

**STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 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  
JULIE GALEZNIAK, COUNCILWOMAN  
STEVE VENUTO, COUNCILMAN  
MICHAEL SANTORO, COUNCILMAN  
HOLLY TATE, COUNCILWOMAN  
MICHAEL PEREZ, COUNCILMAN  
JEFFREY BARON, SOLICITOR  
JOHN D. KEENAN, JR. BOROUGH CLERK

PRESENTATION:

Presentation of \$100. bonds to the four winning students who participated in the Newspaper Naming Contest.

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.

APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES:

January 05, 2009 Reorganization Meeting  
On motion of Councilman S. Venuto, seconded by Councilman M. Perez with all ayes on the vote.

January 08, 2009 Agenda Meeting  
On motion of Councilman M. Perez, seconded by Councilman B. Angeli with all ayes on the vote.

January 13, 2009 Regular Meeting  
On motion of Councilman M. Santoro, seconded by Councilman M. Perez with all ayes on the vote.

REPORTS:  
FINANCE &

Councilwoman H. Tate She also reported that the new software system has been implanted in the accounting office, 2009 revenue sources were detailed, decline in tax revenue which was mostly in business and commercial entities, she also spoke of possible legislation which could cut library funding required, the liquor licenses could be sold in 2009 which revenue could be used to offset taxes.

She read the Finance report for January, 2009 as follows:

BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2009	897,852.31
Total Receipts	1,133,280.56
Total Disbursements	1,426,573.08
BALANCE JANUARY 31, 2009	604,559.79
SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNT BALANCES JANUARY 31, 2009	
Municipal Alliance	38,973.54
Animal Control	3,391.88
Public Assistance I	2,400.13
K-9	186.45
General Capital	650,920.22
Developers Escrow	12,017.00
POAA	1,450.00

Special Law Enforcement Trust	14,493.43
UCC/LEA Trust	181,743.69
Uniform Fire Safety	9,254.41
Tax Title Lien	79,832.42
Trust Other	51,220.92

**EMERGENCY SERVICES:**

Councilman Michael Santoro read the Fire and Ambulance reports for January, 2009 as follows:

**FIRE:**

Reported that there were forty-two (42) Alarms and held two (2) drills.

**AMBULANCE:**

Paid Crew responded to sixty (60) Alarms.

Volunteer Crew responded to sixteen (16) Alarms and held one (1) drill.

He also stated that the certification course dates were not available as yet.

**POLICE:**

Councilman Ben Angeli read the Police Activity report for January, 2009 as follows:

Adult Arrests	31	Juvenile Arrests	05
Assaults to Police	00	Simple Assault Complaints	02
Criminal Mischief Complaints	06	Harassment Complaints	13
Other Investigations & Complaints	27	Burglaries	02
Robberies	00	Thefts	\$6892.00 08
Stolen Property Recovered	\$2232.00	Motor Vehicle Thefts	00
DWI Arrests	08	Narcotics Arrests	05
Traffic Summonses issued	254	Motor Vehicle Accidents	31
Injuries from Car Accidents	06	Alarm Activations	32
Total Crime reports taken	84	Total Calls for Police Serv.	707

**PUBLIC EVENTS:**

Councilwoman Julie Galezniak spoke of the Fall Festival and she is working on the Miss Stratford Pageant.

**PUBLIC WORKS & LIGHTING:**

Councilman Michael Perez reported (DPW) that the chipper is out everyday, the leaf machine went through the town one last time and now the leaves need to be bagged, the rest of the Christmas tree was taken down, the snow plow equipment was put on the trucks there was one small snow storm followed by a large storm, overtime was required for the last storm.

(SD) helped with building and property tasks, responded to twenty (20) calls for sewer emergencies, checked and repaired lights on the backhoe, and work to start at the fire house to help with punch list to get the final CO approval.

The Mayor informed of initiatives in April for green awareness with recycling.

**ORDINANCE & PROPERTY:**

Councilman Steve Venuto reported that there are seven (7) Ordinances and twelve (12) Resolutions on for tonight's meeting. He also explained how a new construction truck is being purchased.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Ord.2009:01

Ordinance 2009:01 – CAP Ordinance 3.5%

Clerk presented proof of publication and after ample time and no questions were asked, the meeting was closed to the public. Motion to finally adopt was made by Councilman S.

Venuto, seconded by Councilman M. Santoro with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

Councilmen S. Venuto	yes	Councilman M. Santoro	yes
Councilwoman J. Galezniak	yes	Councilman M. Perez	yes
Councilman B. Angeli	yes	Councilwoman H. Tate	yes

MOTION CARRIED

**ORDINANCE 2009:01**

**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford in the County of Camden, finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY2009 budget by up and 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby determines that a 1% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$38,517.84 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS, THE Mayor and Borough Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford, in the County of Camden, a majority of the full authorized membership of the governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY2009 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Stratford shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 1%, amounting to \$38,517.84 and that the CY2009 municipal budget for the Borough of Stratford be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced to be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Mayor John Gentless

Attest:

John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and passed on the first reading at the meeting of the Governing Body held on the 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2009 and will be considered for final passage on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009 at a meeting at the Stratford Justice Facility, 315 Union Avenue, Stratford, NJ,.

John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC

Ord.2009:02

Ordinance 2009:02 - Special Emergency Appropriation \$30,000 Planner Clerk presented proof of publication. The meeting was opened to the public. Agnes Moore of Laureba Avenue questioned about any mistakes the Planner may have made and do we get charged for his errors. The Solicitor stated he will check into this. After ample time and no other questions were asked, the meeting was closed to the public. Motion to finally adopt was made by Councilman S. Venuto, seconded by Councilman M. Perez with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

Councilmen S. Venuto	yes	Councilman M. Santoro	yes
Councilwoman J. Galezniak	yes	Councilman M. Perez	yes
Councilman B. Angeli	yes	Councilwoman H. Tate	yes

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ORDINANCE 2009:02**

**SPECIAL EMERGENCY – REDEVELOPMENT PLANNER**

WHEREAS, it has been found necessary to make an Emergency Appropriation to meet certain extraordinary expenses incurred, or to be incurred.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 4A:4-53 provides that it shall be lawful to make such appropriation, which appropriation and or the "special emergency notes" issued to

finance the same shall be provided for in succeeding annual budgets by the inclusion of an appropriation of at least one-fifth of the amount authorized pursuant to this act. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of Stratford with not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-55:

1. An emergency appropriation be and the same is hereby made for the ordinances for the implementation of the Borough Master Plan in the total amount of \$30,000.00.
2. That said emergency appropriation shall be provided for in full in the budgets of the next succeeding years by the inclusion of not less than \$6,000.00 in each of the next succeeding annual budgets.
3. That an "Emergency Note" not in excess of the above amount authorized pursuant to law be provided.
4. That such note shall be executed by the CFO and by the Borough Clerk.
5. That said note shall be dated February 10, 2009, may be renewed from time to time, and such note and any renewals thereof shall mature and be paid in the amount of not less than one-fifth of the total amount appropriated by this resolution in each year after the authorization thereof.

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John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC

Ord.2009:03 Ordinance 2009:03 – Amend Shade Tree Ordinance Ch. 2.48  
Clerk presented proof of publication and after ample time and no questions were asked, the meeting was closed to the public. Motion to finally adopt was made by Councilman M. Santoro, seconded by Councilman M. Perez with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:  
Councilmen S. Venuto                    yes        Councilman M. Santoro    yes  
Councilwoman J. Galezniak            yes        Councilman M. Perez       yes  
Councilman B. Angeli                   yes        Councilwoman H. Tate    yes  
MOTION CARRIED

Ord.2009:04 Ordinance 2009:04 – Red Light Camera - TABLED  
Clerk presented proof of publication and after ample time and no questions were asked, the meeting was closed to the public. Motion was made by Councilman M. Perez, seconded by Councilman M. Santoro with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:  
Councilmen S. Venuto                    yes        Councilman M. Santoro    yes  
Councilwoman J. Galezniak            yes        Councilman M. Perez       yes  
Councilman B. Angeli                   yes        Councilwoman H. Tate    yes  
to TABLE this Ordinance.

Ord.2009:05 Ordinance 2009:05 – Repeal Ch. 9.20 Sex Offender  
Clerk presented proof of publication and after ample time and no questions were asked, the meeting was closed to the public. Motion to finally adopt was made by Councilman S. Venuto, seconded by Councilman M. Santoro with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:  
Councilmen S. Venuto                    yes        Councilman M. Santoro    yes  
Councilwoman J. Galezniak            yes        Councilman M. Perez       yes  
Councilman B. Angeli                   yes        Councilwoman H. Tate    yes  
MOTION CARRIED

**ORDINANCE 2009:05**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL CHAPTER 9.20, SEX OFFENDER**  
**RESIDENCY PROHIBITION OF THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD,**  
**COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford adopted Ordinance 2005:23 which contained regulations regarding the residency of convicted sex offenders; and  
WHEREAS, a panel of the New Jersey Appellate Division recently found that such municipal ordinances conflict with the express and implied interest of the New Jersey legislature to exclusively regulate this area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD, as follows:

1. Chapter 9.20 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

BE IT FURTHERE ORDAINED, that this Ordinance will take effect after adoption and publication according to law.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and passed on the first reading at a meeting of the Governing Body held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2009 and will be considered for final passage on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009 at a meeting at a meeting at this Stratford Justice Facility, 315 Union Avenue, Stratford, NJ. John D. Keenan, Jr. Keenan, Jr.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ord.2009:06 Ordinance 2009:06 – Amend Bond Ordinance – Police Vehicle  
The Ordinance was read by title. A motion was made to approve on first reading by Councilman M. Santoro, seconded by Councilman H. Tate with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

Councilmen S. Venuto	yes	Councilman M. Santoro	yes
Councilwoman J. Galezniak	yes	Councilman M. Perez	yes
Councilman B. Angeli	yes	Councilwoman H. Tate	yes

MOTION CARRIED

Res.2009:39 Resolution 2009:39 – Public Hearing for Ordinance 2009:06 – Feb. 24, 2009  
On motion of Councilman B. Angeli, seconded by Councilman S. Venuto with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2009:39**

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE 2009:06**

BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Members of Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009, 7:30 PM set for the date and time of the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2009:06 and; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that final reading and adoption shall be set for the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009 at 7:30 PM.

Res.2009:40 Resolution 2009:40 – Participate County Co-op for Road Salt Purchase  
On motion of Councilman M. Santoro, seconded by Councilwoman H. Tate with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2009:40**

WHEREAS, the County of Camden is offering municipalities to participate in a cooperative to purchase road salt; and  
WHEREAS, the County awarded Bid B-11 for the Furnishing and Delivering of Sodium Chloride to International Salt Company LLC, 655 Northern Boulevard, Clarks Summit, PA; and  
WHEREAS, the price \$67.47 per ton for item #1, Sodium Chloride,  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to accept the award of the salt bid by the County of Camden and to participate in the County Cooperative for the purchase of salt.

Ord.2009:07 Ordinance 2009:07 – Amend Business Licenses Ch. 5.04 – One Day License  
The Ordinance was read by title. A motion was made to approve on first reading by Councilwoman H. Tate, seconded by Councilman M. Perez with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

Councilmen S. Venuto	yes	Councilman M. Santoro	yes
Councilwoman J. Galezniak	yes	Councilman M. Perez	yes
Councilman B. Angeli	yes	Councilwoman H. Tate	yes

MOTION CARRIED

Res.2009:41 Resolution 2009:41 – Public Hearing for Ordinance 2009:07 – March 10, 2009  
On motion of Councilman M. Santoro, seconded by Councilman M. Perez with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2009:41  
PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE 2009:07**

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 March, 2009, 7:30 PM set for the date and time of the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2009:07 and;  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that final reading and adoption shall be set for the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009 at 7:30 PM.

Res.2009:42 Resolution 2009:42 – Accept Dept. of Justice Grant \$4,000. Missing Children Training  
On motion of Councilman S. Venuto, seconded by Councilwoman J. Galezniak with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2009:42**

WHEREAS, the Police Chief has filed for a grant from the US Department of Justice for Training of officers regarding Missing Children; and  
WHEREAS, the grant has been awarded to the Borough of Stratford Police Department for the training of officers when involved in cases of Missing Children,  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to accept the award of \$4,000.00 from the US Department of Justice for the training of officers to assist them in cases of Missing Children.

Res.2009:43 Resolution 2009:43 – Execute Auditor Agreement  
On motion of Councilman M. Santoro, seconded by Councilman B. Angeli with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2009:43**

WHEREAS, the appointment for 2009 Auditor was made at the Annual Reorganization Meeting of the Governing Body; and  
WHEREAS, the appointment was made of John Dailey of Bowman and Company,  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY, Mayor and Council to authorize the proper officials to execute the agreement with Bowman and Company as the 2009 Auditor.

Res.2009:44 Resolution 2009:44 – Execute Material Certification Form – Glo. Twp. MUA  
On motion of Councilman S. Venuto, seconded by Councilman B. Angeli with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2009:44**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford contracts to dispose of their leaves at the Gloucester Township MUA facility; and  
WHEREAS, as required by the facility a Material Certification has to signed annually by those entities dumping at the facility; and  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to authorize the execution of the annual Material Certification Form certifying we are dumping leaves at their facility.

Res.2009:45 Resolution 2009:45 – Project Designation Yr. 31 CDBG Funding – Road Reconstruction  
On motion of Councilman B. Angeli, seconded by Councilman S. Venuto with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2009:45**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford is entitled to Community Development Block Grant funding; and  
WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have chosen to submit an application for Program 31 (2009-2010); and  
WHEREAS, the grant allocation for Year 31 (2009-2010) for the Borough of Stratford is \$34,210. based on last year's funding; and

WHEREAS, the governing body has agreed to apply for funding for the following activity:  
WASHINGTON AVENUE (entire length)      COLUMBIA AVENUE (entire length)  
CURTIS COURT (in its entirety)      WHITMAN AVENUE (entire length)  
CURTIS AVENUE (entire length)      RENSALAER STREEET (entire length)  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Project Description Form for Program Year 31(2009-2010).

Res.2009:46      Resolution 2009:46 – Appoint Animal Cruelty Investigator – James McCleery  
On motion of Councilman M. Santoro, seconded by Councilwoman J. Galezniak with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2009:46**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford contracts with James McCleery of Countywide Animal Control as the Animal Control Officer; and  
WHEREAS, James McCleery has been certified as an Animal Cruelty Investigator,  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford to appoint James McCleery as the Animal Cruelty Investigator for the Borough of Stratford at no additional charge.

Res.2009:47      Resolution 2009:47 – Authorize Purchase – State Contract #A71012 Ford F-350 Construction  
On motion of Councilman M. Santoro, seconded by Councilman B. Angeli with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2009:47**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Construction Department is in need of vehicle to use as an inspection vehicle; and  
WHEREAS, under NJ State Contract #A71012 with Warnock of East Hanover to provide Ford F-350 Pick Up Trucks the Borough of Stratford is permitted to make the purchase,  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford to authorize the purchase through the NJ State Contract #A71012 for the purchase of a Ford F-350 Pick Up Truck in the amount of \$33,601.84.

Res.2009:48      Resolution 2009:48 – Borough Clerk to Advertise and Receive Bids for Tree Work  
On motion of Councilman S. Venuto, seconded by Councilman M. Perez with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2009:48**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford advertised and received bids for tree work such as tree trimming, tree removal, and stump grinding; and  
WHEREAS, bids were received by various tree companies; and  
WHEREAS, the bids either exceeded the budgeted amount or did not meet the bid specifications,  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to reject all the tree bids received for exceeding budgeted amounts or for not meeting the bid specifications.

Res.2009:49      Resolution 2009:49 – Safe and Secure Communities Program  
On motion of Councilman M. Santoro, seconded by Councilman B. Angeli with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2009:49**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM  
RESOLUTION OF PARTICIPATION**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN A SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford wishes to apply for a project under the Safe and Secure Communities Program, and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has reviewed the application and has approved said request, and  
WHEREAS, the project is a joint effort between the Department of Law and Public Safety and the Applicant Local Unit of Government, for the purpose described in the application;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council that

1. As a matter of public policy the Applicant's Unit of Government wishes to participate to the fullest extent possible with the Department of Law and Public Safety.
2. The Attorney General of New Jersey will receive funds on behalf of the Applicant.
3. The Division of Criminal Justice shall be responsible for the receipts and review of the applications for said funds.
4. The Division of Criminal Justice shall initiate allocations to the applicant as authorized by law.

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM  
CERTIFICATION OF RECORDING OFFICER**

This is to certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution which was duly and regularly introduced and finally adopted at the meeting of the Stratford Borough Council held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009 and duly recorded in my office; that all requirements of law pertaining to the conduct of said meeting and the passage of this resolution were observed; and that I am duly authorized to execute this certificate.

DATED: This 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009

SEAL

Borough of Stratford Clerk  
Signature of Certifying Officer  
John D. Keenan, Jr.  
Name of Certifying Officer

Borough Clerk  
Title of Certifying Officer  
Grant # P-

Res.2009:50

Resolution 2009:50 – Tonnage Grant Application  
On motion of Councilman M. Perez, seconded by Councilman S. Venuto with all eyes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2009:50  
TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c.102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to Implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for such tonnage grants for the calendar year 2008 will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of Stratford Borough Council to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

WHEREAS, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of

Stratford that Stratford hereby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates John Keenan, to ensure that the application is properly files; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purpose of recycling.

I certify the above to be a true copy of a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford on February 10, 2009.

John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk

PROCLAMATION: March 03, 2009 Read Across America Day – Read by Mayor Gentless

**PROCLAMATION**

**READ ACROSS AMERICA/READ ACROSS NJ**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Stratford stand firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students' future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, Stratford has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education of our youth, grounded in the principle that educational investment is key to the community's well-being and long-term quality of life; and

WHEREAS, *NEA's Read Across America*, a national celebration of reading, will be conducted on March 3, 2009, which would have been the 105<sup>th</sup> birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel, better know as Dr. Seuss; and

WHEREAS, *Read Across America-NJ* is being conducted statewide by the New Jersey Education Association, in partnership with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the New Jersey Library Association, Saturn-UAW, and their local affiliates across the state to promote reading and adult involvement in the education of our community's students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Stratford calls on the citizens of Stratford to assure that every child is in a safe place reading together with a caring adult on March 3, 2009;

AN BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body enthusiastically endorses *NEA's Read Across America* and *Read Across America-NJ*, and recommits our community to engage in programs and activities to make America's children the best readers in the world.

Mayor John Gentless

February 10, 2009

RAFFLE LICENSURE: Knights of Columbus #560 - A Night at the Races  
On motion of Councilman M. Santoro, seconded by Councilman M. Perez with all ayes on the vote, the Raffle License was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Be it resolved to approve payment of bills numbered from #19292 to #19393, #19283 to #19291 was voided; Animal Control #1291 to #1293, with various wire transfers.

GOOD AND WELFARE: -Agnes Moore of Laureba Avenue questioned the Redevelopment Meetings on February 17<sup>th</sup> and February 24<sup>th</sup>, if the public was able to comment. She was concerned with satellite dishes and the location.  
-Rose Simpkins of Yale Avenue also commented about the dishes.  
-Joe Schiavo of Temple Avenue had questions on redevelopment. The solicitor explained. He also had questions on the appeal process. The solicitor explained.  
-Mayor John Gentless informed the stimulus project application and how he applied for a traffic light.

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

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John D. Keenan, Jr. RMC