

**STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2010
7:00 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
MICHAEL SANTORO, COUNCIL PRESIDENT Absent-attending 5th Legislative
District Budget Meeting
BEN ANGELI, COUNCILMAN
HOLLY TATE, COUNCILWOMAN
MIKE PEREZ, COUNCILMAN
FRANK GAGLIARDI, COUNCILMAN
DAN BOVE, COUNCILMAN
ANTHONY COSTA, SOLICITOR
JOHN D. KEENAN, JR., BOROUGH CLERK

MEETING OPENED
TO THE PUBLIC:

Meeting is opened to the public for a maximum of 15 minutes to discuss anything appearing on tonight's agenda. You may also speak at the end of the meeting under Good and Welfare.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES:

Agenda Meeting March 04, 2010
On motion of Councilman M. Perez, seconded by Councilman F. Gagliardi with all eyes on the vote.

Regular Meeting March 09, 2010
On motion of Councilman D. Bove, seconded by Councilman F. Gagliardi with all eyes on the vote.

Council Meeting March 16, 2010
On motion of Councilman M. Perez, seconded by Councilman D. Bove with all eyes on the vote.

REPORTS:

FINANCE &
REVENUE:

Councilman Frank Gagliardi read the Finance Report for March, 2010 as submitted by the CFO as follows:

BALANCE MARCH 1, 2010	1,137,650.09
Total Receipts	445,822.64
Total Disbursement	1,130,811.10
BALANCE MARCH 31, 2010	452,661.63
SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNT BALANCES MARCH 31, 2010	
Municipal Alliance	38,614.33
Animal Control	6,079.35
Public Assistance I	2,400.13
K-9	186.45
General Capital	363,852.04
Developers Escrow	13,887.24
POAA	1,380.01
Special Law Enforcement Trust	15,791.24
UCC/LEA Trust	104,725.73
Uniform Fire Safety	17,256.69

Tax Title Lien	174,654.22
Trust Other	62,415.57
Parks Open Space	8,672.91

EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Councilman Michael Santoro was not present. Councilman F. Gagliardi read the Ambulance report for March, 2010 as follows:
 The volunteer crew responded to nineteen (19) Alarms and held one (1) drill for the month of March, 2010.
 The paid crew responded to seventy-four (74) Alarms for the month of March, 2010. No fire report was submitted.

POLICE:

Councilman Ben Angeli read the Police Report for March, 2010 as submitted by the Police Department as follows:

Adult Arrests	46	Juvenile Arrests	04
Assaults to Police	01	Simple Assault Compl.	03
Criminal Mischief Compl	04	Harassment Compl	09
Other Investigations & Compl.	93	Burglaries	01
Robberies	02	Thefts \$6616.	08
Motor Vehicle Thefts	0	Stolen Property Recovered	\$2664.00
DWI Arrests	14	Narcotics Arrests	07
Motor Vehicle Accid.	25	Traffic Summonses issued	478
Alarm Activations	29	Injuries from Car Accidents	03
Total crime reports taken	67	Total calls for Police Service	711

PUBLIC EVENTS:

Councilwoman Holly Tate spoke of how the Stratford Library is coming forth after Councilman F. Gagliardi inquired for funding, and how they will be funding most of the public events. The pageant is moving forward and will be at Sterling High School, and it will be a themed event.
 -The Mayor reported the 2nd annual Easter egg hunt, thanked Brownie Troop #30657, Councilman M. Perez and Councilman F. Gagliardi and over 100 children participated.

PUBLIC WORKS & LIGHTING:

Councilman Michael Perez read the Department of Public Works report as submitted the Department Head as follows: Grass cutting began, gardens have been mulched, and maintenance on equipment is being done.
 He also read the Sewer report of tasks completed.

ORDINANCE & PROPERTY:

Councilman Dan Bove reported that there are fifteen (15) Resolutions and no Ordinances on for tonight’s meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Res.2010:64A Resolution 2010:64A – Authorize 2009 Recycling Grant Application
 On motion of Councilwoman H. Tate, seconded by Councilman M. Perez with all eyes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2010:64A
 TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c.102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and
 WHEREAS, it is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and
 WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to Implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and
 WHEREAS, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and

keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for such tonnage grants for the calendar year 2009 will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of Stratford Borough Council to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

WHEREAS, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that Stratford hereby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates John Keenan, to ensure that the application is properly files; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purpose of recycling.

I certify the above to be a true copy of a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford on April 13, 2010.

John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk

Res.2010:65 Resolution 2010:65 – Accept Department of Justice Law Enforcement Training Grant \$2,700. for advanced training for officers relating to child abduction.

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

RESOLUTION 2010:65

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Police Department applied for grant funding to the U.S. Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice has approved grant funding for Law Enforcement Training in the amount of \$2,700.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Council to accept the \$2,700. in grant funding provided by the U.S. Department of Justice for law Enforcement Training.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., R.M.C., hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body on April 13, 2010.

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

Res.2010:66 Resolution 2010:66 – Authorize Special Event License – Sterling Knights Youth Assoc.

On motion of Councilman B. Angeli, seconded by Councilman F. Gagliardi with all ayes on the roll call vote without ABC permit – all voting yes.

Councilman B. Angeli	yes	Councilman F. Gagliardi	yes
Councilman M. Perez	yes	Councilwoman H. Tate	yes
Councilman D. Bove	yes	Councilman M. Santoro	absent

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2010:66

WHEREAS, the Sterling Knights Youth Association has applied to the Borough of Stratford with an application for a Special Event License; and

WHEREAS, the Special Event License will be for a carnival on June 29, 30, July 01, 02, and 03; and

WHEREAS, the various municipal departments have reviewed the application prior to presenting to the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, due to another public event being held on July 03 there are certain restrictions regarding the time of the function on July 03; and

WHEREAS, the following conditions are being made of the application which all must be satisfied in compliance with the Borough of Stratford Ordinance 2009:28:

Payment of \$300.00 for Maintenance Escrow.

Payment of \$9,300.00 for Police Escrow, of which at least 60% will have to be received twenty-one days prior to the event. Balance due by Friday, July 02, 2010.

Stratford Police and Crossing Guard coverage as detailed in the Chief's recommendation.

Letter of Authority from the Sterling Knights Youth Association authorizing Michael Gibbons to make application for the organization's Special Event.

Letter from the Sterling Knights Youth Association listing the names, addresses and phone numbers of the organization's current officers.

Certificate of Insurance provided to the Borough Clerk at least fourteen days prior to the event from the vendor supplying the rides and concessions for at least \$1,000,000.00 for any one accident or person, which shall name the Borough of Stratford as an additional insured.

Copy of the vendor supplying the rides and concessions NJ DCA Permit to operate.

Copy of Camden County Division of Health Certificate of Approval for any vendor selling food.

Copy of executed Lease Agreement with property owner.

On July 03, 2010 the license will expire for the operation of the rides at 3:00 pm, at which time the ride vendor will dismantle and remove the rides from the property by 6:00 pm. The food vendors will be able to sell food until 10:00 pm.

Proper raffle license application and approval from the NJ Division of Legalized Games of Chance.

Hours of operation: Tuesday through Thursday 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm; Friday 6:00 pm – 11:00 pm; Saturday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, with rides ending at 3:00 pm, and food vendors able to sell food until 10:00 pm.

Site to be cleaned of all litter by 9:00 am July 04, 2010.

No alcohol will be served at the event.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Council to approve the Special Events License with the above conditions for the carnival event.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., R.M.C., hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body on April 13, 2010.

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

Res.2010:67 Resolution 2010:67 – Re-Allocation of CDBG Funds \$13,432.89 Colby to Washington Avenue Open Public Hearing nothing was discussed in the public hearing portion. The meeting was close to the public.

On motion of Councilman F. Gagliardi, seconded by Councilwoman H. Tate with all eyes on the roll call vote as follows:

Councilman B. Angeli	yes	Councilman F. Gagliardi	yes
Councilman M. Perez	yes	Councilwoman H. Tate	yes
Councilman D. Bove	yes	Councilman M. Santoro	absent

MOTION CARRIED

Res.2010:68 Resolution 2010:68 - Authorize Execution of Municipal Alliance 2010 Agreement On motion of Councilman F. Gagliardi, seconded by Councilman D. Bove with all eyes on the vote.

RESOLUTION 2010:68

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford participates in the Municipal Alliance Program through an Interlocal Agreement with Camden County; and

WHEREAS, we are a party along with the Boroughs of Hi-Nella, Somerdale and Laurel Springs in the Interlocal Agreement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to authorize the execution of the Interlocal Agreement with Camden County for the 2010 Municipal Alliance Funding.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body on April 13, 2010.

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

Res.2010:69 Resolution 2010:69 - Authorize Execution of NJ 2009 Business Stimulus Fund Grant
On motion of Councilwoman H. Tate, seconded by Councilman F. Gagliardi with all ayes on the vote.

RESOLUTION 2010:69

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford applied to the NJ Division of Parks and Forestry for the 2009 NJ Business Stimulus Fund grant; and

WHEREAS, the NJ Division of Parks and Forestry awarded the Borough of Stratford a BSF Grant in the amount of \$7,000.; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement has been received to execute by the proper municipal officials,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Council to authorize the proper municipal officials to execute the agreement documents requested by the NJ Division of Parks and Forestry.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., R.M.C., hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body on April 13, 2010.

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

Res.2010:70 Resolution 2010:70 – Request Legislature Pass Bill Charging College/University Students Municipal Fee

On motion of Councilman B. Angeli, seconded by Councilman D. Bove with all ayes on the vote with the exception of Councilman F. Gagliardi opposing.

RESOLUTION 2010:70

WHEREAS, the several municipalities have written to the NJ State Legislature requesting a bill be passed which would allow colleges and universities to charge a fee per student; and

WHEREAS, this fee would go directly to the host municipality to help offset the tax burden these colleges and universities have on each municipality,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Council to express the interest of the borough of Stratford in having the Legislature pass such a bill to allow for this fee to be charged to each student at a college or university located in the host municipality, and

FURTHERMORE, to be able to utilize this revenue to help offset the tax burden these types of colleges and universities have on the host municipality.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., R.M.C., hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body on April 13, 2010.

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

Res.2010:71 Resolution 2010:71 – Introduce 2010 Budget
On motion of Councilman M. Perez, seconded by Councilman F. Gagliardi with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

Councilman B. Angeli	yes	Councilman F. Gagliardi	yes
Councilman M. Perez	yes	Councilwoman H. Tate	yes
Councilman D. Bove	yes	Councilman M. Santoro	absent

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2010:71

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statements and revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2010 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Budget be published in the Record Breeze in the issue of April, 2010.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted on this 13th day of April, 2010. A public hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the Municipal Court Room on the 11th day of May, 2010 at 7:00 pm at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2010 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

The Budget shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sum therein set forth as appropriations:

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

Surplus Anticipated	\$ 430,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated	1,592,569.68
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	310,000.00
Amount Raised by Taxation for Municipal Purposes	3,375,622.11
TOTAL REVENUE	\$5,708,191.79

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

General Appropriations within CAPS	\$3,759,253.36
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	503,772.98
Total Operations Excluded from CAPS	209,719.23
Capital Improvements	150,000.00
Municipal Debt Service	689,540.00
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	395,906.22
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$5,708,191.79

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body on the 13th day of April, 2010.

John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk

Res.2010:72 Resolution 2010:72 – Authorize Execution of Shared Service Stratford Bd. of Education Lawn Service

On motion of Councilman M. Perez, seconded by Councilman F. Gagliardi with all ayes on the vote with the exception of Councilman D. Bove abstaining.

RESOLUTION 2010:72

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford offers the service of grass cutting to the Stratford Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Stratford Department of Public Works cuts the grass at the Yellin and Parkview Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Solicitor has reviewed the Shared Service between the two parties and has approved of its content,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to authorize the execution of the Shared Services between Stratford Board of Education and the Borough of Stratford.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted on April 13, 2010.

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

CFO RESOLUTIONS

Res.2010:73 Resolution 2010:73 – Remove Senior Citizen Tax Deduction
 B.18,L.4; B.18,L.11; B.24,L.9; B.58,L.11; B.81,L.13; B.103,L.11; B.103,L.13;
 B.114,L.1.02C0096

WHEREAS, all eligibility requirements for a SENIOR CITIZEN tax deduction for the year 2009 have not been met by the following residents due to their exceeding the statutory limitations in income and age or sale of the property or failure to file the annual Post Year Tax Statement:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
18	4	Betty E. Slade	116 Columbia Avenue	250.00
18	11	John Delaney	109 Cornell Avenue	250.00
24	9	Louise Braccia	202 Cornell Avenue	250.00
58	11	Ellen George	134 Laureba Avenue	250.00
81	13	Phyllis Shellock	18 Bryn Mawr Ave.	250.00
103	11	Rosina Armao	49 Overhill Road	250.00
103	13	Mary Leone	22 Rolling Road	250.00
114	1.02C0096	Eleanor Keane	1B Sunnybrook Rd.	250.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that the above deductions be removed from the tax records for the year 2009. I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution was approved at a regular meeting of the Borough Council held on April 13, 2010

John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk

Res.2010:74 Resolution 2010:74 – Add Senior Citizen Tax Deduction B. 73, L. 13
On motion of Councilman M. Perez, seconded by Councilman F. Gagliardi with all ayes on the vote to approve the above CFO Resolutions.

RESOLUTION 2010:74

WHEREAS, all the eligibility requirements for a 2009 SENIOR CITIZEN/DISABLED PERSON property tax deductions have been met by the following residents:

BLOCK	LOT	NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT
73	13	George G. Gallagher	18 Swarthmore Ave	250.00

WHEREAS, the deduction has been approved by the Borough Tax Assessor or Tax Collector;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council that a 2009 tax deduction be granted to the above mentioned resident and this deduction be placed on the 2009 tax list.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution was approved at a regular meeting of the Borough Council conducted on April 13, 2010.

John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk

Res.2010:75 Resolution 2010:75 – Arbor Day – April 30, 2010
On motion of Councilwoman H. Tate, seconded by Councilman B. Angeli with all ayes on the vote.

RESOLUTION 2010:75

WHEREAS, In 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating, and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees in our Municipality increase property values, enhances the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, and

NOW, THEREFORE, WE the Mayor and Borough Council do hereby proclaim April 30th, 2010 as

ARBOR DAY

In the Borough of Stratford, we urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands to support our Borough’s urban forestry program; and

FURTHER, we urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

DATED this 13th day of April, 2010.

John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk

Res.2010:76 Resolution 2010:76 – Special Event License – John Paul II Fun Fest May 5, 6, 7, 8
On motion of Councilwoman H. Tate, seconded by Councilman B. Angeli with all ayes on the vote.

RESOLUTION 2010:76

WHEREAS, Our Lady of Guadeloupe Parish for the benefit of John Paul II School has applied to the Borough of Stratford with an application for a Special Event License; and WHEREAS, the Special Event License will be for a carnival on May 5, 6, 7 and 8; and WHEREAS, the various municipal departments have reviewed the application prior to presenting to the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the following conditions are being made of the application which all must be satisfied in compliance with the Borough of Stratford Ordinance 2009:28:

Payment of \$1,600.00 for Police Escrow seven (7) days prior to the event.

Stratford Police coverage as detailed in the Chief’s recommendation.

Certificate of Insurance provided to the Borough Clerk at least fourteen days prior to the event from the vendor supplying the rides and concessions for at least \$1,000,000.00 for any one accident or person, which shall name the Borough of Stratford as an additional insured.

Copy of the vendor supplying the rides and concessions NJ DCA Permit to operate.

Copy of Camden County Division of Health Certificate of Approval for any vendor selling food.

Proper raffle license application and approval from the NJ Division of Legalized Games of Chance.

Hours of operation: Wednesday through Saturday 6:00 pm – 10:30 pm.

No alcohol will be served at the event.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Council to approve the Special Events License with the above conditions for the carnival event.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., R.M.C., hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body on April 13, 2010.

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

Res.2010:77

Resolution 2010:77 – Alcohol Awareness Month – April – read by Mayor John Gentless
On motion of Councilman M. Perez, seconded by Councilman F. Gagliardi with all ayes on the vote.

RESOLUTION 2010:77

ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH 2010

WHEREAS, alcohol is a primary factor in the four leading causes of death among young persons ages 10-21; and

WHEREAS, almost 6500 persons ages 10-21 die each year: almost 2400 in drinking and driving crashes, almost 2400 die from other accidents, falls, fires etc., 1500 die in alcohol-related homicides and 300 due to suicide; and

WHEREAS, adolescents use alcohol more than tobacco or illicit drugs; and

WHEREAS, young people who begin drinking, on average, at age 13.1 years of age; and

WHEREAS, young people who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who begin drinking at age 21; and

WHEREAS, alcohol use is linked to as many as two-thirds of all sexual assaults and date rapes of teens and college students; and

WHEREAS, alcohol abuse is a major factor in unprotected sex among youth increasing their risk of contracting HIV or other transmitted diseases; and

WHEREAS, the typical American young person will see 100,000 beer commercials before he or she turns 18 (that is more than for sneakers, gum and jeans combined); and

WHEREAS, 13 percent of all youth, ages 12-17, had at least one serious problem related to drinking in the past year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Gentless, do hereby proclaim that April, 2010 is Alcohol Awareness Month in the Borough of Stratford. As Mayor, I also call upon all citizens, parents, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, hospitals and schools in the Borough of Stratford to support efforts that will encourage recovery throughout our community.

Mayor John Gentless

DATED THIS 13TH DAY OF APRIL, 2010

Res.2010:78 Resolution 2010:78 – State Contract Fire Radios
On motion of Councilman M. Perez, seconded by Councilman H. Tate with all ayes on the vote with the exception of Councilman M. Perez abstaining.

RESOLUTION 2010:78

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Fire Department is in need of radios; and
WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey allows the local municipality to utilize the State Contract Program to purchase items; and
WHEREAS, prior to the purchase the Governing Body is required to authorize the purchase through the State Contract Program,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Council to authorize the use of State Contract #53764 for the purchase of Motorola Minitor V Pager 2 Channel Stored Voice with warranty through Birch’s Communication for the Stratford Fire Department.
I, John D. Keenan, Jr., R.M.C., hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body April 13, 2010.
John D. Keenan, Jr., R.M.C.

PROCLAMATIONS: Silver Star Banner Day – May 1st read by Mayor John Gentless

SILVER STAR BANNER DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford has always honored the sacrifice of the men and women in the Armed Forces; and
WHEREAS, The Silver Star Families of America was formed to make sure we remember the blood sacrifice of our wounded and ill by designing and manufacturing a Silver Star (Service) Banner and Flag; and
WHEREAS, to date The Silver Star Families of America has freely given thousands of Silver Star (Service) Banners to the wounded and their families; and
WHEREAS, the members of The Silver Star Families of America have worked tirelessly to provide the wounded of this Borough and Country with Silver Star (Service) Banners, Flags and care packages; and
WHEREAS, The Silver Star Families of America’s sole mission is that every time someone sees a Silver Star (Service) Banner in a window or a Silver Star (Service) Flag flying, that people remember the sacrifice for this Borough of Stratford, New Jersey and Nation; and
WHEREAS, the people and Mayor of the Borough of Stratford wish that the sacrifices of so many in our Armed Forces never be forgotten;
NOW THEREFORE, I, John Gentless, Mayor of the Borough of Stratford do hereby proclaim my appreciation of The Silver Star Families of America and honor their commitment to our wounded Armed Forces members. I hereby declare May 1st “SILVER STAR BANNER DAY” the permanent and official day to honor the wounded and ill Soldiers of the Borough of Stratford.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the Borough of Stratford in the State of New Jersey on April 13th in the year of 2010.

John Gentless, Mayor

Attest:
John D. Keenan, Borough Clerk

RAFFLE
LICENSE:

#521 – John Paul II Regional School Fun Fest
On motion of Councilman B. Angeli, seconded by Councilman M. Perez with all ayes on the vote, the raffle license was approved.

#522 – John Paul II Regional School 50/50
On motion of Councilman M. Perez, seconded by Councilman D. Bove with all ayes on the vote, the raffle license was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Be it resolved to approve payment of bills numbered from #22018 to #22107; Animal Control Checks #1353 to #1368; Manual Checks #19462 to #19469; Various Wire Transfers. On motion of Councilman M. Perez, seconded by Councilman F. Gagliardi with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

Councilman M. Perez	yes	Councilman F. Gagliardi	yes
Councilman D. Bove	yes	Councilwoman H. Tate	yes
Councilman B. Angeli	yes	Councilman M. Santoro	absent

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

Councilman M. Perez welcomed home Todd Shriver and his name is hanging at the Vet Sign at the Post Office.

Councilman F. Gagliardi introduced Pat Walsh for the Shade Tree Commission report. -Pat Walsh read the report for the Shade Tree Commission. The second draft of Tree Management Plan was reviewed. Larry DeVaro, member of the STC reviewed District #1 for new trees and came up with about 200 trees. Lisa Chiumento is handling Arbor Day. There were four (4) tree requests submitted and reviewed by the STC, there were other requests in the last 24 hours.

Councilman F. Gagliardi introduced Bill Grover of the Park Commission.

-Bill Grover gave his report on the Park Commission – the commission purchased six (6) new picnic tables to add to various parks, 6 pet waste receptacles, replaced broken locks at Yellin School concession stand, Magnolia Gardens did some ground work along the courts on Vassar Avenue to prevent field mix dirt from washing into the courts, all snack stands (3) had water turned on, tennis net are being replaced at Vassar Avenue courts, Lyon Tree service helped in replacing light bulbs at the fields and Yellin Fields, some old Park equipment have to be removed due to insurance inspection. reviewed field requests by local organizations, explained the new movie nights this year at 8:00 pm, explained the Open Space Grants which has assisted in completing the Saratoga Park, and this year it will be Coolidge Avenue Park. He also reported why the Parks Commission has not recently assisted in the 4th of July activities.

-The Mayor requested the clean up of the woods at the end of Whitman Avenue with grant funding.

-Councilman M. Perez reported the walk through of the two (2) street projects took place today.

-Councilman B. Angeli explained his concern and requirements relating to the taping of the meetings. Mr. Grover explained his past technical difficulties he encountered. Mr. Grover explained he is a volunteer using his own funding and cameras.

-Pat Walsh stated if the rule was put into place, then if someone came from a TV station-how can you make that station play the tape.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

-Jasmine Rodriquez of Suburban Terrace spoke of her concern with the children out on the street late at night. The residents were told to call the police when it happens.

-Ben Vukicevich of Harvard Avenue questioned the tax increase. The clerk stated it is \$47.50 to any home.

He also questioned the Juster status. John Gentless responded there is no results to the continuation of trying to rent the site. He inquired about any interior inspections? The Mayor responded no interior inspections have been made.

-Bill D' Ambrosia of W. Laurel Road asked for communication to the Park Commission. He commented about "accountability", and if the public wants it, they should come to the public meetings.

-Donna Tomkinson confirmed the noise complaints and the court process works.

-Nicole Fraser of Suburban Terrace stated her interest in increase in police presence.

-Lisa Chiumento of Temple Avenue had questions concerning the Code Enforcement Officer.

-Harry Berry questioned the liquor permit and thanked the Shade Tree Commission, Public Works and the Park Commission for their reports.

-Rose Simpkins of Yale Avenue gave a report on the Historic Commission and status of renovation of the Quaker Store. They would like new members if anyone is interested.

-Frank Hartman of Green Tree Road expressed his concern of dogs using our parks to defecate.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion of Councilman B. Angeli, seconded by Councilman F. Gagliardi with all ayes on the vote.

John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk