

**STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 04, 2010
7:00 P.M.**

ROLL CALL:

MAYOR JOHN GENTLESS
MICHAEL SANTORO, COUNCIL PRESIDENT- Late
BEN ANGELI, COUNCILMAN
HOLLY TATE, COUNCILWOMAN – 7:02 pm
MIKE PEREZ, COUNCILMAN – 7:05 pm
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: –there was a robbery at Suburban Terrace
-vehicle stolen at Sterling Arms has not been recovered
-Hillside Road burglarized and expect an arrest soon
-Kennedy Hospital visitor combative
-juvenile with alcohol poisoning from party in Laurel Springs
-domestic dispute on Suburban Terrace
-domestic dispute ended with the person involved was run over
-Tier 2 sex offender to be return to possibly Sterling Arms Condo

ENGINEER REPORT: Went over report with CDBG and NJDOT projects

PUBLIC PORTION: -Councilman F. Gagliardi read the statement from the previous email blast.
-The Mayor spoke of his subsequent conversations with the owners of Juster. Various members of the Public spoke about Redevelopment and the process.
-Pat Gilligan of Webster Avenue brought up the condition of Warwick Road.
-The Mayor and Councilman Perez stated they spoke to the county and a future meeting is planned.
-Donna Tomkinson of Wellington Avenue stated the condition of #110 is caved in. Councilman Perez stated he would look at it.
-Harry Berry of Cornell Avenue questioned Report #2 regarding legal fees for Mr. Platt. He also spoke about road repair and grants, and also about sidewalk repairs. Councilman Perez and John Keenan, Jr., spoke of plans.
-John Dunn spoke of sidewalks and having homeowners do repairs when homes are sold. He also spoke of the legal invoice from Mr. Platt.

REPORT#1: REDEVELOPMENT
Council met with Juster Development and a report of that meeting has been submitted for review. The report can be adopted as meeting minutes at the Regular Meeting. Laurel Mills Center owner will forward dates after February 8. CJ Lombardo owner of Stratford Court Apartments has not responded with any dates.
It was explained the time given to Juster would allow them to find new tenants, and if they did not find tenants other ideas would be reviewed.

REPORT#2: PLATT INVOICE
An invoice has been presented for \$1,800.00 over the authorized amount for Stuart Platt. This invoice is for the December service where he spent the remainder and went over the limit. Finance office needs to know how to respond.

Ben Angeli was outraged at the money spent on this report. Council agreed not to pay the additional \$1800.00.

REPORT#3: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECT
 Resolution required for County CDBG project designation. This year's grant will be the Washington Blvd. project which already has two prior years saved. A resolution will be on at the Regular Meeting.
Washington Avenue will be on for Tuesday as well as Stratford Avenue for authorization to Bach Associates to do specs and bid, and receive bids.

REPORT#4: QUAKER STORE CHANGE ORDER
 Historic Commission Member Marty Hansen, who is also supervising the renovations, has requested a Change Order to the Contract with C. Riley Construction, LLC in the amount of \$3,900.00. This is under the 20% threshold, and is funded by the County Open Space Grant. It is additional work inside the Quaker Store. A resolution will be on for the Regular Meeting.
NOT REQUIRED NOW

REPORT#5: PARK COMMISSION APPOINTMENT
 Kevin Barnes has resigned from the Commission. The Commission has recommended Bob Bove, Sr. be appointed.
Resolution on for Tuesday's meeting.

REPORT#6: BOARD OF HEALTH APPOINTMENT
 The Board of Health has recommended Liz Parker of Wright Avenue to be appointed to fill a vacancy. The resolution will be on for the Regular Meeting.
Resolution on for Tuesday's meeting.

REPORT#7: RECYCLE BANK
 Updated information was forwarded to you from the representative. There is a capital expense of about \$45,000. to equip the trash trucks with monitoring devices, and an ongoing monthly fee of approximately \$1,760. (80 cents/home) paid to Recycle Bank for the program. The goal is to entice residents to recycle more in weight to reduce the regular trash weight. By achieving this, the Recycle Bank program could possibly be paid for with the savings. The first year the borough budget would have to assume there would be no savings and the full cost of \$1,760. each month would have to placed in the budget.
Informational

COUNCIL REPORTS: Discussion on taping meeting and the inconsistency of being shown on Channel 19.
 -Councilman F. Gagliardi gave his update on his research on current rental properties. When he is complete, he will begin to set up process of fees and inspections of rental properties.
 -Councilman B. Angeli asked to remove the SEDC to a more community driven group.
 -Councilwoman H. Tate is reaching out to schools for Miss Stratford pageant dates.
 -Councilman M. Perez noted OEM and DPW is ready for the snow storm coming.
 -Councilman M. Santoro stated OEM & Emergency Services are ready with generators, etc.

GOOD AND WELFARE: -Mayor Gentless brought up the ravine area and wanting to spend Clean Community money to clean out the debris with professionals.
 He is also working on getting funding to buy a clock to put at the point in front of the War Memorial.
 He stated to change the form of government and would like to explore creating a sub-committee. A majority of Council stated, they have no desire to review this idea.
 -Harry Berry of Cornell Avenue spoke further of Mr. Platt's invoice.

Res.2010:27A Resolution 2010:27A – Executive Session

Executive Session: On motion of Councilman M. Santoro seconded by Councilman D. Bove with all ayes on the vote to go into Executive Session.

RESOLUTION 2010:27A

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 Council Meeting at 7:00 PM held on the 04th day of February, 2010.

John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk

On motion of Councilwoman H. Tate, seconded by Councilman F. Gagliardi with all ayes on the vote to come out of Executive Session.

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

John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC