

**STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 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
WILLIAM GROVER, COUNCILMAN
HOLLY TATE, COUNCILWOMAN
MICHAEL PEREZ, COUNCILMAN
STEVE VENUTO, COUNCILMAN
MICHAEL SANTORO, COUNCILMAN
JEFFREY BRENNAN, ALT. SOLICITOR
JOHN D. KEENAN, JR. BOROUGH CLERK
ABSENT
JEFFREY I. BARON, SOLICITOR

MEETING OPENED
TO THE PUBLIC:

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES:

September 03, 2009

On motion of Councilman M. Perez, seconded by Councilman S. Venuto with all ayes on the vote.

September 08, 2009

On motion of Councilman M. Perez, seconded by Councilman W. Grover with all ayes on the vote.

October 08, 2009

On motion of Councilman M. Santoro, seconded by Councilman B. Angeli with all ayes on the vote.

October 13, 2009

On motion of Councilman M. Perez, seconded by Councilman B. Angeli with all ayes on the vote.

REPORTS:
FINANCE &
REVENUE:

Councilwoman Holly Tate read the Finance Report for October, 2009 as submitted by the CFO as follows:

BALANCE OCTOBER 1, 2009	991,611.29
Total Receipts	1,213,524.12
Total Disbursements	1,584,397.66
BALANCE OCTOBER 31, 2009	620,737.75
SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNT BALANCES OCTOBER 31, 2009	
Municipal Alliance	42,523.54
Animal Control	6,431.41
Public Assistance I	2,400.13
K-9	186.45
General Capital	528,447.09
Developers Escrow	18,594.71
POAA	1,356.01
Special Law Enforcement Trust	15,677.41

UCC/LEA	118,325.59
Uniform Fire Safety	16,109.07
Tax Title Lien	60,486.80
Trust Other	44,097.88
Parks Open Space	2,745.11

EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Councilman Michael Santoro read the Fire Company report for October, 2009 as submitted by the Deputy Chief as follows:
 The Fire Department responded to 51 Alarms and held 2 drills during the month of October, 2009.
 Councilman Santoro read the Ambulance report for October, 2009 as submitted by the Captain as follows:
 The Ambulance Volunteer Crew responded 14 Alarms and held 1 Drill.
 The Ambulance Paid Crew responded to 78 Alarms.
 Councilman M. Santoro thanked

POLICE:

Councilman Ben Angeli read the Police Activity report for October, 2009 as submitted by the Chief of Police as follows:

Adult Arrest	36	Juvenile Arrests	04
Assaults to Police	01	Simple Assault Compl.	05
Criminal Mischief Complaints	03	Harassment Complaints	14
Other Investigations & Complaints	77	Burglaries	05
Robberies	00	Thefts \$32,808.	23
Stolen Property Recovered \$14,823.00		Motor Vehicle Thefts	02
DWI Arrests	12	Narcotics Arrests	06
Traffic Summonses issued	413	Motor Vehicle Accidents	35
Injuries from Car Accidents	06	Alarm Activations	34
Total Crime Reports taken	92	Total Calls for Police Ser.795	

PUBLIC EVENTS:

Councilman William Grover stated that the annual Halloween parade started outside then moved inside to the gym due to rain. The parade went well.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Councilman Michael Perez read the sewer report for October, 2009 as follows: all work tasks were completed, park trash is being picked up on a weekly basis, cleaned storm drains after rain.
 Dept of Public Works – the made a final mowing of lawns, the leaf machines are ready, chipping stopped until January during leaf pick-up, spoke of clean and clear program with trimming trees along sidewalks and roadways. Councilman M. Perez asked please do not park cars on leaves and do not mix sticks or vines in with the leaf piles.

PROPERTY & ORDINANCE:

Councilman Stephen Venuto reported there are three (3) Ordinances and seventeen (17) Resolutions on for tonight’s meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ord.2009:25 Ordinance 2009:25 – Amend Chapter 2.32 Board of Park Commissioners
 Clerk presented proof of publication. 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 Councilman W. Grover, with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

MOTION CARRIED

**ORDINANCE 2009:25
 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2.32 ENTITLED
 BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS**

THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF STRATFORD DOES ORDAIN:
 WHEREAS, THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD has determined that amending the Ordinance is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the Borough and its residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Municipal Council of THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD that:

Section 1. Section 2.32.020 Creation of board – Eligibility

Replace with the following:

There is created a board of park commissioners, consisting of seven members who shall be appointed by the mayor with the consent of the borough council. Members of said board shall be residents of the borough of recognized fitness for such position. No commissioner shall receive any compensation for his or her services.

Section 2. Repealer.

All ordinances or part of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to said inconsistencies and conflicts.

Section 3. Severability.

If any section, part of any section, or clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, and each section and subsection thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more of the subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 4. Effective Dates.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to 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 13th day of October 2009 and will be considered for final passage on the 10th day of November, 2009 at a meeting at the Stratford Justice Facility, 315 Union Avenue, Stratford, NJ.

John D. Keenan, Jr. RMC

Ord.2009:26 Ordinance 2009:26 – Amend Bond Ordinance 2005:01
 Clerk presented proof of publication. 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 M. Santoro, seconded Councilwoman H. Tate with all ayes on the roll call vote, with the exception of Councilman M. Perez, as follows:
 Councilman M. Santoro yes Councilwoman H. Tate yes
 Councilman M. Perez abstain Councilman B. Angeli yes
 Councilman W. Grover yes Councilman S. Venuto yes
 MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Ord.2009:28 Ordinance 2009:28 – Special Events Ordinance
 The Ordinance was read by title. A motion was made to approve on the first reading by Councilman M. Santoro, seconded by Councilman W. Grover, with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:
 Councilman M. Perez yes Councilman W. Grover yes
 Councilman S. Venuto yes Councilman B. Angeli yes
 Councilman B. Angeli yes Councilwoman H. Tate yes
 MOTION CARRIED

Res.2009:199 Resolution 2009:199 – Public Hearing for Ord. 2009:28 – December 8, 2009
 On motion of Councilman M. Perez, seconded by Councilwoman H. Tate with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2009:199
 PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE 2009:28**

BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Members of Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the 08th day of December, 2009 7:00 PM set for the date and time of the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2009:28 and; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that final reading and adoption shall be set for the 08th day of December at 7:00 PM.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution was adopted by Mayor and Council on the 08th day of October, 2009.

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

Res.2009:200 Resolution 2009:200 – Confirm CDBG Home Improvement Grant B. 98, L. 6
On motion of Councilman M. Perez, seconded by Councilman B. Angeli with all ayes on the vote.

RESOLUTION 2009:200
RESOLUTION DESIGNATING RECIPIENTS FOR THE
CAMDEN COUNTY HOUSING REHABILITATION
PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING CAMDEN COUNTY DIVISION OF
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AS ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT

WHEREAS, the Stratford Housing Rehabilitation Agency, hereinafter referred to as “Agency” has received and reviewed applications by certain homeowners specified herein for rehabilitation of their dwellings under the Camden County Community Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, said Agency has determined that said homeowners are eligible under the guidelines of said program; and

WHEREAS, the County of Camden has been authorized by Cooperation Agreements between the County and the various participating municipalities to administer the Housing Rehabilitation Program from funds received under Community Development Block Grant Program;

NOW THEREFORE, Be It Resolved as follows:

- 1) That the following homeowners are hereby determined eligible for assistance under the Camden County Home Improvement Program:
 1. Block 98, Lot 6 – 30 Longwood Drive
- 2) That the Camden County Division of Community Development is hereby authorized to process the aforementioned homeowner’s application for rehabilitation of their dwellings as specified herein.
- 3) That the Camden County Division of Community Development is further authorized to do the following:
 - a. Execute any and all documents and perform all administrative functions which may be required or desired in order to carry out the terms and conditions of the Community Development Block Grant Program.
 - b. Make payments to the homeowners and contractors in amount determined by the County for services performed in rehabilitating the dwellings specified herein.

BY: *John Gentless, Mayor*

Attest:

John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC

Borough Clerk

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Stratford Borough Council of Stratford held on the 10th day of November, 2009.

John D. Keenan, Jr., Clerk

HIP FORM #92-14

Res.2009:201 Resolution 2009:201 – Authorize NJDOT Traffic Signal Addendum – Red Light Camera Intersection
On motion of Councilman M. Santoro, seconded by Councilwoman H. Tate with all ayes on the vote.

RESOLUTION 2009:201

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford has applied for a permit to install a Redlight Photo Enforcement System at Route 30 and White Horse Road and Berlin Road, in the Borough of Stratford, Camden County; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has proposed a form of Agreement Addendum pertaining to the installation and maintenance of said Redlight Photo Enforcement System;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk of the said Borough of Stratford be and hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement Addendum with the State of New Jersey, acting through its Commissioner of Transportation, for the purpose aforesaid, a copy of said Agreement Addendum being attached hereto and made a part hereof;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, be and hereby are authorized to execute said Addendum.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough of Stratford at a Regular Meeting on November 10, 2009.

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

Res.2009:202

Resolution 2009:202 – Authorize Baron Contract – McTiernan Suit

On motion of Councilwoman H. Tate, seconded by Councilman M. Perez with all ayes on the vote.

RESOLUTION 2009:202

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford has been served with a suit captioned “Kerry M. McTiernan v. Borough of Stratford”; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford requires legal counsel to defend such suit,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Contract for Professional Employment with Jeffrey I. Baron, Esq. of the firm Baron, Riefberg & Brennan, P.A. to defend the suit.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted on November 10, 2009 by Borough Council.

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

Res.2009:203

Resolution 2009:203 – Authorize Tax Assessor Added Assessment Fee

On motion of Councilman M. Santoro, seconded by Councilman B. Angeli with all ayes on the vote.

RESOLUTION 2009:203

WHEREAS, the Borough Tax Assessor completed the added assessments each year as an additional duty; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has continued to pay the Tax Assessor for this added task in the amount of \$1,500.; and

WHEREAS, in the 2009 Borough Budget there has been allocated an amount of \$1,500. for this task; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to pay the Tax Assessor, Richard Arrowood the amount of \$1,500. for completing the added tax assessments for the 2009 year.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted on November 10, 2009.

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

Res.2009:204

Resolution 2009:204 – 2010 Pay to Play – Professional Proposals

On motion of Councilwoman H. Tate, seconded by Councilman M. Perez with all ayes on the vote.

RESOLUTION 2009:204

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq. was created to regulate “pay-to-play” in the branches of NJ government including counties and municipalities; and

WHEREAS, on or after January 1, 2010, the Law prohibits a municipality from awarding contracts with a value in excess of \$17,500. to a business entity that makes certain reportable contributions one year prior to the contract; and
 WHEREAS, the contractor can be awarded a contract even though he may have reportable contributions, if the award is made through a "fair and open" process; and
 WHEREAS, to be "fair and open" the contract should be advertised to give notice in advance of the contract, and publicly opened and announced when awarded; and
 WHEREAS, the minimum requirements of a "fair and open" process are:
 Publicly advertised with sufficient time of 10 calendar days to give notice, and
 Awarded under a process that provides for public solicitation of proposals, and
 Established on the basis of an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to any solicitation, and

Publicly opened and announced when awarded.

WHEREAS, the notice should include:

- A description of the requested goods or services;
- The time, date, and place proposals must be submitted;
- Contract information for obtaining the proposal document;
- The name of the agency requesting the proposal; and
- A statement that the proposal is being solicited through fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.

WHEREAS, there are several alternatives in choosing their basis for award under a fair and open process such as:

Choosing the lowest responsible bidder as in traditional bidding
 the standard used by both state government and the competitive contracting model "most advantageous price and other factors considered".

Other fair and open process established by the agency

WHEREAS, the bids do not have to be opened and awarded at the same time, do not have at a public meeting, and can be awarded at a separate time by resolution by the Governing Body with wording stating to a "fair and open" process or a "non-fair and open process"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council to authorize the Borough Clerk to advertise to receive proposals for the 2010 year under the "fair and open process" of the pay-to-play law, and have resolutions to awards ready for the Governing Body's Reorganization Meeting to be held on January 4, 2010 for the following services:

- BOROUGH ENGINEER
- BOROUGH SOLICITOR
- BOROUGH AUDITOR

FURTHERMORE, the following services for the 2010 year will also be included and forward to the appropriate Boards such as the Joint Land Use Board to take action at their Reorganization Meeting to be held in January, 2010.

BOARD ENGINEER

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body on November 10, 2009.

John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk

Res.2009:205 Resolution 2009:205 – Maintenance Liens
 On motion of Councilman M. Perez, seconded by Councilman B. Angeli with all ayes on the vote.

RESOLUTION 2009:205

Res.2009:206 Resolution 2009:206 – Award Heater Quote for Sewer Office Building-Elite Heating \$5,800.
 On motion of Councilman M. Santoro, seconded by Councilman W. Grover with all ayes on the vote.

RESOLUTION 2009:206

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Sewer Utility Department has a boiler system to heat the sewer building located at the Public Works Garage location; and

WHEREAS, the said boiler system is over 27 years old and needs to be replaced; and
WHEREAS, the boiler system was installed when the building was being used in a different capacity; and
WHEREAS, the boiler system is not the best system to heat the space in the current use of the building; and
WHEREAS, a gas fired hanging heater similar to those in the various garage spaces in other borough buildings,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to award the proposal from Elite Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc. of Cherry Hill in the amount of \$5,800.00 for the Reznor Gas fired heating system being charged to the Stratford Sewer Utility Municipal Department budget.
I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted on November 10, 2009 by Borough Council.
John D. Keenan, Jr., R.M.C.

CFO RESOLUTIONS

Res.2009:207 Resolution 2009:207 – VOID – Duplicate

Res.2009:208 Resolution 2009:208 – Chapter 159 – NJ Recycling Grant - \$7,201.32

RESOLUTION 2009:208

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:40-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Finance may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and
WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount; and

SECTION 1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Stratford hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Finance to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget for the year 2009 in the amount of seven thousand two hundred and one dollars and thirty-two cents (\$7,201.32) Reserve For NJ Recycling Grant which item is now available pursuant to the provision of statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of seven thousand two hundred one dollars and thirty-two cents (\$7,201.32) be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

RESERVE FOR NJ RECYCLING GRANT

SECTION 3.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is the result of monies received from the State of New Jersey and was deposited into the proper account.

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 Regular Meeting held on the 10th day of November, 2009.

John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC

Res.2009:209 Resolution 2009:209 – Refund Tax Overpayment B. 57, L. 23 - \$937.27

RESOLUTION 2009:209

WHEREAS, an overpayment was received in the Tax Collector's office for Block 57, Lot 23 – 105 Laureba Avenue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford the overpayment amount of \$937.27 be disbursed to First American Real Estate Tax Service.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution was approved at a meeting of the Borough Council held on November 10, 2009.

John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC

Res.2009:210 Resolution 2009:210 – Refund Tax Overpayment B. 105, L. 11 - \$1,404.59

RESOLUTION 2009:210

WHEREAS, an overpayment was received in the Tax Collector's office for Block 105, Lot 11 – 19 Hillcrest Road;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that the amount of \$1,404.59 be disbursed to First American Real Estate Tax Service for the overpayment

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution was approved at a meeting of the Borough Council held on November 10, 2009.
John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC

Res.2009:211 Resolution 2009:211 – Refund Tax Overpayment B. 84, L. 24 - \$1,074.30

RESOLUTION 2009:211

WHEREAS, an overpayment was received in the Tax Collector’s office for Block 84, Lot 24 – 25 Temple Avenue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that the amount of \$1,074.30 be disbursed to Wells Fargo Real Estate Tax Service LLC for the overpayment.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution was approved at a meeting of the Borough Council held on November 10, 2009.
John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC

Res.2009:212 Resolution 2009:212 – Refund Tax Overpayment B. 81, L. 6 - \$955.07

RESOLUTION 2009:212

WHEREAS, a payment was received from Saxon Mortgage in the Tax Collector’s Office for Block 81, Lot 6 – 5 Bucknell Avenue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that the amount of \$955.07 be disbursed to Wells Fargo Real Estate Tax Service LLC for the overpayment.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution was approved at a meeting of the Borough Council held on November 10, 2009.
John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC

Res.2009:213 Resolution 2009:213 – Refund Tax Overpayment B. 20, L. 16 - \$1,186.53

RESOLUTION 2009:213

WHEREAS, an overpayment was received in the Tax Collector’s office for Block 20, Lot 16-310 Columbia Avenue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED , by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that the amount of \$1,186.53 be disbursed to Wells Fargo Real Estate Tax Service LLC for the overpayment.

Res.2009:214 Resolution 2009:214 – Transfer Resolution #1

On motion of Councilman M. Santoro, seconded by Councilwoman H. Tate with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows on the above CFO Resolutions:

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

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION 2009:214
TRANSFER RESOLUTION**

FROM:

Other Insurance	500.00
Public Defender S & W	2,000.00
Finance OE	750.00
Tax Collector OE	1,000.00
A & E OE	1,000.00
Engineering OE	1,500.00
Public Works OE	2,000.00
Fire Company OE	2,000.00

TO:

Water OE	750.00
Legal OE	10,000.00

Res.2009:215 Resolution 2009:215 – Award Sewer Root Control Bid – Municipal Sales -\$5,802.
On motion of Councilman M. Perez, seconded by Councilman B. Angeli with all
eyes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

RESOLUTION 2009:215

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Sewer Utility Department each year publicly bids the chemical treatment of certain sections of sewer lines, for the preventive growth of roots in the sewer system; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk advertised and received bids for the Root Control Project; and

WHEREAS, the low bid was received by Municipal Sales, Inc. of New York in the amount of \$5,802.00; and

WHEREAS, this company has completed this job previously and has done satisfactory work,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to award the bid for chemical treatment for of the sewer lines by Municipal Sales, Inc. of New York in the amount of \$5,802.00. being charged to the Stratford Sewer Utility Municipal Department budget.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted on November 10, 2009 by Borough Council.

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

Res.2009:216 Resolution 2009:216 – Appointment Library Board of Trustees to expire 11/2014
On motion of Councilman M. Santoro, seconded by Councilman W. Grover with all eyes on the vote.

RESOLUTION 2009:216

WHEREAS, the Library Board of Trustees has three terms expiring November 2009; and
WHEREAS, the Library Board of Trustees has recommended the reappointment of the three members to another five (5) year term,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to appoint JOHN BECKER, FRANK LORBECKI and EDWARD MELLO to a five (5) year term to expire November 2014.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Borough Council on November 10, 2009.

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

Res.2009:217 Resolution 2009:217 - Authorize Borough Engineer begin plans NJDOT Stratford Avenue Project
On motion of Councilman S. Venuto, seconded by Councilman M. Perez with all eyes on the vote.

RESOLUTION 2009:217

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford gave authority by Resolution 2009:193 to the Borough Engineer to begin plans, specs and bid the NJ DOT Stratford Avenue Project; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council anticipates the Borough Engineer will be changing effective January 01, 2010; and

WHEREAS, to save any duplication of costs, or any conflict in authority and work orders the rescinding of the authority has been discussed,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Borough Council to rescind the authority given by Resolution 2009:193 to Clancy and Associates by prior resolution regarding plans, specs and bid for NJ DOT Stratford Avenue Project.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Borough Council on November 10, 2009.

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

Res.2009:218 Resolution 2009:218 – Authorizing Planning Board to Undertake a Preliminary Investigation Properties Designated need of Redevelopment
On motion of Councilman M. Santoro, seconded by Councilwoman H. Tate with all eyes on the vote.

RESOLUTION 2009:218
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING BOARD TO UNDERSTAKE A
PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE
PROPERTIES DESIGNATED AS Block 53, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6; Block 54, Lot 1
and 8; Block 58, Lots 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, and 37; Block 59, Lots 1, 2, 3,
4, 5; Block 60, Lots 1 and 2; and Block 62, Lot 2; and Block 116, Lots 14, and 14.04
ARE IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6 authorizes the governing body of a municipality to authorize, by resolution, the planning board to conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether any area of the municipality is in need of redevelopment according to the criteria set forth at N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5; and

WHEREAS, the area within the Borough of Stratford comprised of the properties designated as Block 53, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6; Block 54, Lot 1 and 8; Block 58, Lots 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, and 37; Block 59, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5; Block 60, Lots 1 and 2; and Block 62, Lot 2; and Block 116, Lots 14, and 14.04 has buildings which have generally become substandard, unsafe, unsanitary, dilapidated and/or obsolescent; and

WHEREAS, the area within the Borough of Stratford comprised of the properties designated Block 53, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6; Block 54, Lot 1 and 8; Block 58, Lots 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, and 37; Block 59, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; Block 60, Lots 1 and 2; and Block 62, Lot 2; and Block 116, Lots 14, and 14.04 exhibits a growing lack or total lack or proper utilization of areas resulting in a stagnant or not fully productive condition of land potentially useful and valuable for contributing to and serving the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford consider it to be in the best interest of the Borough to conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether the area comprised of the properties designated as Block 53, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6; Block 54, Lot 1 and 8; Block 58, Lots 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, and 37; Block 59, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; Block 60, Lots 1 and 2; and Block 62, Lot 2; and Block 116, Lots 14, and 14.04 is an area in need of redevelopment according to the criteria set forth at N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that the Stratford Land Use Board shall conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether the area comprised of the properties designated as Block 53, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6; Block 54, Lot 1 and 8; Block 58, Lots 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, and 37; Block 59, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; Block 60, Lots 1 and 2; and Block 62, Lot 2; and Block 116, Lots 14, and 14.04 is an area in need of redevelopment according to the criteria set forth N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Stratford Joint Land Use Board shall comply with the procedures for such a preliminary investigation as set forth at N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Stratford Joint Land Use Board shall submit its recommendation on the delineated area to the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, et seq.

PROCLAMATION – World Diabetes Day – November 14, 2009 – This Proclamation was read by the Mayor

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, nearly twenty-four million American children and adults have diabetes, a serious disease that has no cure; and

WHEREAS, the cost of diabetes to the state of New Jersey has been estimated at 5.9B annually; and

WHEREAS, another 54 million Americans have pre-diabetes, a condition that puts them at the highest risk for developing type 2 diabetes; and

WHEREAS, diabetes is the fifth-leading cause of death by disease in the United States; and

WHEREAS, more than one third of the people with diabetes (6.2 million Americans) don't know that they have the disease; and

WHEREAS, millions of Americans lack access to the care, treatment, and education needed to manage the disease and prevent its serious and costly complications, including heart disease, stroke, kidney failure, blindness, and lower-limb amputation; and
 WHEREAS, an increase in community awareness of risk factors and symptoms related to diabetes can improve the likelihood that people with diabetes will get the attention they need before developing the disease and its devastating complications; and
 WHEREAS, The United Nations General Assembly has designated the current World Diabetes Day, November 14, as a United Nations Day, to be observed every year beginning in 2007; and
 WHEREAS, The United Nations invites governmental and non-governmental organizations to observe World Diabetes Day in order to raise public awareness of diabetes and its related complications; and
 WHEREAS, the United Nations encourages supporters of the UN Resolution on Diabetes to fight the world wide epidemic by helping to ensure that individuals with diabetes have access to care, treatment, and education; let it therefore be
 RESOLVED, that I, John Gentless, Mayor of the Borough of Stratford, do hereby proclaim November 14 as World Diabetes Day in support of the UN Resolution. I encourage all residents of the Borough of Stratford to help fight this disease and its life-threatening complications by increasing awareness of the risk factors for diabetes, making healthy lifestyle choices, and by providing care and treatment to those suffering from diabetes.
 In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and this 10th day of November, 2009 caused this seal to be affixed.

John Gentless, Mayor

RAFFLE Raffle - RA #515 St. Luke Assn.
 LICENSE: Bingo - BA #516 St. Luke Church
 Bingo – BA #517 St. Luke Assn.
 Raffle – RA #518 St. Luke HSA
 On motion of Councilwoman H. Tate, seconded by Councilman B. Angeli with all ayes on the vote, the Raffle/Bingo Licenses were approved.

MERCANTILE La'Von Hair Salon, 114 Warwick Road
 LICENSE: On motion of Councilman B. Angeli, seconded by Councilman M. Perez with all aye on the vote, the Mercantile License was approved.

APPROVAL Be it resolved to approve payment of bills numbered from #21526 to #21613, Animal
 OF BILLS: Control #1335 to #1339, Manual #19435 to #19437, with various wire and electronic transfers.
 On motion o Councilwoman H. Tate, seconded by Councilman B. Angeli with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

 Councilman W. Grover abstained check #09-01452.

GOOD AND -Pat Walsh of Meadow Lark Road questioned Councilwoman H. Tate as to why did she
 WELFARE: state in recent literature, the Veterans took too much time at the Miss Stratford Pageant.
 -Ben Vukicevich of Harvard Avenue resident since 1933 – read a portion of a flyer that was given to residents that referenced statements against veterans. He spoke about how Councilman S. Venuto approached the veterans of VFW Post in Stratford to give the veterans a thanks in the form of a movie which they all received. It was confirmed Miss Tate did not even attend the Miss Stratford Pageant.
 -Councilwoman H. Tate spoke of her respect to veterans and stated her father was a veteran. She stated there are various events to honor the veterans.
 -Councilman W. Grover responded, that veterans should be thanked only three (3) time a year, in anger.
 -Councilwoman H. Tate stated that the Miss Stratford Pageant is a night for the young ladies not veterans.

-Tracy Venuto of Jefferson Avenue was part of the pageant refreshment committee and those young ladies were so happy.

-Ada Walsh of Meadow Lark Road was present at Miss Stratford Pageant and sure those young girls have relatives and friends in the military who understand the tribute.

-Councilman S. Venuto stated he got emails from all the young ladies, and others thanking us for the pageant.

-Agnes Moore thanked John Keenan and the Department of Public Works for removing the sign for no parking. She spoke of political literature that Mr. Vukicevich spoke of earlier and referred to statements were twisted; and spoke about various points of the letter and also thanked Councilman Venuto for reducing taxes.

-Donna Tomkinson of Wellington Avenue expressed her anger with the recent invalidation of the Redevelopment Plan.

-The Solicitor stated based on recent litigations he could not comment.

-Councilman W. Grover stated the volunteer members did a fine job but stated the paid professionals lapsed in their duties.

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

John D. Keenan, Jr. RMC