

**STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 05, 2009
7:00 P.M.**

ROLL CALL:

MAYOR JOHN GENTLESS
BEN ANGELI, COUNCIL PRESIDENT
JULIE GALEZNIAK, COUNCILWOMAN
MICHAEL SANTORO, COUNCILMAN-late 7:30
HOLLY TATE, COUNCILWOMAN
MIKE PEREZ, COUNCILMAN
JEFFREY BRENNAN, ALT. SOLICITOR
JOHN D. KEENAN, JR., BOROUGH CLERK
RONALD MORELLO, CHIEF OF POLICE
ABSENT
STEVE VENUTO, COUNCILMAN
JEFFREY BARON, SOLICITOR

POLICE CHIEF REPORT: Police Chief Ron Morello read his report for the month of January, 2009 as follows:
-Laurel Mills Farm drug overdose and dropped through the window and ran through the neighborhood.
-Laurel Mills resident hit a deer. The deer ran into the woods. Courier Post truck driver hit another deer.
-Coyote incident in rear yard of Laurel Road home and was taken from the yard.
-Laurel Mills Farm suicide note and person found in Atlantic City and is well.
-Suspicious person in rear yard.
-Sudden death on Evergreen Road
-Copper theft at satellite dish behind Bradlees site.
-Stratford Tire burglary – nothing taken
-Jump for Joy Day Care burglary – a finger print was found and the person was caught
-drug arrest made, and escaped out rear door and caught again outside.
-merger meeting with Sterling towns attended by the Chief and Mayor.
-Warwick Shopping Center gave police permission to enforce trespassing ordinance.
-Red Light enforcement program was mistakenly informed to Stratford, when Stafford Township was awarded for the grant.
-resolution for Department of Justice Grant of \$4,000. for Missing Children Training for three (3) officers.
-seeking to purchase a new vehicle in 2009

Mayor Gentless -generator possibly at the Library and loop in with the Borough Hall
-wants to use the Library as a disaster center
-would like to speak to the Library about taking less funding

Councilman M. Santoro -reported that the Department of Public Works helped with finishing the stairwell at the fire house

Councilman M. Perez -Fire Company to do work and we supply the materials-30 days to get a C/O - spoke about the new truck, and the storm water update

Councilwoman H. Tate -stated there was nothing typed up yet

Councilman B. Angeli -Spoke of the SEDC officers

- Mayor John Gentless -stated the state stopped COAH – can the town change it under local ordinance
 -the Attorney does not agree
 -Rob Andrews letter for another project to stimulate development
 -put in for traffic signal at the White Horse Pike and Broadway
 -information on green communities will be on Mayors letter
 -questioned vice chairman of Parks
- PUBLIC PORTION: -Bill Grover of Parkview Road asked if the Redevelopment meeting was opened to the public. The response was yes. He also questioned checking into Recycle Bank and would like clarification on trespassing.
- REPORT#1: SHADE TREE ORDINANCE
 The Public Hearing and final action are set for February 10, 2009. Also the Mayor has submitted a resolution to be executed to receive the \$25,000. grant to remove trees. There is a match of \$8,333.33 required over a 24 month period.
To be ready for Regular Meeting.
- REPORT#2: REDEVELOPMENT
 The new dates for Council Redevelopment Meetings are February 17 and 24, 2009 at 7PM at the Justice Facility.
The Solicitor explained the next meeting for Redevelopment of Council.
- REPORT#3: NEWSLETTER
 The school has been notified to try to have the four contest winners present at the February 10, 2009 meeting to receive their \$50.00 bonds. The publisher has received a good many ads from businesses. At this time the price to print and mail the newspaper looks to be the same cost as it was for the old newsletter. As more ad space is received the newspaper will actually be less than the old cost and move toward having no cost as was planned.
It was agreed each winner would receive a \$100. bond.
- REPORT#4: ABC
 Solicitor should have information to review regarding the issuance of liquor licenses.
Agreed ABC ordinance would be introduced at the same time Redevelopment Plan was approved, and the public hearing at a subsequent meeting.
- REPORT#5: RECYCLE BANK
 The Mayor has asked the representative for Recycle Bank to come to the meeting to present any new information they may have on their program.
Recycle Bank representative Mike D'Angelo and Jim Briggs were present and Fred Ner; from the Camden recycle plant (FCR). The explained a new plan that does not require the town to purchase the trash totes which can be costly. A radio transmitter sticker can be applied to the existing recycle cans, and a radio receiver installed in the recycle truck. This plan would allow all residents who participate to share equally in the reward points. The average reward values each year average about \$200. The only requirement of the business to join to offer reward points is to honor their reward and they will get free promotion on Recycle Bank website. The recycle band representative stated they would forward a log on ID to council to see what rewards are offered since that was a concern.
- REPORT#6: MATERIAL CERTIFICATION
 Each year the Gloucester Township MUA requires us to execute their material certification form to allow us to dump our leaves at their facility. A resolution authorizing the execution will be on for the February 10, 2009 Meeting.
Informational

- REPORT#7: SEX OFFENDER ORDINANCE
Public Hearing and final action are set for February 10, 2009.
Informational
- REPORT#8: RED LIGHT ORDINANCE
Since the grant has not been awarded, we will need to table the final action on this ordinance at the Regular Meeting. We should still hold the public hearing though. As soon as we get the final award notice the final action can take place.
Informational
- REPORT#9: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDING/PROJECT
Councilman Perez attended a CDBG workshop which the County went over some rules for 2009. This was held on the morning of January 22, 2009. A new rule is that we have to use the funds, rather than save multiple years for a large scale project. We have a balance left from 2008 (Colby Avenue) and we will have the 2009 funding. If we do not plan to do a CDBG Project this year we will lose the 2008 funding. The Engineer has been notified of this rule, and is reviewing Washington Blvd, Whitman and Columbia Avenues for comparison and cost estimates. We would have roughly \$70,000. available, and the Engineer is reviewing how much of each street could be completed, so he can report back on the total street costs, and possible partial streets completed. After the Engineer reports back, the project will have to be decided upon, and a resolution has to be adopted to inform the County what we plan to do with the funding.
Since CDBG stated we did not have to start the project in 2009, the project will be held until 2010 without jeopardizing the grant funds.
- REPORT#10: PROCLAMATION
As usual, each year to proclaim March 3, 2009 as Read Across America Day, in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday and to promote reading.
Informational
- REPORT#11: ANIMAL CRUELTY INVESTIGATOR
Our Animal Control Officer has completed his mandatory NJ Dept. of Health and NJ Police Training Commission training program to be appointed as an Animal Cruelty Investigator. There is no additional cost to the municipality, but requires a resolution of appointment which would allow him to investigate and enforce the State's animal protection laws. A resolution will be on for the February 10, 2009 meeting.
Informational
- Res.2009:38 Resolution 2009:38 – Executive Session
Executive Session On motion of Councilman M. Perez, seconded by Councilman M. Santoro to go into Executive Session.

RESOLUTION 2009:38

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist,

WHEREAS, the public body is required to adopt this resolution by a vote of three quarters of the members present,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stratford Borough Council as follows:

1. The meeting is required in order to deal with matters concerning personnel, more specifically top discuss:
PERSONNEL/LITIGATIONS
2. This meeting will be limited to the discussions with respect to the aforesaid matters.
3. Upon following adoption of this resolution for the purposes aforesaid, Borough Council will meet in closed session.
4. Notice of this meeting was posted on the bulletin board.

5. Generally speaking, it will be possible to disclose to the public results of these discussions as noted:

TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL ISSUES

On motion of Councilman M. Santoro, seconded by Councilwoman H. Tate with all ayes on the vote to come out of Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion of Councilwoman H. Tate, seconded by Councilman M. Santoro with all ayes on the vote.

John D. Keenan, Jr.
Borough Clerk