

**STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 08, 2009
7:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:
STATEMENT OF
ADVERTISEMENT:

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

PRAYER & PLEDGE
OF ALLEGIANCE:
ROLL CALL:

MAYOR JOHN GENTLESS
BEN ANGELI, COUNCIL PRESIDENT
WILLIAM GROVER, COUNCILMAN
HOLLY TATE, COUNCILWOMAN
MICHAEL PEREZ, COUNCILMAN
MICHAEL SANTORO, COUNCILMAN
BARBARA RIEFBERG, ALT. SOLICITOR
JOHN D. KEENAN, JR. BOROUGH CLERK
ABSENT
STEVE VENUTO, COUNCILMAN

MEETING OPENED
TO THE PUBLIC:

-Harry Berry of Cornell Avenue asked if Ordinance 09:29 was available?
John Keenan explained the Public Hearing was December 28th and copies will be available after tonight.
-Councilwoman H. Tate stated she would consider tabling the Ordinance.
-Sam Spino of Union Avenue also wanted the Ordinance tabled.
-Councilman M. Santoro stated the Ordinance was adopted and this amendment was to correct ACLU complaint.
-Frank Hartman of Green Tree Road stated the Ordinance is needed, 16 Green Tree Road that is next to him is a real problem.
-Michele of Cornell Avenue questioned the old Ordinance and new Ordinance. The clerk explained.

REPORTS:
FINANCE &
REVENUE:

Councilwoman Holly Tate read the Finance Report for November, 2009 as submitted by the CFO as follows:

BALANCE NOVEMBER 1, 2009	659,872.39
Total Receipts	2,574,675.33
Total Disbursements	1,839,607.83
BALANCE NOVEMBER 30, 2009	1,394,939.89
SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNT BALANCES NOVEMBER 30, 2009	
Municipal Alliance	37,813.04
Animal Control	6,454.64
Public Assistance I	2,400.13
K-9	186.45
General Capital	536,864.24
Developers Escrow	15,767.24
POAA	1,364.01
Special Law Enforcement Trust	15,699.96
UCC/LEA Trust	115,872.31
Uniform Fire Safety	12,851.62
Tax Title Lien	246,591.99
Trust Other	59,411.86
Parks Open Space	2,745.11

EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Councilman Michael Santoro read the Fire Company report for November, 2009 as submitted by the Deputy Chief as follows:
 The Fire Department held two (2) drills and answered thirty-nine (39) alarms. Councilman M. Santoro thanked the Fire Company for handing out the Police information on recent burglaries which burglar was caught soon after. Councilman M. Santoro read the Ambulance report for November, 2009 as submitted by the Captain as follows:
 The Volunteer Crew responded to twenty-one (21) Alarms and held one (1) drill.
 The Paid Crew responded to fifty-two (52) Alarms.
 He also mentioned that the Emergency Management Coordinator is trying to set up a CERT class for early 2010.

Mayor Gentless spoke of the February 27th fundraiser at John Paul II's hall for Fire Chief Gagliardi's son.

POLICE:

Councilman Ben Angeli read the Police Report for November, 2009 as submitted by the Chief as follows:

Adult Arrests	42	Juvenile Arrests	04
Assaults to Police	00	Simple Assault Compl.	03
Criminal Mischief Comp.	08	Harassment Complaints	13
Other Investigations & Compl.	107	Burglaries	11
Robberies	00	Thefts \$47,848	14
Stolen Property Recov'd	\$30,570.00		
Motor Vehicle Thefts	01	DWI Arrests	15
Narcotics Arrests	07	Traffic Summonses issued	307
Motor Vehicle Accidents	33	Injuries from Car Accidents	06
Alarm Activations	43	Total crime reports taken	108
Total calls for police service 766			

He also stated the police received many kind letters thanking them for their recent work with the burglaries. He also read a letter about another issue recognizing Officers Vincent Jess and John Beasley.

PUBLIC EVENTS:

Councilman William Grover reported that the tree lighting went well and that the Fire trucks will be bringing Santa around on Christmas Eve.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Councilman Michael Perez read the Sewer Utility report as follows: the lines were checked, the trash is collected in the parks weekly, cleaned storm drains, and pick up metal every other week.
 The Department of Public Works is continuing with the leaf collection, and asked that residents do not park their cars near piles of leaves, which prohibits leaf pick up. Repairs to leaf machine #2 when broke and new tires were put on machine #1. The chipping machine was overhauled, boarded up window at Bradless. Mike also congratulated all employees of his department for working so well together.

PROPERTY & ORDINANCE:

Councilman Stephen Venuto was not present and the Mayor read this report stating there are five (5) Resolutions and two (2) Ordinances on for tonight's meeting.

The Mayor stated the tree lighting was very well attended.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ord.2009:28 Ordinance 2009:28 – Special Events Ordinance
 Clerk presented proof of publication. Meeting was opened to the public. Steve McBride questioned what the funds were used for. Jerry Zekas that this was a town event for residents. After ample time and no other questions were asked the meeting was closed to the public. Motion to finally adopt was made by Councilman M. Perez, seconded by Councilman M. Santoro, with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

Councilwoman H. Tate	yes	Councilman B. Angeli	yes
Councilman W. Grover	yes	Councilman S. Venuto	absent
Councilman M. Santoro	yes	Councilman M. Perez	yes

MOTION CARRIED

Previously Tabled:

Res.2009:218 Resolution 2009:218 – Authorizing Planning Board to Undertake a Preliminary Investigation Properties Designated need of Redevelopment
 On motion of Councilwoman H. Tate, seconded by Councilman B. Angeli with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

Councilwoman H. Tate	yes	Councilman B. Angeli	yes
Councilman W. Grover	yes	Councilman S. Venuto	absent
Councilman M. Santoro	yes	Councilman M. Perez	yes

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Ord.2009:29 Amend Ordinance 2009:24 Responsibility of Landlords
 On motion of Councilman M. Santoro, seconded by Councilman M. Perez with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows to TABLE this Ordinance to December 28, 2009.

Councilman M. Santoro	yes	Councilman M. Perez	yes
Councilman B. Angeli	yes	Councilwoman H. Tate	yes
Councilman W. Grover	yes	Councilman S. Venuto	absent

Res.2009:220 Resolution 2009:220 - Public Hearing for Ordinance 2009:29 – 12/28/09 – 7:00 PM
 On motion of Councilman B. Angeli, seconded by Councilwoman H. Tate with all ayes on the vote to TABLE this resolution.

Res.2009:221 Resolution 2009:221 Participate in Local Government Energy Audit Program
 On motion of Councilwoman G. Tate, seconded by Councilman B. Angeli with all ayes on the vote, conditional upon John Keenan to check there is NO funding.

Res.2009:222 Resolution 2009:222 Appointment of Park Commissioner – Gerald Furman
 On motion of Councilman M. Santoro, seconded by Councilman M. Perez with all ayes on the vote.

RESOLUTION 2009:222

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy of a commissioner on the Parks Commission; and
 WHEREAS, Gerald Furman has asked to be a Commissioner,
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to appoint
 to the Parks Commission with a four (4) year term to expire on December 31, 2013
 I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted
 on December 08, 2009.
John D. Keenan, Jr., R.M.C.

Res.2009:222A Resolution 2009:222A – Transfer Resolution

RESOLUTION 2009:222A

FROM:

Fire Company OE 1,000.00

TO:

Shade Tree OE 1,000.00

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted on December 08, 2009.

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

MERCANTILE Modern Furniture Outlet, Inc., 41B South White Horse Pike

LICENSE: On Motion of Councilman M. Perez, seconded by Councilman M. Santoro with all ayes on the vote, the Mercantile License was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Be it resolved to approve payment of bills numbered from #21614 to #21717, Animal Control #1340 to #1341, Manual #19438 to #19443, with various wire and electronic transfers.
 On motion of Councilman M. Santoro, seconded by Councilman M. Perez with all ayes on the roll call vote with Councilman W. Grover abstaining from check #21652.

Councilman M. Santoro	yes	Councilman M. Perez	yes
Councilman B. Angeli	yes	Councilwoman H. Tate	yes
Councilman W. Grover	yes	Councilman S. Venuto	absent

GOOD AND WELFARE: -Agnes Moore of Laureba Avenue stated this landlord information is not something new, this has gone on for months.
 -Donna Tomkinson of Wellington Avenue questioned Resolution 2009:218 – the Clerk answered.
 -Pat Walsh of Meadow Lark Road questioned sex offenders charged - no
 -Harry Berry of Cornell Avenue stated Landlords do not have an issue with inspections. There is growth in government to complete the inspection.
 -Frank Hartman of Green Tree Road stated he should not have to fend for a landlords inspection.
 -Jerry Zekas read a statement from SBCA President Kathy Crane regarding Ordinance #28, stating there should be a subcommittee formed to review the ordinance and give feed back to council prior to adoption.
 -Chief R. Morello stated he had this Ordinance reviewed by the Solicitor and stated policies have no teeth and an Ordinance is needed. The Clerk also added this has no change on business/vendor review.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion of Councilman W. Grover, seconded by Councilwoman H. Tate with all ayes on the vote, the meeting was adjourned.

John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC