

**STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 06, 2007
7:30 P.M.**

ROLL CALL:

MAYOR THOMAS D. ANGELUCCI
JOHN GENTLESS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT
PHIL MESISCA, COUNCILMAN
MIKE PEREZ, COUNCILMAN
WALTER BAXTER, COUNCILMAN
JOHN D. KEENAN, JR., BOROUGH CLERK
JOSEPH SCHIAVO, ENGINEER
RONALD MORELLO, CHIEF OF POLICE
JEFFREY BRENNAN, ALTERNATE SOLICITOR
ABSENT
JULIE GALEZNIAK, COUNCILWOMAN
STEVE VENUTO, COUNCILMAN

PUBLIC:

Chief Morello gave his Police Report for November, 2007 as follows:
11/3 – a deer hit police cars, no damage; drunk driver hit six (6) cars on Wright Ave. and was caught.
11/9 – car hit the front of Payless Store.
11/16 – there was a burglary on the 400 block of Chestnut Ave.
Deer struck on Warwick Rd., the legs so badly broken, the deer had to be taken down. This was done since the fish and game could not retrieve the deer in a timely manner.
11/21 – CVS – attempted robbery of pharmaceuticals. There were other instances in other drug stores in South Jersey.
11/21 – Domestic Violence and drunk person threatening suicide found prior to incident.
11/25 – Two (2) deer hit and killed.
Reboot moved out and took customers computers, owner found and equipment returned.
11/29 – Fatal DWI accident pending test results. Brake A Rama – worker fell off scaffold.
The Police Department received a Drunk Driving Enforcement Grant for \$5,000.

REPORT #1:

LIQUOR LICENSES
If you would like the Deputy Attorney General from ABC to come meet and speak with you, please give me some dates to meet.
Contact Deputy Attorney General for future dates in 2008.

REPORT #2:

ANIMAL SHELTER 2008
The contract for 2008 has been received from The Animal Orphanage. The monthly amount has increased from \$350. to \$400. This is still very reasonable compared to municipalities that are contracting with the County Shelter. We are lucky to be with this shelter since they are not taking any new clients.
On for Regular Meeting

REPORT #3:

PARIS GRANT
Camden City Records Manager and City Clerk have visited our facility and reviewed our records storage areas and our needs. Their IT people will be meeting with me next. They are getting the application to the State ready for submittal. At this time they have agreed we will need a new high speed scanner.
Informational

REPORT #4:

TRASH CONTRACT/STUDY
Laurel Springs has executed the State SHARE Grant Agreement as the lead agency. The consultant agreement has also been executed and is to begin soon. The Grant Agreement does state \$45,000. , when previously it stated we would receive only 90% (10% share

from the municipalities), but the Grant Agreement does state there is a 10% match to the Grant, so sometime in the future, not immediate, the 10% (\$1500 each town) will be required. Please remember the trash contract ends on May 31, 2007, and if we are to bid the contract, it must be bid 60 days prior, so sometime in the beginning of March a bid would have to go out, if there are no other options at the time.

John Gentless will contact Waste Management for information on possible extension.

REPORT #5: REDEVELOPMENT

The small sub-committee of council and land use board members has been formed. They are to meet with the Borough Solicitor prior to meeting with the Planner.

Meeting date of December 18th is set.

REPORT #6: AMEND BOND

In order to move forward with certain capital projects an amendment to the Road Bond will have to be made to place funding for the future improvements such as computers, etc. since the only thing that can be charged to the Road Bond is road projects, or projects linked with road improvements. It has been recommended by the CFO to move at this time \$50,000 from the over \$400,000 balance of the Vassar Avenue Project to help fund these other improvements. Introduction will take place at the December Meeting, and Public Hearing and Adoption will take place at the year end meeting the last week of December.

On for Regular Meeting

REPORT #7: SITE PLAN ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

A recent court case involving the Stratford Site Plan Enforcement Officer found that Chapter 10.24 did not allow the Site Plan Officer to enforce this section, which is for Parking Lot Maintenance. An amendment has been requested to add the Site Plan Enforcement Officer as an enforcement officer. Introduction for December Meeting, Public Hearing and Adoption at the year end meeting last week of December.

On for Regular Meeting

REPORT #8: LAUREL ROAD ZONING

This topic is to be discussed with the Planner when the sub-committee meets with him.

Informational

REPORT #9: LONGEVITY- POLICE CLERK

When the current position was filled for the Police Clerk it was agreed to extend certain benefits of a full time employee. The position gets the \$650 medical reimbursement, but does not receive the NJ State Health Benefits, since the position is scheduled for only 34 hours, and not 35. The position does many weeks work 35 hours though. At this time a clarification has to be made if the position is eligible for longevity, which other full time employees receive. If the position does pay longevity where on the longevity stepped program would the employee be at this year? The employee has been working in this restructured position since January 2002.

Per Councilman Venuto's e-mail, he asked this be discussed at a later meeting.

REPORT #10: JOINT LAND USE BOARD FEES

Public Hearing and Adoption will take place at the December Regular Meeting.

Informational

REPORT #11: SARATOGA APRONS/CURB REPLACEMENT QUOTES

The low quote we awarded at last month's meeting has rescinded his proposal. The next lowest quote has been notified by the Borough Engineer, as well as the Solicitor has notified South State that the next lowest will complete the work if South State does not

respond in 5 business days. The new contractor will have to be awarded the contract at the December Meeting.
On for Regular Meeting

REPORT#10: AMEND 2007 SALARY ORDINANCE
Public Hearing and Adoption will take place at the December Regular Meeting.
Informational

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

John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC