

**STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 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:

ROLL CALL:  
PRESENT  
MAYOR THOMAS D. ANGELUCCI  
JOHN GENTLESS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
MATT REBECCA, COUNCILMAN  
PHIL MESISCA, COUNCILMAN  
JULIE GALEZNIAK, COUNCILWOMAN  
STEVE VENUTO, COUNCILMAN  
JEFFREY BARON, SOLICITOR  
JOHN D. KEENAN, JR. BOROUGH CLERK  
ABSENT  
WALT BAXTER, COUNCILMAN

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 under this section.

APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES:

February 08, 2007 Agenda Meeting  
On motion of Councilman M. Rebecca, seconded by Councilwoman J. Galezniak with all ayes on the vote, the minutes were approved.

February 13, 2007 Regular Meeting  
On motion of Councilwoman J. Galezniak, seconded by Councilman J. Gentless with all ayes on the vote, the minutes were approved.

REPORTS:  
FINANCE &  
REVENUE:

Councilman John Gentless read the report as submitted by the CFO for the month of February 2007 as follows:

BALANCE FEBRUARY 1, 2007	2,437,145.02
Total Receipts	2,423,480.55
Total Disbursements	3,983,852.40
BALANCE FEBRUARY 28, 2007	876,842.73
Schedule of Account Balances February 28, 2007	
Municipal Alliance	31,567.54
Animal Control	6,797.07
Public Assistance I	2,400.13
K-9	617.35
General Capital	1,985,872.01
Developers Escrow	8,607.62
POAA	1,390.00
Special Law Enforcement Trust	9,235.61
UCC/LEA Trust	34,630.35
Uniform Fire Safety	12,896.92
Tax Title Lien	274,242.21
Trust Other	25,128.07

**EMERGENCY SERVICES:** Councilman Phil Mesisca read the Ambulance Association report as submitted by the Ambulance Association as follows: Report not available at this time. He also stated a savings of \$5,000-by having volunteers.  
 Councilman P. Mesisca read the Fire Company report as submitted by the Fire Captain as follows:  
 The Stratford Fire Department responded to thirty-three (33) Alarms and held two (2) drills.  
 And stated based on an average firefighter’s pay in Southern New Jersey, the department saved 10,000 for the month.

**PUBLIC EVENTS:** Councilman Matt Rebecca stated they had the first meeting for public events and will have the exact dates at the next meeting.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Steve Venuto read the Police Activity for the month of February, 2007 as submitted by Chief R. Morello as follows:

Adult Arrests	36	Juvenile Arrests	05
Assaults to Police	02	Simple Assault Complaint	03
Criminal Mischief Complaints	02	Harassment Complaints	12
Other Investigations & Complaints	32	Burglaries	04
Robberies	--	Thefts	\$35,011.00 08
Stolen Property Recovered	\$33,075.00	Motor Vehicle Thefts	02
DWI Arrests	10	Narcotics Arrests	07
Traffic Summonses issued	361	Motor Vehicle Accidents	30
Injuries from Car Accidents	04	Alarm Activations	30
Manpower hours worked	2140	Total crime reports taken	68
Total Calls for Police Service	707		

He also spoke of the March 14<sup>th</sup> Public Forum about the liquor referendum.

**PUBLIC WORKS & LIGHTING:** Councilwoman Julie Galezniak reported there were two (2) winter storms in February and spoke of overtime by the Department of Public Works. The chipper should be out as well as metal pick up on an every other week basis. There are 24 tons of salt still remaining in stock. The plows are all repaired for next year. The parks and streets are currently being cleaned up. A trash meeting among neighboring towns is to take place next week. The Municipal Alliance, March 28, senior lunch being given for free. Sterling High School’s spring musical is being held the end of March. This Saturday at borough hall, girl scouts are to clean up parks. The high school is holding a presentation about abuse on March 15 and 16.

**ORDINANCE & PROPERTY:** Councilman Walt Baxter absent and Councilman J. Gentless read that there were seventeen (17) Resolutions and five (5) Ordinances.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Ord.2007:04 Ordinance 2007:04 - Amend Chapter 6.04 – Increase Dog Fees to \$15.00  
 Clerk shows proof of publication. The meeting was opened to the public and after ample time, the meeting was closed to the public. Motion to finally adopt was made by Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilwoman J. Galezniak with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

**ORDINANCE 2007:04**

AMEND CHAPTER 6.04 DOGS AND CATS 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 the following be amended:  
 SECTION 1.

As established in Chapter 6.04 of the Stratford Borough Code entitled Dogs and Cats, Section 6.04.030 Application for licenses and registration – License Tag. Part B.

Part B.

Said applicant shall pay therefore an annual license fee; and fifteen dollars eighty cents (\$15.80) for a non-neutered or non-spayed dog, plus all state fees due. If any owner of a dog shall submit a certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian stating that the dog has been spayed or neutered, then the annual license fee shall be the sum of thirteen dollars eighty cents (\$13.80) for a spayed or neutered dog, plus all state fees due.

Part C.

Said applicant shall pay therefore an annual license fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for a cat, plus all state fees due. If any owner of a cat shall submit a certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian stating that the cat has been spayed or neutered, then the annual license fee shall be the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), plus all state fees due.

SECTION 2.

This will take effect with fees collected on and after January 01, 2008.

SECTION 3.

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 January 01, 2008 upon passage and publication according to law.

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Mayor Thomas D. Angelucci

**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 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2007 at 8:00 pm.

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

Ord.2007:05

Ordinance 2007:05 – Amend Chapter 10.16 – Prohibit Motor Homes  
R-2 Zone Parking in Front Driveway Only

Clerk shows proof of publication. The meeting was opened to the public. Harry Berry asked about visitors to residents. The Clerk stated they are allowed with a police permit for seven (7) days. Agnes Moore inquired about the second reading for Chapter 10.16. Then after ample time, the meeting was closed to the public. Motion to finally adopt was made by Councilman M. Rebecca, seconded by Councilman S. Venuto with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

**ORDINANCE 2007:05**

**AMEND CHAPTER 10.16 PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES  
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 the following be amended:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 10.16 entitled Parking in Residential Zones, Section 10.16.010 Definitions.

Add:

“Storage”, within the meaning of this provision shall refer to placement for more than seven (7) days. Temporary parking of recreational vehicles shall be permitted in residential zones upon application to the Police Department for a temporary parking permit which may be issued for a period not to exceed seven (7) days. Active loading or

unloading of recreational vehicles shall not constitute temporary parking and is permitted with a temporary parking permit in residential zones.

**SECTION 2.**

Chapter 10.16 of the Stratford Borough Code entitled Parking in Residential Zones, Section 10.16.060 Storage of recreational vehicles.

The outdoor storage of recreational vehicles is permitted only upon the following conditions:

- A. Such storage shall not be located in any front yard only one such trailer, small boat or camper-trailer shall be permitted to be stored.
- B. Any such vehicle stored in accordance with this section shall not be occupied and shall not be provided with utility connections other than for the maintenance of such vehicle.
- C. Any trailer, small boat or camper-trailer or stored in side or rear yard shall meet the applicable zoning district regulations governing setbacks for accessory buildings from property lines and buildings.

**SECTION 2.**

Create a new Section 10.16.070:

Prohibited in Residential Zones:

- A. Boats in excess of twenty-one (21) feet or more in length as measured from outside dimensions, including hitching devices, unless they are stored within an enclosed building at all times.

Motor homes with a height of 10 feet or more, and a length equal or greater than 28 feet, unless they are stored within an enclosed building at all times.

(Any resident who can show proof they owned a motor home at the time this ordinance is adopted will be given pre-existing approval, and will also be given permission to replace their motor home with another one as long as it is replaced within 30 days of selling their pre-existing motor home.)

