

**STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 04, 2009
7:00 P.M.**

ROLL CALL:

MAYOR JOHN GENTLESS
BEN ANGELI, COUNCIL PRESIDENT
STEVE VENUTO, COUNCILMAN
WILLIAM GROVER, COUNCILMAN
MICHAEL SANTORO, COUNCILMAN
HOLLY TATE, COUNCILWOMAN
MIKE PEREZ, COUNCILMAN
BARBARA REIFBERG, ALT. SOLICITOR
JOHN D. KEENAN, JR., BOROUGH CLERK
ABSENT
JEFFREY BARON, SOLICITOR
RONALD MORELLO, CHIEF OF POLICE

POLICE CHIEF
REPORT:

PUBLIC
PORTION:

Nothing to report in this session

- Councilman M. Santoro – nothing to report
- Councilman M. Perez – grass, flower planting, vandalize wall entrance at Woods and Leaves, and broke Vet sign, gazebo vandalized writing discriminatory statements.
- Councilwoman H. Tate – nothing to report
- Councilman B. Angeli – nothing to report
- Councilman S. Venuto – confirmed there was no increase in apartment units in the Redevelopment Plan, and the public should not be intimidated by literature.
- Mayor J. Gentless – Property – lighting fixtures at the Borough Hall, review with quotes. He spoke of the Courier Post article on Cherry Hill – PSE&G new street lights installed.
- Councilman B. Grover – spoke of the Shade Tree Commission Ordinance with Councilman M. Santoro adding the health of trees – not for safety
- Agnes Moore of Laureba Avenue stated a tree on Bryant & Laureba Avenues is leaning into the street over a bus stop.
- Joan Ciccarella of Swarthmore Avenue will fill out a form for a tree removal and is willing to pay for trees herself.

REPORT #1:

REDEVELOPMENT

Those owners that have answered the Solicitor's inquiry have received their RFQ/P. The first package returned for review has been from LaMartinique Bowling. The borough auditing firm is reviewing the financial information which should be completed in time for action to appoint the owner as the redeveloper for their parcels located in Area 1.

REPORT #2:

NEWSPAPER

The paper was delayed in getting out in time for Memorial Day information, and is to be issued soon.
Informational

REPORT #3:

ABC

The Ordinance for ABC licenses has been adopted. The first license proposed is for Redevelopment Area 1. The initial resolution draft was presented to council. As was discussed at the last meeting, council was to review the draft and decide on some of the information that is required to complete the resolution in order to adopt it at our June 09

meeting. The main piece of information required is the minimum bid price for the license.

REPORT #4: REPEAL SHADE TREE CHAPTER 2.48
Councilman Grover and Santoro have reviewed the information given by the State Department of Forestry, NJDEP. The draft ordinance will be ready to hand out at the Agenda Meeting for review, and action to take place at the June 09 meeting.
Informational

REPORT #5: RECYCLE BANK
RecycleBank was present at the SCBA breakfast on May 08 at the UMDNJ. I have no information to add to this topic at this time.
Councilman B. Angeli explained that he heard from results of the meeting. They were to talk to businesses with a Borough representative prior to council's action.

REPORT #6: SIGN ORDINANCE
There was concern regarding the restriction of temporary signs for businesses.
Solicitor Barbara Reifberg spoke of the signs.

REPORT#7: 2009 SALARY ORDINANCE
The introduction of the 2009 Salary Ordinance took place on May 12. The Public Hearing is set for June 09 meeting with final action to follow at the same meeting.
Informational

REPORT#8: PARK COMMISSION APPOINTMENT
Councilman Grover will have an appointment ready for June 09 meeting for the Park Commission to expire December 31, 2011.
Informational

REPORT#9: MYASTHENIA GRAVIS PROCLAMATION
Each year we are asked to proclaim June as Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month. The Garden State Chapter is requesting it again for 2009. A proclamation will be ready for the June 09 meeting.
Informational

PUBLIC SESSION: -Joe Strippoli read a written statement from the attorney stating they have supplied and met the request of Council. He asked that the appointment as redeveloper be tonight.
-Councilman S. Venuto stated Jeff Baron has agreed that Joe Strippoli has met the requirements and previously has stated there are benefits to working with the present owner.

Res.2009:99 Resolution 2009:99 (Previously Tabled as Res.09:86A) Redevelopment Plan Area 1
On motion of Councilman S. Venuto, seconded by Councilman M. Santoro with the roll call vote as follows:

Councilman S. Venuto	yes	Councilman M. Santoro	yes
Councilwoman H. Tate	yes	Councilman M. Perez	yes
Councilman B. Angeli	no	Councilman W. Grover	yes

RESOLUTION 2009:99

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford adopted a Redevelopment Plan in 2009; and
WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Plan consists of 3 distinctive areas of the borough; and
WHEREAS, Area #1 is made up of a non-residential entertainment area; and
WHEREAS, the owner of the lands of LaMartinique Bowling Academy, Inc. did confirm their desire to be appointed the redeveloper of the land they own in Area #1; and
WHEREAS, LaMartinique Bowling Academy submitted the required documentation to be appointed the redeveloper which included financial documentation; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford reviewed all the documentation, as well as met with the owner and his professionals,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to appoint LaMartinique Bowling Academy, Inc. as the redeveloper for their land within Area #1 of the Redevelopment Plan of Stratford,
FURTHERMORE, all documentation submitted as to the future plans of their lands will become part of this resolution as supporting documentation.
I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify this resolution was adopted by Council at their Regular Meeting on June 4, 2009.

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ADJOURNMENT: