

**STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER:

STATEMENT OF

ADVERTISEMENT:

PRAYER & PLEDGE

OF ALLEGIANCE:

Notice of this meeting has been provided to the Courier Post, and Record Breeze along with being posted on the Borough Hall Bulletin Board stating the time and place of the meeting.

ROLL CALL:

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PRESENT

THOMAS D. ANGELUCCI, MAYOR

JOHN GENTLESS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

PHIL MESISCA, COUNCILMAN

MIKE PEREZ, COUNCILMAN

JULIE GALEZNIAK, COUNCILWOMAN

WALT BAXTER, COUNCILMAN

STEVE VENUTO, COUNCILMAN

JEFFREY BARON, SOLICITOR

JOHN D. KEENAN, JR. BOROUGH CLERK

MEETING OPENED
TO THE PUBLIC:

Meeting is opened to the public for a maximum of 10 minutes to discuss anything appearing on tonight's agenda. You may also speak at the end of the meeting under Good and Welfare.

Nothing was discussed

PRESENTATIONS:

Girl Scout Troops #95, 150, and 504 – Clean-up of Borough Gardens

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES:

March 13, 2007, Regular Meeting

On motion of Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilman S. Venuto with all ayes on the vote with Councilman M. Perez abstaining.

April 05, 2007, Agenda Meeting

On motion of Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilwoman J. Galezniak with all ayes on the vote with Councilman M. Perez abstaining.

April 10, 2007, Regular Meeting

On motion of Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilman S. Venuto with all ayes on the vote with Councilman M. Perez abstaining.

April 18, 2007, Special Meeting

On motion of Councilman S. Venuto, seconded by Councilman J. Gentless with all ayes on the vote with Councilman M. Perez abstaining.

May 03, 2007, Agenda Meeting

On motion of Councilman S. Venuto, seconded by Councilman J. Gentless with all ayes on the vote with Councilman M. Perez abstaining and Councilman P. Mesisca absent.

May 08, 2007, Regular Meeting

On motion of Councilwoman J. Galezniak, seconded by Councilman J. Gentless with all ayes on the vote with Councilman M. Perez abstaining.

May 23, 2007, Special Meeting
 On motion of Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilwoman J. Galezniak with all ayes on the vote with Councilman M. Perez abstaining and Councilman P. Mesisca absent.

**REPORTS:
 FINANCE &
 REVENUE:**

Councilman J. Gentless read the Financial Report as submitted by the CFO as follows:

BALANCE MAY 1, 2007	\$ 175,227.78
Total Receipts	2,452,797.56
Total Disbursements	2,202,233.78
BALANCE MAY 31, 2007	425,791.56
SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNT BALANCES MAY 31, 2007	
Municipal Alliance	31,617.54
Animal Control	6,793.03
Public Assistance I	2,400.13
K-9	186.45
General Capital	1,143,953.16
Developers Escrow	12,507.62
POAA	1,392.00
Special Law Enforcement Trust	7,451.55
UCC/LEA Trust	43,820.46
Uniform Fire Safety	14,443.96
Tax Title Lien	251,448.82
Trust Other	20,778.07

**EMERGENCY
 SERVICES:**

Councilman Phil Mesisca read the Ambulance report for May, 2007 as follows:

The Fire Report for May and June will be read next month.

PUBLIC EVENTS:

Councilwoman J. Galezniak, acting Director for the pageant, reported this year is the 50th year and hope to have a nice turn out. She also reported that there will be two (2) bands in the 4th of July parade, the JFK Band and the Sterling High School Marching Band. The business organizations will have tables at the field and music as well.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Steve Venuto read the police activity report as submitted by Chief Ron Morello as follows:

Adult Arrests	53	Juvenile Arrests	07
Assaults to Police	02	Simple Assault Complaint	03
Criminal Mischief Complaints	12	Harassment Complaints	12
Other Investigations & Complaints	54	Burglaries	02
Robberies	02	Thefts \$4280.	11
Stolen Property Recovered \$1880.00		Motor Vehicle Thefts	01
DWI Arrests	15	Narcotics Arrests	08
Traffic Summonses issued	502	Motor Vehicle Accidents	32
Injuries from Car Accidents	07	Alarm Activations	33
Manpower hours worked	2140	Total crime reports taken	97
Total calls for Police Service	707		

**PUBLIC WORKS
 & LIGHTING:**

Councilwoman Julie Galezniak reported that the Public Works Department is cutting grass and cutting grass on vacant properties as well. Watering the gardens, chipping being done every other week. Ready for Memorial Day

services, flags changed on Warwick Road. New water line and electric conduit line installed for the War Memorial area. Storm drains are cleaned. Emergency road repairs on Harvard Avenue and another issue on Evergreen Road.

ORDINANCE & PROPERTY:

Councilman Walt Baxter read there are twelve (12) Resolutions and four (4) Ordinances on for tonight’s meeting. He also reported that the Public Works Department will begin work on equipment repairs for the Parks Department and mulch is going in place. Approval was given for the carpet to be installed at the borough hall.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ord.2007:10 PREVIOUSLY TABLED:

Ordinance 2007:10 – Regulating Rental Properties
 On motion of Councilman S. Venuto, seconded by Councilman P. Mesisca with all ayes on the roll call vote, with Councilman J. Gentless abstaining, as follows:
 Councilman S. Venuto yes Councilman P. Mesisca yes
 Councilman J. Gentless abstain Councilman M. Perez yes
 Councilwoman J. Galezniak yes Councilman W. Baxter yes

Res.2007:81

Resolution 2007:81 – Public Hearing for Ordinance 2007:10

RESOLUTION 2007:81

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE 2007:10

BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Members of Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the 10th day of July, 2007 8:00 PM be set for the date and time of the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2007:10 and;
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that final reading and adoption shall be set for the 10th day of July, 2007 at 8:00 PM.

Ord.2007:11

Ordinance 2007:11 – Amend Salary Ordinance 2007:07
 Clerk presented proof of publication. Meeting was opened to the public.
 -Jerry McKee of Laureba Avenue questioned when did the Authority end? Borough Clerk, John Keenan, stated the Authority ended the end of February, the Utility began January 1, 2007.
 -Agnes Moore questioned if salary can be used elsewhere. John Keenan explained lines cannot be moved until November and December at the end of the year. Again questioned the amount of salary, John Keenan stated \$10,123.78.
 After ample time and no more questions asked the meeting was closed to the public.
 On motion to finally adopt was made by Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilman S. Venuto with the roll call vote as follows:
 Councilman J. Gentless yes Councilwoman J. Galezniak yes
 Councilman S. Venuto yes Councilman W. Baxter yes
 Councilman P. Mesisca no Councilman M. Perez abstain

ORDINANCE 2007:11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2007:07 ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD, CAMDEN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that Ordinance 2007:07 establishing the salaries of the Officers and Employees of the Borough of Stratford be amended as follows:

SECTION 1.

The salaries of the officers and employees below name in the adopted Salary Ordinance 2007:07 are to be deleted in whole with no salary:

TITLE	COMPENSATION
Utility Administrator	\$10,123.78

SECTION 2.

All ordinance or parts of ordinance inconsistent with the terms thereto, be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent, however, as such inconsistency only.

SECTION 4.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, do hereby certify the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and approval at a Regular meeting held of Stratford Borough Council held on the 8th day of May, 2007, and will be considered for final passage after a public hearing at a meeting of Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford to be held on the 12th day of June, 2007 at 8:00 pm.

John D. Keenan, Jr., R.M.C.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ord.2007:12 Ordinance 2007:12 – Amend Bond Ordinance To Fund Fire Equipment, Building Improvements & Park Equipment.

The Ordinance was read by title. A motion was made to approve on first reading by Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilwoman J. Galezniak with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

Councilman S. Venuto	yes	Councilman P. Mesisca	yes
Councilman J. Gentless	yes	Councilman M. Perez	yes
Councilwoman J. Galezniak	yes	Councilman W. Baxter	yes

MOTION CARRIED

Res.2007:105 Resolution 2007:105 – Public Hearing for Ordinance 2007:12
On motion of Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilwoman J. Galezniak with all ayes on the vote.

RESOLUTION 2007:105

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE 2007:12

BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Members of Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the 10th day of July, 2007 8:00 PM be set for the date and time of the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2007:12 and; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that final reading and adoption shall be set for the 10th day of July, 2007 at 8:00 PM.

Res.2007:106 Resolution 2007:106 – Maintenance Liens – B.17, L.11; B.17, L.6&7; B.48, L.4
On motion of Councilwoman J. Galezniak, seconded by Councilman W. Baxter with all ayes on the vote.

RESOLUTION 2007:106

WHEREAS, there exists vacant properties in the Borough of Stratford; and
WHEREAS, the last known record owner has been duly notified to maintain the property;
and

WHEREAS, the property is not maintained per the Borough of Stratford Code; and
WHEREAS, Stratford Public Works had to be utilized to maintain the property; and
WHEREAS, the following property amount are due for services rendered:

Block 17, Lot 6 & 7	4 Columbia Avenue	\$100.00
Block 17, Lot 11	11 Cornell & White Horse Pike	\$150.00
Block 48, Lot 4	Princeton School, Princeton Avenue	\$200.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council to authorize a lien on the above noted properties for the work completed by the Borough on behalf of the property owner.

Res.2007:107 Resolution 2007:107 – Authorize Municipal Aid Application – Pennsylvania Avenue
On motion of Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilwoman J. Galezniak with all ayes on the vote.

Res.2007:108 Resolution 2007:108 – Authorize Sterling Municipal Alliance Application 2008 - \$31,728.
On motion of Councilwoman J. Galezniak, seconded by Councilman J. Gentless with all ayes on the vote.

RESOLUTION 2007:108

WHEREAS, the Stratford Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and,

WHEREAS, the Stratford Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuse in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Stratford Borough Council has applied for funding the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Camden;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stratford Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Stratford Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of an application for the Sterling Municipal Alliance Grant for Calendar year 2008 in the amount of \$31,728.
2. The Stratford Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

APPROVED: Thomas D. Angelucci

CERTIFICATION

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a resolution duly authorized by the Borough of Stratford on this 12th day of June, 2007.

Res.2007:109 Resolution 2007:109 – Award Borough Hall Carpet Quote – Bill’s Carpet \$3,995.00
On motion of Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilwoman J. Galezniak with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

Councilman S. Venuto	yes	Councilman P. Mesisca	yes
Councilman J. Gentless	yes	Councilman M. Perez	yes
Councilwoman J. Galezniak	yes	Councilman W. Baxter	yes

RESOLUTION 2007:109

WHEREAS, the Borough Hall is in need of new carpeting; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Property has received proposals for the new carpeting; and

WHEREAS, the cost is less than the bid threshold, and more than one quote was received; and

WHEREAS, the low quote is from Bill’s Carpet in the Amount of \$3,995.00,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to award the carpet proposal to Bill’s Carpet in the amount of \$3,995.00.

Res.2007:110 Resolution 2007:110 – Award Professional Services Contract – Deborah Anderson AIA \$4,500.
On motion of Councilman S. Venuto, seconded by Councilman J. Gentless with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

Councilman S. Venuto	yes	Councilman P. Mesisca	yes
Councilman J. Gentless	yes	Councilman M. Perez	yes
Councilwoman J. Galezniak	yes	Councilman W. Baxter	yes

Res.2007:113 Resolution 2007:113 – Refund Tax Overpayment B. 41, L. 3
 On motion of Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilman W. Baxter with all ayes on the vote.

RESOLUTION 2007:113

WHEREAS, an overpayment was received in the Tax Collector’s office for Block 41, Lot 3 k- 217 E. Laurel Road;
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that the amount of 2,359.50 be disbursed to Toejam Real Estate Investment Company.

Res.2007:114 Resolution 2007:114 – Reduce Minimum Bid – 1978 Fire Pumper Truck - \$3,700.
 On motion of Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilwoman J. Galezniak with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

Councilman S. Venuto	yes	Councilman P. Mesisca	yes
Councilman J. Gentless	yes	Councilman M. Perez	yes
Councilwoman J. Galezniak	yes	Councilman W. Baxter	yes

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford previously authorized the sale of the 1978 Ford Chassis Cab Fire Pumper; and
 WHEREAS, the Borough has no use for the old Fire Pumper which the borough replaced with a new pumper; and
 WHEREAS, the previous minimum bid amount should be reduced at this time since no bids have been received for the following vehicle:

1978 Ford Chassis Cab Pumper VIN D80DVAJ9183 Min. Bid \$3,700.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford to authorize the Clerk to sell at Public Auction the 1978 Fire Pumper listed above for a minimum price of \$3,700.00

Ord.2007:15 Ordinance 2007:15 – Amend 2007 Salary Ordinance –Fire Official & Non-Life Hazard Inspector
 The Ordinance was read by title. A motion was made to approve on first reading by Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilman W. Baxter with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

Councilman S. Venuto	yes	Councilman P. Mesisca	yes
Councilman J. Gentless	yes	Councilman M. Perez	yes
Councilwoman J. Galezniak	yes	Councilman W. Baxter	yes

MOTION CARRIED

Res.2007:115 Resolution 2007:115 – Public Hearing for Ordinance 2007:15
 On motion of Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilwoman J. Galezniak with all ayes on the vote.

RESOLUTION 2007:115

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE 2007:15

BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Members of Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the 10th day of July, 2007 8:00 PM be set for the date and time of the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2007:15 and;
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that final reading and adoption shall be set for the 10th day of July, 2007 at 8:00 PM.

Res.2007:116 Resolution 2007:116 – Remove Senior Citizen Tax Deduction B. 114, L. 1.02 C0069
 On motion of Councilman W. Baxter, seconded by Councilwoman J. Galezniak with all ayes on the vote.

RESOLUTION 2007:116

WHEREAS, all eligibility requirements for a SENIOR CITIZEN tax deduction for the year 2007 have not been met due to the sale of the property by the following residents:

BLOCK	LOT	NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT
114	1.02C0069	Doris McCormack	4C Sterling Terrace	250.00

Res.2007:117 Resolution 2007:117 – Grant Agreement between Stratford Borough and the State of NJ Department of Environmental Protection
 On motion of Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilwoman J. Galezniak with all ayes on the vote.

RESOLUTION 2007:117

The governing body of Stratford Borough desires to further the public interest by obtaining a grant from the State of New Jersey in the amount of approximately \$25,000 to fund the following project:

2006 Community Forestry Stewardship Incentive Program Grant Phase I

Therefore, the governing body resolves that Thomas D. Angelucci or the successor to the office of Mayor is authorized (a) to make application for such a grant, (b) if awarded, to execute a grant agreement with the State for a grant in the amount not less than \$25,000 and not more than \$25,000, and (c) to execute any amendments thereto which do not increase the Grantee’s obligations.

The Stratford Mayor and Council authorizes and hereby agrees to match 25% of the Total Project Amount, in Compliance with the match requirements of the agreement. The availability of the match for such purposes, whether cash, services, or property, is hereby certified. 5.6% of the match will be made up of in-kind services (if allowed by grant program requirements and the agreement).

The Grantee agrees to comply with all applicable federal, State, and municipal laws, rules, and regulations in its performance pursuant to the agreement.

Introduced and passed June 12, 2007

Ayes: 6
 Noes: 0
 Absent: 0

*The portion of this form between the asterisks should only be completed if matching funds are required under the terms of the agreement. Where in-kind services are allowed and are stipulated by the Grantee, an attachment must be provided and appended hereto, breaking out the in-kind services to be provided by the Grantee.

MERCANTILE LICENSE: Black Belt Karate Academy LLC, 104 Warwick Road
 On motion of Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilman S. Venuto with all ayes on the vote. The Mercantile License was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Be it resolved to approve payment of bills numbered from #16957 to #17107 and check #1217 - 1219
 On motion of Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilwoman J. Galezniak with all ayes on the vote. The Bills were approved.

GOOD & WELFARE: -Jerry McKee of Laureba Avenue thanked the Girl Scouts for all the work. He also asked about insurance coverage requirements for rental units. The Solicitor stated we can not require or regulate insurance coverage.
 -Agnes Moore of Laureba Avenue question satellite dishes and locations. The solicitor responded that he reviewed this and stated the location is allowed per Federal law as a communication device since it needs a certain exposure.
 Is Suburban Terrace going to get done by SJ Gas Company? Mayor stated SJ Gas is only responsible for patching the road. The Borough is hoping to use funds given by SJ Gas to offset the cost of paving Suburban Terrace.
 Is Laureba Park going to be done. Councilwoman J. Galezniak stated the old black top and fence should be removed.

-Harry Berry of Cornell Avenue questioned boarding houses. The Solicitor stated family unit living is allowed and share common areas such as kitchen and bathrooms.

-Donna Tomkinson questioned the street light issue with large trees blocking the light. The Borough will contact Atlantic City Electric to possibly trim the tree. She also spoke about basketball playing in the streets. She was more concerned with the children not moving when cars are coming.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilman S. Venuto with all ayes on the vote, the meeting was adjourned.

John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC