

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 12, 2009
6:00 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
STEVE VENUTO, COUNCILMAN
MICHAEL SANTORO, COUNCILMAN (arrived 6:30pm)
HOLLY TATE, COUNCILWOMAN (arrived 6:20 pm)
MICHAEL PEREZ, COUNCILMAN
JEFFREY BARON, ESQ.
LARRY WAETZMAN, PLANNER
JOHN D. KEENAN, JR., BOROUGH CLERK

Executive Session
Res. 2009:69

Resolution 2009:69 – Executive Session
On motion of Councilman S. Venuto, seconded by Councilman B. Angeli to go into Executive Session, with all ayes on the vote

RESOLUTION 2009:69

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 to 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 Special Meeting at 6:00 PM held on the 12th day of March, 2009.

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

Vacancy Appointment:

Mayor read the resignation of John Capone as Councilman. Resignation was accepted. The Stratford Republican County Committee Chair's letter stating the three people recommended for the vacancy of Council. The names were: Harry Berry, Joan Trexler and William Grover.

Res. 2009:70

Resolution 2009:70 – Council Appointment – William Grover

A motion was made by Councilman Venuto, seconded by Councilman Santoro to appoint William Grover as Councilman, with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2009:70

WHEREAS, Councilman John Capone submitted his resignation with an effective date of March 10, 2009; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists for a Council position of the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:16 regulates the Municipal Vacancy Law and states within 15 days after the occurrence of the vacancy the municipal committee of the political party shall present to the Governing Body the names of three nominees for the selection of a successor to fill the vacancy; and

WHEREAS, within 30 days after the occurrence of a vacancy, the Governing Body shall appoint one of the nominees as the successor to fill the vacancy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council to appoint

WILLIAM GROVER

to fill the Council vacancy with a term to expire on December 31, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Councilman B. Angeli, seconded by Councilman S. Venuto to adjourn the meeting with all ayes on the vote. The meeting was adjourned.

John D. Keenan, Jr. Borough Clerk