

**STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 07, 2010
7:00 P.M.**

ROLL CALL:

MAYOR JOHN GENTLESS
MICHAEL SANTORO, COUNCIL PRESIDENT
BEN ANGELI, COUNCILMAN
HOLLY TATE, COUNCILWOMAN
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: -Officer Steve Schmidt-traffic stop with one (1) pound of marijuana and cash taken.
-hand gun discovered on Berlin Road
-vehicle on College Circle stolen
-24 year old male died of an overdose of drugs
-burglary – Vassar Avenue and Cornell Avenue
-stolen vehicle recovered in Bradlees parking lot
-attempted burglary in residential area near hospital by a criminal who left the hospital
-sexual assault arrest against a child
-suicide of a resident
-application for DWI renewal and now includes Clementon
-Red Light Camera a few months away

COUNCIL REPORTS: -Councilman M. Santoro spoke of Matthew Gagliardi's fund raiser.
-Councilman M. Perez spoke of the last snow storm and the DPW is ready for snow tonight.
-Councilwoman H. Tate had nothing to report
-Solicitor A. Costa had nothing to report
-Councilman D. Bove had nothing to report
-Councilman F. Gagliardi had nothing to report
-Councilman B. Angeli had nothing to report

PUBLIC PORTION: -Jack Dailey of Bowman & Co. – Councilwoman H. Tate had requested him to be here to discuss future Extraordinary Aid, and our past 2009 process using our surplus funds. Jack Dailey stated a majority of towns who applied did not receive Aid. He explained the excel spread sheet with the application for Aid, and when you do not receive Aid there is a short fall. This year since you did not receive Aid you will not have that same issue with the excel spread sheet calculation.

REPORT#1: REDEVELOPMENT
The resolution authorizing the JLUB to begin the Redevelopment Study was tabled at the end of 2009 in order to allow the new 2010 council to take action. At this time the resolution to authorize the JLUB is ready for consideration. The JLUB can not begin the Study without this resolution. The JLUB meets on January 28, 2010 to reorganize for 2010. Planner Larry Waetzman has submitted his proposal to amend the prior plan. Also there are now five attorneys who have submitted for the position of Special Redevelopment Counsel to help guide the JLUB through this process. The funding and contracts require the Borough Council approval. A resolution of funding, contract and recommendation to JLUB could be made this month prior to their January 28 meeting for the Planner, and Special Redevelopment Counsel.

-Agnes Moore of Laureba Avenue brought up fiscal issues and the revenue coming from Redevelopment is important and needed.

-Mark Lustig of Harvard Avenue questioned if the State could buy up property or could be held up? Told they could buy at any time.

REPORT#2: ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

The Interlocal Agreement with Camden County expired on December 31, 2009. The new contract offered by Camden County is more than the contract being offered by County Animal Control (the company previously doing the county contract, and no relation to the "County"). The contract being offered by County Animal Control is \$6,000. annually, compared to Camden County's proposal of over \$8,500. for 2010, which is very close to the amount of 2009 cost. Recommendation is to adopt a resolution at the Regular Meeting to authorize the contract with County Animal Control for 2010 in the amount of \$6,000.

Resolution on for Regular Meeting.

REPORT#3: SEWER BILLS

There are two accounts that were charged interest incorrectly. The amount is \$1.01 for each account. A resolution is required to correct this bookkeeping mistake. This will be on at the Regular Meeting.

Resolution on for Regular Meeting.

REPORT#4: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPRESENTATIVE

Every year a council person is designated as the Community Development Block Grant Representative. The Mayor is automatically a voting member of the group but when he can not make the monthly meetings the county requests another member of the governing body to be appointed.

Councilman Mike Perez was appointed as Alt. Member for CDBG.

REPORT#5: RECYCLE BANK

Valerie Cloutier will be present at the Agenda Meeting to discuss the latest offering from Recycle Bank.

Valeria stated "G"onomy is an expanded program they are promoting. She explained how they bring together, individuals, company and communities. They see an average of 75% increase in recycling. Cherry Hill was about 60%. The average household can be awarded \$240. About 50% is spent locally. Currently Stratford recycles 8-9 pounds per house. Recycle Bank feels it could increase by 5 pounds per house.

\$1.00 per month per house.

.40 x 12 = \$5.00 x 2000 = \$10,000.

The program now has a phone module and does not require a computer. A 5 year contract.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

-Jeff Tomkinson questioned Pilot programs.

-Ada Walsh spoke about the new governor and COAH

Executive

Resolution 2010:20 – Executive Session

Session:

On motion of Councilwoman H. Tate, seconded by Councilman F. Gagliardi to go into

Res.2010:20

Executive Session.

RESOLUTION 2010:20

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 top 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 07th day of January, 2010.

John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk

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

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

John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC