

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 2009
7:00 P.M.

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.

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 BRENNAN, ESQ., ALT. SOLICITOR
JOHN D. KEENAN, JR., BOROUGH CLERK

Ord. 2009:06

Ordinance 2009:06 Amend Bond Ordinance - Clerk shows proof of advertisement. Meeting was opened to the public 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 Councilwoman J. Galezniak with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

MOTION CARRIED

**ORDINANCE 2009:06
AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE 2005:01
FINALLY ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 8, 2005**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), as follows:

Section 1. Section 3, Item (a) of Bond Ordinance Number 2005:01 adopted on February 08, 2005. Appropriating the Amount of \$850,000.00 and Authorizing the Issuance of \$809,000.00 Bonds or Notes of Financing (the "Ordinance") is hereby amended to read as follows:

Purpose	Appropriation & Estimate Cost	Period of Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes	Average Period of Usefulness
Police Vehicle	\$32,000.	\$32,000.	5 years

Section 2. All other provisions of this Ordinance shall remain unchanged.

Section 3. This Bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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 10th day of February, 2009 and will be considered for final passage on the 24th day of February, 2009 at a meeting at the Stratford Justice Facility, 315 Union Avenue, Stratford, NJ.

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

Res. 2009:52

Resolution 2009:52 – Authorization of Settlement – Franklin Clapp
On motion of Councilman M. Santoro, seconded by Councilwoman J. Galezniak to approve the resolution as recommended by the Solicitor to execute the Settlement Agreement. All ayes on the vote.

RESOLUTION 2009:52

WHEREAS, the Borough Solicitor has reviewed along with the Borough Tax Assessor the Settlement Agreement for prior tax assessments on the property located at Block 48, Lot 4 previously owned by Franklin Clapp; and
WHEREAS, the settlement agreement is agreeable and being recommended to execute,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to authorize the execution of all documents required regarding the settlement agreement with Franklin Clapp and to pay after the execution by both parties, Franklin Clapp the amount of \$27,000.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted at a Special Meeting held on February 24, 2009.

Res. 2009:53

Resolution 2009:53 – Authorize the 457 Plan and the Vendor to be Lincoln Investment Planning, Inc. Motion made by Councilman Angeli, seconded by Councilwoman Tate with all Council voting aye.

RESOLUTION 2009:53

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford has offered the employees a voluntary contributory deferred retirement program; and

WHEREAS, the vendor who has received the employees' contributions up to December 31, 2008 has been UBS Financial Services of Philadelphia, PA; and

WHEREAS, due to changes in the IRS regulations UBS Financial Services has stopped allowing employees to participate effective January 01, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Investment has offered to be of service to the Borough of Stratford and accept employees contributions to the IRS 457 Plan of the Borough of Stratford; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Investment also assists Stratford School District and the Sterling High School District,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to authorize the execution of all documents required to contract with Lincoln Investment as the company to who the Borough of Stratford will utilize as the vendor for the Borough's IRS 457 Plan funds.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted at a Special Meeting held on February 24, 2009.

Res. 2009:54

Resolution 2009:54 - Executive Session

Motion made by Councilman Angeli, seconded by Councilman Perez to adopt the resolution to enter into Executive Session. All Council voted aye.

RESOLUTION 2009:54

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

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution was adopted by Mayor and Council at their Agenda Meeting held on the 05th day of March, 2009.

John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk

Motion made by Councilman Venuto, seconded by Councilman Angeli to come out of Executive Session. All Council voted aye.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Councilman Angeli, seconded by Councilman Venuto with all ayes on the vote. The meeting was adjourned.

John D. Keenan, Jr. RMC