

**STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 08, 2009
7:00 P.M.**

ROLL CALL:

MAYOR JOHN GENTLESS
BEN ANGELI, COUNCIL PRESIDENT
JULIE GALEZNIAK, COUNCILWOMAN
STEVE VENUTO, COUNCILMAN
HOLLY TATE, COUNCILWOMAN
MIKE PEREZ, COUNCILMAN
JEFFREY BARON, SOLICITOR
JOHN D. KEENAN, JR., BOROUGH CLERK
RONALD MORELLO, CHIEF OF POLICE
ABSENT
MICHAEL SANTORO, COUNCILMAN (SICK)

POLICE CHIEF Chief Ron Morello read his report as follows:

REPORT: -burglary at Woodmere Apartments
three (3) suspects were caught and arrested
-fatal accident investigation complete
-eight (8) diner customers failed to pay their bill and were caught
-car stop on Overhill Road with marijuana
-break-in and car stolen – car found later
-dentist office burglarized – took prescription pads
-homeless person was living in vacant store at Laurel Mills Center
-burglary suspects earlier in the month burglarized another unit
-teenager attacked mother with knife
-trash can thrown threw a window at a vacant store at Laurel Mills Center
-luncheon for Marie Gahagan went well and she was very appreciative
- red light camera grant awarded to Stratford

PUBLIC PORTION: Nothing was discussed in this portion.

REPORT#1: SHADE TREE ORDINANCE
The Solicitor confirmed he would have the amended ordinance ready for review.
Ordinance was e-mailed to Mayor and Council

REPORT#2: REDEVELOPMENT
Meeting dates have to be set so required advertisement can be completed. Also a timeline should be created so Council, Planner, Solicitor, SBCA/SEDC are aware of the process moving forward. The approved COAH portion of the plan has been sent to the State prior to the December 31, 2008 deadline.
The solicitor will start ABC information

REPORT#3: NEWSLETTER
The contest winners were given to the Mayor and there are four students. A decision has to be made on how to award their submission. We initially had offered a \$100. bond. This could be arranged to make a presentation to the students at Tuesday's meeting. A February issue is still the goal for the first issue.
A \$50.00 bond for each of the four (4) student winners.

REPORT#4: ANIMAL SHELTER CONTRACT
 As in prior years we will adopt a resolution to execute the annual animal shelter agreement with Voorhees Animal Orphanage. The amount is \$500.00 per month.
Call to Lindenwold Adoption Center just to see if they are interested in the contract. They can not take a municipal account, but appreciated the offer.

REPORT#5: PARK COMMISSIONER
 Larry Talucci has resigned from the Park Commission. Bill Grover has asked to be appointed to the vacancy.
Resolution following to appoint Bill Grover.

Res.2009:21A Resolution 2009:21A – Appoint Bill Grover to Park Commission
 On motion of Councilman S. Venuto, seconded by Councilman M. Perez with all ayes on the vote.

RESOLUTION 2009:21A

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy of a Park Commission member; and
 WHEREAS, Bill Grover of Parkview Road has asked to fill the vacancy,
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to appoint Bill Grover to the Park Commission with a term to expire on December 31, 2011.

REPORT#6: SEX OFFENDER ORDINANCE
 The Solicitor has amended the current Sex Offender Ordinance Ch. 9.20 of the Code to repeal it in its entirety. This Ordinance will be on for introduction at the January 13 meeting, with public hearing and final action at the February Meeting.
Informational

REPORT#7: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPRESENTATIVE
 Every year a council person is designated as the Community Development Block Grant Representative. The Mayor is automatically a voting member of the group but when he can not make the meetings the county requests another member of the governing body to be appointed.
A resolution of appointment will be on for the Tuesday meeting. – Mike Perez

REPORT#8: 2009 GREEN COMMUNITIES GRANT
 A resolution is required to accept the \$3,000.00 grant from the NJ Community Forestry Management Plan. This will update our current Forestry Plan.
Informational

Executive Session Resolution 2009:22 – Executive Session
 Res.2009:22 On motion of Councilman M. Perez, seconded by Councilman B. Angeli with all ayes on the vote to go into Executive Session.
 On motion of Councilman B. Angeli, seconded by Councilman S. Venuto with all ayes on the vote to come out of Executive Session.

RESOLUTION 2009:22

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

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

John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk