

**STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 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:**

THOMAS D. ANGELUCCI, MAYOR  
JOHN GENTLESS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
PHIL MESISCA, COUNCILMAN  
MIKE PEREZ, COUNCILMAN  
WALT BAXTER, COUNCILMAN  
JULIE GALEZNIAK, COUNCILWOMAN  
JEFFREY BARON, SOLICITOR  
JOHN D. KEENAN, JR. BOROUGH CLERK  
ABSENT  
STEVE VENUTO, 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 at this time.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES:**

Previously Tabled:  
September 11, 2007, Regular Meeting  
On motion of Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilwoman J. Galezniak with all ayes on the vote, the meeting was TABLED until December 11<sup>th</sup>.

October 04, 2007, Agenda Meeting  
On motion of Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilwoman J. Galezniak with all ayes on the vote, the meeting was TABLED until December 11<sup>th</sup>.

October 09, 2007, Regular Meeting  
On motion of Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilwoman J. Galezniak with all ayes on the vote, the meeting was TABLED until December 11<sup>th</sup>.

**REPORTS:  
FINANCE &  
REVENUE:**

Councilman John Gentless read the finance report as submitted by the CFO as follows:

BALANCE OCTOBER 1, 2007	1,344,804.13
Total Receipts	1,916,394.42
Total Disbursements	2,418,154.92
BALANCE OCTOBER 31, 2007	843,043.63
Schedule of Account Balances October 31, 2007	
Municipal Alliance	42,353.16
Animal Control	2,944.08
Public Assistance I	2,400.13
K-9	186.45
General Capital	1,338,170.39
Developers Escrow	6,882.16
POAA	1,410.00
Special Law Enforcement Trust	10,496.74
UCC/LEA Trust	43,764.52

Uniform Fire Safety	13,772.04
Tax Title Lien	243,940.39
Trust Other	21,586.24

EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Councilman Phil Mesisca read the Fire Report and the Ambulance Report for the month of October, 2007.  
 FIRE – submitted by Captain Mark Brumbach -  
 The Fire Department responded to a total of thirty-three (33) Alarms and held three (3) drills.  
 AMBULANCE –  
 The Volunteer Crew responded to twenty-five (25) alarms and held 1 drill.  
 The Paid Crew responded to ninety-nine (99) alarms.

PUBLIC EVENTS:

Councilman Mike Perez thanked all for participating in the Halloween Parade along with the businesses. He explained that November 30<sup>th</sup> was the tree lighting as well as December 21<sup>st</sup> will be the House Decorating contest judging.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Councilman Steve Venuto was absent. Councilman W. Baxter read the Police report for October 2007 as follows:

Adult Arrests	55	Juvenile Arrests	04
Assaults to Police	01	Simple Assault Complaints	03
Criminal Mischief Complaints	20	Harassment Complaints	09
Other Investigations & Complaints	109	Burglaries	02
Robberies	--	Thefts \$50,924	14
Stolen Property Recovered	\$23,262	Motor Vehicle Thefts	04
DWI Arrests	17	Narcotics Arrests	14
Traffic Summonses issued	303	Motor Vehicle Accidents	42
Injuries from Car Accidents	07	Alarm Activations	29
Manpower hours worked	2140	Total Crime reports taken	119
Total calls for Police Service	707		

PUBLIC WORKS & LIGHTING

Councilwoman Julie Galezniak read the Public Works report as submitted by the DPW Superintendent; lawn cutting is done for the season, all inlets in the streets are cleared as requested by Stormwater Regulations; free fire wood day was held at the DPW, all gardens are cleaned and 30 mums were planted.

ORDINANCE & PROPERTY

Councilman Walt Baxter read that there were nineteen (19) Resolutions and two (2) Ordinances on for tonight’s meeting. He also reported that the cell door at the Police Department was installed and fixed; the basement window wells were completed.

OLD BUSINESS:  
 NEW BUSINESS:  
 Res. 2007:172

Resolution 2007:172 – Interlocal Service Agreement for Document Imaging – Camden City  
 On motion of Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilwoman J. Galezniak with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2007:172**

**RESOLUTION FOR INTERLOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR DOCUMENT IMAGING**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford and the City of Camden, have agreed to apply for SHARE (Sharing Available Resources

Efficiently) assistance through the State of New Jersey PARIS Grant Program in the amount of \$50,000.; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has made SHARE assistance available to assist local units to develop and implement new shared and regional services; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this grant is to promote shared services between local units through the sharing of document imaging, that would be beneficial to all local units; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford agrees to execute an Inter-local Service Agreement with the City of Camden in order to implement the Document Imaging Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford, does hereby join with the City of Camden in applying for the PARIS Grant for the purpose of implementing Document Imaging Program.

Res.2007:173

Resolution 2007:173 – Promotional Appointment Municipal. Court Administrator  
On motion of Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilwoman J. Galezniak with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2007:173**

WHEREAS, the NJ Department has informed the Borough of Stratford to appoint Alyson Heriegel to the position of Municipal Court Administrator effective October 11, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the title code is 07795, symbol PM0928J for Promotional Appointment from N.J.A.C.4A:4-2.7, with a closing date of July 21, 2007,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford, to appoint Alyson Heriegel as Municipal Court Administrator per notice by the NJ Department of Personnel dated September 27, 2007 with an effective date of October 11, 2007.

Res.2007:174

Resolution 2007:174 – Appointment of Deputy Court Administrator  
On motion of Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilwoman J. Galezniak with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2007:174**

WHEREAS, the NJ Department of Personnel has issued a Certification of Eligible for Appointment No. OL071804, dated August 14, 2007, with a Required Date of Disposition of November 21, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the only person on the list who responded in favor of the position is Kristina R. Clement of Stratford, NJ; and

WHEREAS, Kristina R. Clement has worked in the Court Office previously and has experience with good reviews; and

WHEREAS, the position was officially available on October 11, 2007 due to the promotional appointment of the previous Deputy Court Administrator to the position of Court Administrator on the same date;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford, to appoint Kristina R. Clement effective October 11, 2007 as Deputy Municipal Court Administrator, title code 07796.

Res.2007:175

Resolution 2007:175 – Award Fire Alarm Proposal Cati-Com Systems \$4,897.34  
On motion of Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilman W. Baxter with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2007:175**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford was issued a violation notice by the Stratford Fire Official due to the need of a fire alarm system in the basement of the Borough Hall; and

WHEREAS, quotes were received for the material and labor required to install a fire alarm system in the basement of Borough Hall with the proper horns and strobs to be located not only in the basement but in the upper floor to allow proper notice to those occupants; and  
 WHEREAS, the low quote was from Cati-Com Systems of Williamstown, NJ in the amount of \$4,897.34;  
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford, to award the fire alarm system installation to Cati-Com Systems of Williamstown, NJ in the amount of 4,897.34.

Res.2007:176

Resolution 2007:176 – Award Parkwood Concrete Quote - Marandino LLC \$11,860.  
 On motion of Councilman W. Baxter, seconded by Councilman J. Gentless with all ayes on the vote, contingent upon Jeff Baron’s review.

**RESOLUTION 2007:176**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford and South State Inc. entered into a contract to complete certain services in the Parkwood Development; and  
 WHEREAS, there has been a defect in the installation of some concrete work in the contracted services; and  
 WHEREAS, South State Inc. has been notified of the defects and has not taken any action in correcting the noted defects; and  
 WHEREAS, quotes were received by the Borough Engineer from reputable concrete contractors to remedy the defects so noted; and  
 WHEREAS, the low quote was received by Charles Marandino, LLC in the amount of \$11,860. for the concrete work;  
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford, to award the concrete work which will correct the concrete defects to Charles Marandino, LLC in the amount of \$11,860; and  
 FURTHERMORE, this is contingent upon the Borough Solicitor’s review of all pertinent documents and approval of same.

Res.2007:177

Resolution 2007:177 – Award Sign Proposal Artcraft Signs \$16,791.45  
 On motion of Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilman M. Perez with all ayes on the vote, contingent upon Jeff Baron’s review.

**RESOLUTION 2007:177**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford has received quotes to supply and install a new sandblasted sign with an LED panel for public events; and  
 WHEREAS, the sandblasted sign is to be similar to already existing borough signs noting the Fire Department, and the LED sign will be located in the lower section of the space which will be a red LED programmable sign approximately 2’8” high and 5’9” wide; and  
 WHEREAS, the low quote is from Artcraft Signs of Pine Hill, NJ in the amount of \$16,791.45;  
 FURTHERMORE, this is contingent upon the Borough Solicitor’s review of the proposal and approval of same.

Ord.2007:22

Ordinance 2007:22 – Amend 2007 Salary Ordinance – Municipal Maintenance Worker  
 The Ordinance was read by title. A motion was made to approve on first reading by Councilman W. Baxter, seconded by Councilman J. Gentless with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Res.2007:178 Resolution 2007:178 – Public Hearing for Ordinance 2007:22 – December 11, 2007  
On motion of Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilwoman J. Galezniak with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2007:178**

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE 2007:22**

BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Members of Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2007

8:00 PM be set for the date and time of the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2007:22 and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that final reading and adoption shall be set for the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2007 at 8:00 PM.

**CFO RESOLUTIONS**

Res.2007:179 Resolution 2007:179 – Refund Tax Overpayment B. 114, L. 1.02C0035 \$690.24

**RESOLUTION 2007:179**

WHEREAS, an overpayment was received in the Tax Collector's office for Block 114, Lot 1.02C0035 – 3C Beverly Lane;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that the amount of \$690.24 be disbursed to Peter Monaghan, Jr. for the overpayment.

Res.2007:180 Resolution 2007:180 – Refund Tax Overpayment B. 20, L.4 \$117.15

**RESOLUTION 2007:180**

WHEREAS, an overpayment was received in the Tax Collector's office for Block 20, Lot 4 – 311 Cornell Avenue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that the amount of \$117.15 be disbursed to SunTrust Mortgage for the overpayment.

Res.2007:181 Resolution 2007:181 – Refund Tax Overpayment B. 88, L. 26 \$150.53

**RESOLUTION 2007:181**

WHEREAS, an overpayment was received in the Tax Collector's office for Block 88, Lot 26 – 6 Holly Road;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that the amount of \$150.53 be disbursed to Home Connect Lending Services LLC for the overpayment.

Res.2007:182 Resolution 2007:182 – Refund Tax Overpayment B. 109, L.66 \$61.21

**RESOLUTION 2007:182**

WHEREAS, an overpayment was received in the Tax Collector's office for Block 109, Lot 66 – 246 Winding Way Road;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that the amount of \$61.21 be disbursed to Clark E. & Janice M. Pierce for the overpayment.

Res.2007:183 Resolution 2007:183 – Refund Tax Overpayment B. 3, L. 5.01 \$44.12

**RESOLUTION 2007:183**

WHEREAS, AN OVERPAYMENT WAS RECEIVED IN THE Tax Collector's office for Block 3, Lot 5.01 – 17 Cooper Avenue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that the amount of \$44.12 be disbursed to FIS Tax Services for the overpayment.

Res.2007:184 Resolution 2007:184 – Refund Tax Overpayment B. 112, L. 30 \$1,567.18

**RESOLUTION 2007:184**

WHEREAS, an overpayment was received in the Tax Collector’s office for Block 112, Lot 30 – 1 Longwood Court;  
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that the amount of \$1,567.18 be disbursed to Landamerica Tax Service for the overpayment.

Res.2007:185 Resolution 2007:185 – Remove Senior Citizen Tax Deduction B.54, L. 2

**RESOLUTION 2007:185**

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>
54	2	Theresa Pauli	117 Stratford Ave	\$250.00

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

Res.2007:186 Resolution 2007:186 – Refund Tax Overpayment B.92, L. 9 \$4,308.89

On motion of Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilman W. Baxter with all ayes on the vote for all CFO Resolutions.

**RESOLUTION 2007:186**

WHEREAS, a payment was received from Sax Mortgage in the Tax Collector’s office for Block 92, Lot 9 – 5 Green Tree Road;  
 WHEREAS, the property owner of 5 Green Tree Road was responsible for paying the property taxes for 5 Green Tree Road;  
 WHEREAS, the check from Saxon Mortgage Company would prepay the taxes into the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2008;  
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that the amount of \$4,308.89 be disbursed to Saxon Mortgage Company for the overpayment and the taxes receivable be posted back to Block 92, Lot 9.

Res.2007:187 Resolution 2007:187 – Chapter 159 – Private Grant – Parks OE

On motion of Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilman W. Baxter with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2007:160**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:40-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Finance may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount; and

**SECTION 1.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Stratford hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Finance to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget for the year 2007 in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars and no Cent (\$5,000.00) for Private Grant which item is now available pursuant to the provision of statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of Five Thousand Dollars and no Cent, (\$5,000.00.) be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

PRIVATE GRANT

SECTION 3.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is the result of monies received from the State of New Jersey and was deposited into the proper account.

Res.2007:188 Resolution 2007:188 – Award Bid to Magnolia Gardens – Top Soil  
On motion of Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilman W. Baxter with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2007: 188**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Council requested quotes from area garden centers for 270 cubic yards of top soil for the Laureba Avenue Playground area; and

WHEREAS, three quotes were received with the low quote being received by Magnolia Garden Center for 4,650.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council to award the top soil proposal to Magnolia Garden Center in the amount of 4,650. for 270 cubic yards of top soil.

Res.2007:189 Resolution 2007:189 – Award Bid to Lyons Tree Service – Tree Removal  
On motion of Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilwoman J. Galezniak with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2007:189**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Shade Tree Commission has received quotes for tree removals; and

WHEREAS, two quotes were received with the low quote being received by Lyon & Son Tree Service, LLC for \$2,350.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to award the tree removal proposal to Lyon & Son Tree Service, LLC in the amount of \$2,350.

Res.2007:190 Resolution 2007:190 – Transfer Resolution  
On motion of Councilman W. Baxter, seconded by Councilman M. Perez with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUITON 2007:190**

FROM:

Solid Waste Disposal \$3,246.60

TO:

Elections OE 949.16

Fire Hydrants OE 1,717.00

Property OE 580.44

Ord.2007:23 Ordinance 2007:23 – Amend Joint Land Use Fee Schedule  
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 W. Baxter	yes	Councilman J. Gentless	yes
Councilman P. Mesisca	no	Councilman S. Venuto	yes
Councilwoman J. Galezniak	yes	Councilman M. Perez	no

MOTION CARRIED

Res.2007:191 Resolution 2007:191 – Public Hearing for Ordinance 2007:23 – December 11, 2007  
On motion of Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilwoman J. Galezniak with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2007:191**

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE 2007:23**

BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Members of Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2007

8:00 PM be set for the date and time of the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2007:23 and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that final reading and adoption shall be set for the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2007 at 8:00 PM.

Res.2007:192

Resolution 2007:192 – Accepting Award Feasibility Study for Inter-Local Services Agreement for a Cooperative Trash & Recycling Program  
On motion of Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilwoman J. Galezniak with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2007:192**

**ACCEPTING THE AWARD OF \$45,000 FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR LAUREL SPRINGS, SOMERDALE AND STRATFORD TO ENTER INTO AN INTER-LOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR A COOPERATIVE TRASH AND RECYCLING PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Laurel Springs, the lead agency, received notice from the SHARE Program of its eligibility to receive a SHARE Grant in the amount of \$45,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the award is for a feasibility study for Laurel Springs, Somerdale, and Stratford, to enter into an Interlocal services agreement for a cooperative trash and recycling program, weather municipally administered or by one private contractor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Executive Officer of the Borough of Laurel Springs be and hereby is authorized to execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs on behalf of the Borough of Stratford and all other local units that are party to the SHARE Grant Agreement, and upon execution of said Agreement, the Borough of Stratford does hereby accept the Terms and Conditions specified in the Agreement in connection to this grant award.

MERCANTILE LICENSE:

Sharon Lampkin, Chez Hollywood Salon, 504 N. White Horse Pike  
On motion of Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilwoman J. Galezniak with all ayes on the vote, the Mercantile License was approved.

Cynthia Deutsch, Sin of Skin Art Studio, 412 N. White Horse Pike  
On motion of Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilman M. Perez with all ayes on the vote, the Mercantile License was approved.

RAFFLE: LICENSE:

#479 – St. Luke Home & School - Breakfast with Santa  
On motion of Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilwoman J. Galezniak with all ayes on the vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Be it resolved to approve payment of bills numbered from #17550 to #17677 and Animal Control #1230 to #1232.  
On motion of Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilman W. Baxter, with all ayes on the vote.

GOOD &  
WELFARE:

-Agnes Moore of Laureba Avenue questioned the leaf pick up schedule.  
Councilwoman J. Galezniak stated she would look into possibly getting notices to the residents on Suburban Terrace and Laureba Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Councilman J. Gentless, seconded by Councilman M. Perez the meeting was adjourned.

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John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC