

**STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
AGENDA MEETING  
THURSDAY, APRIL 08, 2010  
7:00 P.M.**

ROLL CALL:

MAYOR JOHN GENTLESS  
MICHAEL SANTORO, COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
HOLLY TATE, COUNCILWOMAN  
BEN ANGELI, COUNCILMAN  
MIKE PEREZ, COUNCILMAN  
FRANK GAGLIARDI, COUNCILMAN  
DAN BOVE, COUNCILMAN  
ANTHONY COSTA, SOLICITOR  
JOHN D. KEENAN, JR., BOROUGH CLERK  
RONALD MORELLO, CHIEF OF POLICE  
MARK BASEHORE, JR., ENGINEER

POLICE CHIEF  
REPORT:

ENGINEER  
REPORT:

PUBLIC  
PORTION:

REPORT#1:

REDEVELOPMENT

At 6:30 pm the owner of the Warwick Shopping Center and Council will hold a conference call to discuss future development of the property. A proposal from Bach Associates regarding the review of the White Horse Pike corridor was received in the amount of \$7,600. A decision will be required to move forward. Council would have to do an Emergency Appropriation to fund this proposal in full. Council could award the work at this time not to exceed \$5000. (which is the amount available at this time). Upon the public hearing and final adoption of the Appropriation Ordinance on May 11, the balance of the proposal could be approved. There has been no further information from Juster Development.

REPORT#2:

2010 BUDGET

At the Regular Meeting the 2010 Budget will be introduced. The tax increase is 4.75 cents which is \$47.50 to the average home. A copy of the budget has been given to Council for review. There are funds being anticipated from the Sewer Utility to help with the tax rate. On Wednesday, April 7, the Stratford Library Board of Trustees are to decide if they will be able to assist in funding some borough operating expenses. A resolution to fully extend the temporary budget will be placed for action April 13 also.

REPORT#3:

CDBG RE-ALLOCATION

To move remaining funds from a prior year for the completed Colby Avenue Project to the Washington Avenue CDBG Project a Public Hearing will be held at the April 13 meeting. A resolution will be adopted after the public hearing to recommend the re-allocation of the \$13,432.89 to Washington Avenue for the proposed reconstruction.

REPORT #4:

SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT – SCHOOL LAWN CARE

A resolution to authorize the execution of the Shared Service Agreement with the Stratford Board of Education will be on for the April 13 meeting. The income Stratford receives is \$18,000. This is the third year for this agreement.

- REPORT#5:** ATLANTIC AVENUE ABANDONMENT  
Pastor Markus from the Word Fellowship Church will be present to discuss the church's future plans. Council has previously received his letter asking for the abandonment of the portion of Atlantic Avenue in front of the church property. The length of the roadway in question is approximately 425 feet. About half of this portion of roadway was never paved and brush has grown on it. Please familiarize yourself with this area prior to the meeting. As soon as you pass the Atlantic City Electric Substation yard on the road you cross the line to the portion of the road they are asking to be abandoned. At the end of the road you will note the brush. The actual roadway the borough owns goes all the way to the creek which is the border between Stratford and Laurel Springs.
- REPORT #6:** MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE AGREEMENT  
A resolution authorizing the execution of the 2010 Municipal Alliance Agreement will be on for the April 13 meeting. This agreement is for 2010 funding which is between Stratford, Laurel Springs, Somerdale and Hi-Nella for programs in conjunction with the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.
- REPORT#7:** STATE HEALTH BENEFITS  
The NJ Division of Pension and Benefits has supplied us with information which allows for the borough to take action to customize the health benefits for future employees. Council can take action to change non-contractual employees immediately, and contractual employees (Police) when the next contract is up. The changes could include or not include offering health benefits to employees who Retire on a Disability Retirement; Retire with 25+ years of Service; Regulate Number of Year at a Certain Location; Retirement age 65+ with 25+ years of service; Retirement age 62 with 15 years of Service with Employer; also could request employee to pay a certain percentage of the health care when retired; decide if you are paying for dependents for retirees 100% or a lesser percentage; reimbursing for medicare payments; paying for surviving spouses 100% or a lesser percentage. The changes will only effect new employees from the date of the change forward. All those currently employed will be covered under the plan that was in effect at the time they were hired.
- REPORT #8:** SPECIAL EVENTS APPLICATION – CARNIVAL  
An application has been made by the Sterling Knights Youth Association for a Carnival similar to their event last summer. The dates requested are Tuesday, June 29 through Saturday, July 3. Each night the event will begin at 6pm, and Tuesday through Thursday it will run until 10pm, and on Friday and Saturday it will run until 11pm. The event will take place at the same location as last year, Laurel Mills Shopping Center. This year the group will be applying for an ABC License to sell and dispense beer. The main issue at this time is the emergency services of the police, fire and ambulance can not provide adequate coverage and protection for the safety of the carnival patrons and the spectators at the fireworks event which would be both on the evening of July 3. An inquiry has been made if the group had an alternate date, and the response was no. The Police Chief has recommended limiting the July 3 day from 9am to 3pm. At this time the group has not accepted that time restriction. A resolution on April 13 will be on for action.
- REPORT #9:** DEP-DIV. OF PARKS AND FORESTRY – STIMULUS GRANT \$7,000.  
A resolution authorizing the execution of the Grant Agreement will be on for April 13. This funding provided additional tree maintenance with the removal of some curb side trees.
- REPORT #10:** NJ CLEAN ENERGY AUDIT  
Previously Council adopted a resolution authorizing the participation in the NJ Clean Energy Audit. The proposals to the five State approved firms have been sent out. One company has already responding stating they will not be sending a proposal. The proposals are due April 16. Prior to action of Council the company working for the State program has to review the proposals first. The Borough Hall, Justice Facility and Fire Station were submitted. The Senior Center did not qualify due to low utility bills.