- B. In R-2 Single –Family Attached Residential District and/or R-3 Multifamily Residential District:

The outdoor storage of recreational vehicles as defined by Chapter 10.16.010.

The parking of any type of vehicle on any section of the property other than the legal paved driveway or parking area in the front of the dwelling, or the attached or detached garage.

**SECTION 3.**

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.

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Mayor Thomas D. Angelucci

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Res.2007:54 Resolution 2007:54 – Authorize Planning Board Investigate Need of Redevelopment On motion of Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilman M. Rebecca with all ayes on the vote. The Solicitor explained to the public, the process of the Redevelopment Determination.

**RESOLUTION 2007:54  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING BOARD TO UNDERTAKE**

**A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE  
PROPERTIES DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 58, LOTS 28, 29, 30, 31, 32,  
33, 34, 35, 36, AND 37; BLOCK 59, LOTS 1, 2, 3, 4, AND 5;  
BLOCK 60, LOTS 1 AND 2, AND BLOCK 62, LOT 2 ARE IN NEED  
OF REDEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6 authorizes the governing body of a municipality to authorize, by resolution, the planning board to conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether any area of the municipality is in need of redevelopment according to the criteria set forth at N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5; and

WHEREAS, the area within the Borough of Stratford comprised of the properties designated as Block 58, Lots 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, and 37; Block 59, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5; Block 60, Lots 1 and 2, and Block 62, Lot 2 has buildings which have generally become substandard, unsafe, unsanitary, dilapidated and/or obsolescent; and

WHEREAS, the area within the Borough of Stratford comprised of the properties designated as Block 58, Lots 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, and 37; Block 59, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5; Block 60, Lots 1 and 2, and Block 62, Lot 2 exhibits a growing lack or total lack or proper utilization of areas resulting in a stagnant or not fully productive condition of land potentially useful and valuable for contributing to and serving the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford consider it to be in the best interest of the Borough to conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether the area comprised of the properties designated as Block 58, Lots 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, and 37; Block 59, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5; Block 60, Lots 1 and 2, and Block 62, Lot 2 is an area in need of redevelopment according to the criteria set forth at N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford are desirous of the Stratford Joint Land Use Board to prepare a redevelopment plan pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7 for the area comprised of the properties designated as Block 58, Lots 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, and 37; Block 59, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5; Block 60, Lots 1 and 2, and Block 62, Lot 2 if the Stratford Joint Land Use Board determines the area to be in need of  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that the Stratford Joint Land Use Board shall conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether the area comprised of the properties designated as Block 58, Lots 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, and 37; Block 59, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5; Block 60, Lots 1 and 2, and Block 62, Lot 2 is an area in need of redevelopment according to the criteria set forth at N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Stratford Joint Land Use Board shall comply with the procedures for such a preliminary investigation as set forth at N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Stratford Joint Land Use Board shall submit its recommendation on the delineated area to the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, *et seq.* redevelopment according to the criteria set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5;

Res.2007:55      Resolution 2007:55 – Certified Copy of Court Document Fee \$5.00  
On motion of Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilman M. Rebecca with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2007:55**

WHEREAS, the Municipal Court Administrator has recommended to the Governing Body to charge a fee for placing the Municipal Court Seal on copies of court records; and  
WHEREAS, the fee requested to charge for the said raised seal to be placed on a court record should be \$5.00,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to authorize the Stratford Municipal Court to charge \$5.00 for placing the raised seal on court documents.

Res.2007:56      Resolution 2007:56 – Authorize Execution of Municipal Alliance Agreement  
On motion Councilwoman J. Galezniak, seconded by Councilman M. Rebecca with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2007:56**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford participates in the Municipal Alliance Program through an Interlocal Agreement with Camden County; and  
 WHEREAS, we are a party along with the Boroughs of Hi-Nella, Somerdale and Laurel Springs in the Interlocal Agreement,  
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to authorize the execution of the Interlocal Agreement with Camden County for the 2007 Municipal Alliance Funding.

Res.2007:57      Resolution 2007:57 – Adjust Vacation/Sick Time Andrew Marano  
 On motion Councilwoman J. Galezniak, seconded by Councilman M. Rebecca with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2007:57**

WHEREAS, Andrew Marano was out from work for a period of time which was charged against his vacation time; and  
 WHEREAS, Andrew Marano brought in a doctor’s note verifying he was sick; and  
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to authorize the CFO to change the time which was charged to his vacation and correctly charge it to his sick time.

Res.2007:58      Resolution 2007:58 – Appoint Kimberly McColligan Part Time Police Officer  
 On motion Councilwoman J. Galezniak, seconded by Councilman J. Gentless with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2007:58**

WHEREAS, Kimberly McColligan is a Special Law Enforcement Officer for the Stratford Police Department; and  
 WHEREAS, the Police Chief has recommended the appointment of Kimberly McColligan as a Part Time Police Officer,  
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to appoint Kimberly McColligan as a Part Time Police Officer for the Borough of Stratford effective March 13, 2007.

Res.2007:59      Resolution 2007:59 – Award Drainage Improvement Bid of \$39,970.00  
 On motion of Councilwoman J. Galezniak, seconded by Councilman P. Mesisca with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

**RESOLUTION 2007:59**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body authorized the Borough Engineer to design, create bid specifications and advertise to receive bids for drainage improvements for Winding Way Road, and Holly and Hillside intersection; and  
 WHEREAS, on March 13, 2007 bids were received for the named Drainage Improvements,  
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to award the bid for Drainage Improvements to Bogey’s Trucking and Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$39,970.00 which was the low bidder and recommended by the Borough Engineer.

Res.2007:60      Resolution 2007:60 – Authorize Engineer to Design, Create Bid Specs and Bid Parking Lot  
 On motion of Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilwoman J. Galezniak with all ayes on the vote

**RESOLUTION 2007:60**

WHEREAS, the Borough is in need of additional parking space at the Municipal Complex; and  
 WHEREAS, the old fire house has been removed and has left an area designated for a parking area; and  
 WHEREAS, the Governing Body has agreed the area where the old fire house is to be designated as a Municipal Parking Area; and

WHEREAS, the existing police parking area, and the borough hall parking area are also in need of some paving repairs; and  
 WHEREAS, the newly paved senior citizen parking area is in need of being striped and ADA signed,  
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to authorize the Borough Engineer to design, create specifications and advertise to receive bids for the above noted work.

Res.2007:61 Resolution 2007:61 – Increase 2007 Temporary Budget  
 On motion of Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilman S. Venuto with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:  
 Councilwoman J. Galezniak           yes                           Councilman J. Gentless    yes  
 Councilman M. Rebecca            yes                           Councilman P. Mesisca    yes  
 Councilman W. Baxter               absent                       Councilman S. Venuto     yes

**RESOLUTION 2007:61  
 TEMPORARY BUDGET**

BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford during the first thirty-one (31) days of the year, in order to meet those expenses of the Borough until a Final Budget is adopted.

WHEREAS, Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford, set forth a Temporary 2007 Budget at its Reorganization Meeting that certain appropriations be set forth and were constituted the TEMPORARY BUDGET for the year of 2007; and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that these appropriations shall be attached to and made part of that Resolution 2007:11 and the minutes of the January 02, 2007 Reorganization Meeting.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, to extend the 2007 Temporary Budget for the full 2007 budgeted amount.

Res.2007:62 Resolution 2007:62 – Introduce 2007 Budget  
 On motion of Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilman S. Venuto with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:  
 Councilwoman J. Galezniak           yes                           Councilman J. Gentless    yes  
 Councilman M. Rebecca            yes                           Councilman P. Mesisca    yes  
 Councilman W. Baxter               absent                       Councilman S. Venuto     yes

**RESOLUTION 2007:62**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statements and revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2007 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Budget be published in the Record Breeze in the issue of March, 2007.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2007. A public hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the Municipal Court Room on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007 at 8:00 pm at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2007 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

The Budget shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sum therein set forth as appropriations:

**SUMMARY OF REVENUES**

Surplus Anticipated	\$ 400,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated	1,924,068.81
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	330,000.00
Amount Raised by Taxation for Municipal Purposes	3,103,931.19
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 5,758,000.00</b>

**SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS**

General Appropriations within CAPS	\$ 3,570,320.72
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	142,956.00
Total Operations Excluded from CAPS	459,023.23
Capital Improvements	170,000.00

Municipal Debt Service	991,900.00
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	423,800.05
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 5,758,000.00</b>

Ord.2007:06 Ordinance 2007:06 – Amend 10.44.080 Stop Intersections  
 The Ordinance was read by title. A motion was made to approve on the first reading by Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilman M. Rebecca with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Res.2007:63 Resolution 2007:63 – Public Hearing for Ordinance 2007:06  
 On motion of Councilman M. Rebecca, seconded by Councilman J. Gentless with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2007:63  
 PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE 2007:06**

BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Members of Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007, 8:00 PM be set for the date and time of the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2007:08 and;  
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that final reading and adoption shall be set for the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007 at 8:00 PM.

Ord.2007:07 Ordinance 2007:07 – 2007 Salary Ordinance  
 The Ordinance was read by title. A motion was made to approve on the first reading by Councilwoman J. Galezniak, seconded by Councilman M. Rebecca with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Res.2007:64 Resolution 2007:64 – Public Hearing for Ordinance 2007:07  
 On motion of Councilman M. Rebecca, seconded by Councilman S. Venuto with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2007:64  
 PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE 2007:07**

BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Members of Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007 8:00 PM be set for the date and time of the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2007:08 and;  
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that final reading and adoption shall be set for the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007 at 8:00 PM.

Ord.2007:08 Ordinance 2007:08 – Fee for Marriages/Civil Ceremonies  
 The Ordinance was read by title. A motion was made to approve on the first reading by Councilman M. Rebecca, seconded by Councilman S. Venuto with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Res.2007:65 Resolution 2007:65 – Public Hearing for Ordinance 2007:08  
 On motion of Councilman S. Venuto, seconded by Councilman M. Rebecca with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2007:65  
PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE 2007:08**

BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Members of Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007 8:00 PM be set for the date and time of the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2007:08 and; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that final reading and adoption shall be set for the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007 at 8:00 PM.

**CFO RESOLUTIONS**

Res.2007:66 Resolution 2007:66 – Abate Sewer Fee – Over 65 B. 83, L. 9  
 WHEREAS, the Borough Utility Department offers an abatement program to residents over 65 years of age; and  
 WHEREAS, the 2007 Utility Bills have been send out; and  
 WHEREAS, Anthony Lupinacci of 11 Temple Avenue, Block 83, Lot 09 has provided the proof of his age being over 65 years,  
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to authorize the abatement of sewer fees from the existing charge for 2007 and in the future for Mr. Lupinacci.

Res.2007:67 Resolution 2007:67 – Remove Sewer Charge – Previous In-Home Office B. 116, L. 1  
 WHEREAS, the resident located at 15 Longwood Drive previously had a professional office in his home; and  
 WHEREAS, the Borough Utility billed two units for this previous office space; and  
 WHEREAS, the office space has not be utilized as a professional office for many years;  
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to authorize the removal of the charges of two units on the account know as 15 Longwood Drive, Block 116, Lot 01.  
 FURTHERMORE, to authorize the removal of the current charge for 2007 sewer in the amount of two units at \$130.00.

Res.2007:68 Resolution 2007:68 – Authorize CFO to award BAN to Commerce Bank  
 WHEREAS, the Borough CFO solicited bids from area financial institutions for the renewal of Bond Anticipation Note; and  
 WHEREAS, the CFO received bids from financial institutions with the low bid from Commerce Bank NA for 3.7%;  
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to authorize the CFO to award the Bond Anticipation Note to Commerce Bank NA at the rate of 3.7%.

Res.2007:69 Resolution 2007:69 – Authorize CFO to seek bids for BAN  
 WHEREAS, the Borough has a Bond Anticipation Note that is coming due for renewal in May 2007; and  
 WHEREAS, the CFO requires permission to request bids from area financial institutions,  
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council to authorize the CFO to solicit bids from area financial institutions for the Bond Anticipation Note which come due in May 2007.

Res.2007:70 Resolution 2007:70 – Remove Senior Citizen Tax Deduction B.107, L. 14  
 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 resident:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
107	14	Marie C. O’Neill	16 Summit Road	\$209.61

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that this tax deduction be removed from the tax duplicate.

On motion of Councilman M. Rebecca, seconded by Councilman J. Gentless with all ayes on the roll call vote for the CFO resolutions as follows:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Proclamation: Proclamation – Autism Awareness Month  
 On motion of Councilwoman J. Galezniak, seconded by Councilman J. Gentless, with all ayes on the vote.

**PROCLAMATION  
 AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH 2007**

WHEREAS, autism is a pervasive developmental disorder affecting the social, learning and behavioral skills of those affected by it, and,  
 WHEREAS, autism was once thought to be a relatively rare disorder, affecting only one in 10,000 people, and,  
 WHEREAS, as more and more health professionals become proficient in diagnosing autism, more children are being diagnosed on the autistic spectrum, resulting in rates as low as one in 500 children, and,  
 WHEREAS, while there is no cure for autism, it is well-documented that is an individual with autism receives treatment early in their lives, it is often possible for that individual to made significant improvement, and,  
 WHEREAS, the New Jersey Center for Outreach and Services for the Autism Community (COSAC) is spearheading an awareness effort in order to educate parents, professionals and the general public about autism and its effects,  
 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Thomas Angelucci, do hereby proclaim April, 2007 as AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH in the Borough of Stratford, and urge all employees and residents to participate in our municipality’s Autism Awareness Month activities, in order to become better educated on the subject of autistic spectrum disorders.

Mayor Thomas Angelucci

Dated: March 13, 2007

RAFFLE LICENSES: Knights of Columbus #472 and #473  
 On motion of Councilman M. Rebecca, seconded by Councilwoman J. Galezniak with all ayes on the vote. The Raffle Licenses were approved.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Be it resolved to approve payment of bills numbered from #16658to #16750; Animal Control #1196 to #1197.

On motion of Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilman M. Rebecca with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

GOOD AND WELFARE: -Harry Berry questioned about a church buying property in town and not paying taxes. The Solicitor stated the law protects churches from being discriminated.  
 -Jerry McKee of 135 Laureba Ave. questioned the police appointment and did we not just hire an officer. Councilman S. Venuto explained the officer was not an additional employee.  
 -Agnes Moore of 152 Laureba Ave. was the original owner. The Solicitor explained deed restrictions and they are not enforceable by Mayor and Council.  
 -Mayor Angelucci asked the solicitor to research an ordinance on renting of homes or part of homes.  
 -Peggy Glassman of 133 Laureba Ave. complained about a trap on the step of the home next to hers.  
 An inspection of both dwellings will be completed at the same time.  
 -Joe questioned possibility of a revaluation. The Mayor explained the unbalances of commercial vs. residential values and if we did revaluation the residential portion of the town would increase.

-Alice questioned pension contributions and how the system works. The mayor explained the system.

-Harry Berry questioned why taxes are calculated the way they are for property taxes.

-Eve Brown of Atlantic Avenue questioned if the pay to play law is followed in Stratford? She was answered, yes.

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

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John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC