received, the Borough will have to

send in a report to the US Treasury regarding the usage of the funds. She explained the water bill did go up, it went up from \$77.00 to \$79.00 and the sewer bill is up to \$91.50.

Ms. Cooper applauds the Police Department for what they have to deal with because of the housing in Paulsboro. She is on the School Board and the amount of money the school has to pay as a result of the housing problem Paulsboro has, its crazy.

Mary Harris, 265 Vanneman Boulevard, thanked Councilwoman Armistead regarding the review of signs in town. There is a stop sign off of Berkley Road that no one stops at because it sits far away from Berkley Road. She asked if they could look into moving the sign down more towards the intersection.

Dr. Anthony Villari, 560 Mantua Avenue, stated his statement and questions are geared toward the Mayor and Susan Jacobucci. He asked when he would get an answer from his October 11, 2021 letter.

Mayor Stevenson questioned what this had to do with and he thought they spoke about this and asked if this all had to do with the water bill at the Doctor's Office.

Administrator Jacobucci stated the doctor's office is a house with an office and is considered 1½ units.

Mayor Stevenson stated Dr. Villari stated he was told by a previous Official that he shouldn't be charged. The Borough researched it and Dr. Villari and the Mayor talked about it and he has talked with former officials and no one knows anything about Dr. Villari not be charged for 1½ units. He has talked about this matter with the Administrator and the Water person and the Borough cannot make the billing any different for Dr. Villari than any other place in town that has a residence and a business in it. The Borough has to charge Dr. Villari for 1.5 units. He has asked the former official if there was something in writing but he hasn't seen anything.

Dr. Villari asked where is the answer to his letter. It has been nine (9) months.

Mayor Stevenson stated he has been waiting for this so-called document showing Dr. Villari isn't to be billed the 1.5 units for his office but if Dr. Villari wants the right answer then he will be billed the 1.5 units.

Dr. Villari asked for Mayor Stevenson and or Administrator Jacobucci to put the right answer in writing. He doesn't want a verbal response; he wants the response in writing.

Mayor Stevenson stated they will get him the letter stating said facts.

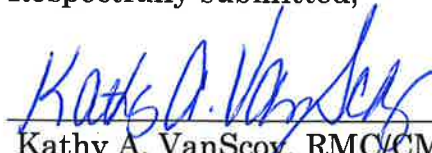
There wasn't any further public participation.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to close the floor to the public at 8:02 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.


Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 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 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

