

**STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 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
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.
-Ben Vukicevich of Harvard Avenue questioned the Defer Tax Resolution. The Clerk answered-bookkeeping item.
-Harry Berry of Cornell Avenue wished everyone a Happy New Year.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES:

November 05, 2009 Agenda Meeting
On motion of Councilman M. Perez, seconded by Councilman B. Angeli with all ayes on the vote except Councilman F. Gagliardi and Councilman D. Bove abstaining.

November 10, 2009 Regular Meeting
On motion of Councilman M. Santoro, seconded by Councilman M. Perez with all ayes on the vote except Councilman F. Gagliardi and Councilman D. Bove abstaining.

December 03, 2009 Agenda Meeting
On motion of Councilman M. Perez, seconded by Councilman B. Angeli with all ayes on the vote except Councilman F. Gagliardi and Councilman D. Bove abstaining.

December 08, 2009 Regular Meeting
On motion of Councilman M. Santoro, seconded by Councilwoman H. Tate with all ayes on the vote except Councilman F. Gagliardi and Councilman D. Bove abstaining.

December 28, 2009 Special Meeting
On motion of Councilman M. Perez, seconded by Councilwoman H. Tate with all ayes on the vote except Councilman F. Gagliardi and Councilman D. Bove abstaining.

REPORTS:
FINANCE &
REVENUE:

Councilman Frank Gagliardi read the Finance report for December, 2009 as submitted by the CFO as follows:

BALANCE DECEMBER 1, 2009	1,394,889.89
Total Receipts	407,777.76
Total Disbursements	1,011,516.23
BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2009	791,151.42

SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNT BALANCES DECEMBER 31, 2009

Municipal Alliance	37,813.04
Animal Control	5,243.30
Public Assistance I	2,400.13
K-9	186.45
General Capital	525,447.04
Developers Escrow	15,767.24
POAA	1,376.01
Special Law Enforcement Trust	15,723.29
UCC/LEA Trust	113,686.55
Uniform Fire Safety	11,929.55
Tax Title Lien	205,567.91
Trust Other	63,258.89
Parks Open Space	2,685.16

EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Councilman Michael Santoro had no reports submitted at this time. He gave information on a fund raiser for February 27th @ John Paul II Hall for Matthew Gagliardi, and asked everyone to keep him in their prayers.

POLICE:

Councilman Ben Angeli read the Police Report for the month of December, 2009 as submitted by the Chief as follows:

Adult Arrests	28	Juvenile Arrests	05
Assaults to Police	0	Simple Assault Compl.	08
Criminal Mischief Compl.	03	Harassment Complaints	08
Other Investigations & Compl.	72	Burglaries	02
Robberies	0	Thefts \$46,100.00	08
Stolen Property Recovered	\$28,200.	Motor Vehicle Thefts	01
DWI Arrests	05	Narcotics Arrests	04
Traffic Summonses issued	292	Motor Vehicle Accidents	22
Injuries from Car Accid.	06	Alarm Activations	32
Total crime reports taken	89	Total call for Police Service	781

2009 YEAR END POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT

Adult Arrests	468	Juvenile Arrests	50
Assaults to Police	05	Simple Assaults	60
Criminal Mischief Compl.	63	Harassment Complaints	125
Other Investigations & Compl.	970	Burglaries	42
Robberies by Weapon or Force	03	Thefts \$240,517.00 -176 of Property was Stolen	
		\$138,611.00 of Stolen Property was Recovered	
Motor Vehicle Thefts	10	DWI Arrests	136
Narcotics Arrests	70	Traffic Tickets issued	4165
Motor Vehicle Accidents	336	Injuries from car accidents	70
Fatal Motor Vehicle Accid.	02	Alarm Activations	430
Total Crime Reports taken	1092	Total Calls for Police Service	8682

Councilman B. Angeli also reported that Patrolman Farrell by his fellow officers.

PUBLIC EVENTS:

Councilwoman Holly Tate stated events are being reviewed and more on the events at next month's meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS & LIGHTING:

Councilman Michael Perez read the sewer report as follows:

-inspected 700 feet of lines, snow plow and snow removal, leaf pick up, trash pick up at Senior Center.

Department of Public Works – both leaf trucks out in December, parks cleaned up, garden beds cleaned, salt spreaders on trucks, chipper serviced, pot holes filled, snow storm in December, thanked two local fireman who also assisted with the snow removal.

ORDINANCE & PROPERTY: Councilman Dan Bove reported there are six (6) Resolutions and one (1) Ordinance on for tonight’s meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS:

Ord.2010:01 Ordinance 2010:01 – CAP Ordinance 3.5%
 The Ordinance was read by title. A motion was made to approve on first reading by Councilman M. Santoro, seconded by Councilman F. Gagliardi, with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:
 Councilman M. Santoro yes Councilman F. Gagliardi yes
 Councilman B. Angeli yes Councilwoman H. Tate yes
 Councilman M. Perez yes Councilman D. Bove yes
MOTION CARRIED

Res.2009:21 Resolution 2010:21 – Public Hearing for Ordinance 2010:01 – 2/09/10 – 7:00 PM
 On motion of Councilman F. Gagliardi, seconded by Councilman M. Perez with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2010:021
 PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE 2010:01**

BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Members of Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the 09th day of February, 2010 7:00 PM set for the date and time of the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2010:01 and;
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that final reading and adoption shall be set for the 09th day of February, 2010 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 12th day of January, 2010.
John D. Keenan, Jr., R.M.C.

Res.2010:22 Resolution 2010:22 – Defer School Tax 2010
 On motion of Councilman M. Perez, seconded by Councilman F. Gagliardi with all ayes on the vote, except Councilman D. Bove abstaining.

RESOLUTION 2010:22

WHEREAS, the regulations provide for the deferral of not more than 50% of the annual levy when school taxes are raised for a school year and have not been requisitioned by the school district; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services requires that a resolution be adopted by a majority of the governing body prior to February 13th of the year subsequent to the deferral, authorizing an increase in the amount of the deferral; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey to decrease the amount of Regional School deferred taxes by \$63,016.17.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that the amount of Regional School Taxes deferred be decreased to \$1,596,903.93.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, hereby certify that the above foregoing resolution was adopted by the Governing Body at their Regular Meeting on January 12, 2010.

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

Res.2010:23 Resolution 2010:23 – Award Quaker Store Bid – Riley Construction \$20,960.
 On motion of Councilman M. Perez, seconded by Councilwoman H. Tate with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

RESOLUTION 2010:23

WHEREAS, the Camden County Open Space Grant has previously awarded the Borough of Stratford funding to complete renovations of the Quaker Store; and

WHEREAS, quotes for work have been received for the next phase of renovation of the Quaker Store; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsive bidder was C. Riley Construction, LLC in the amount of \$20,960.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Council to award the next phase of renovation of the Quaker Store to C. Riley Construction, LLC in the amount of \$20,960.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body on January 12, 2010.

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

Res.2010:24 Resolution 2010:24 – Shade Tree Commissioner Appointment – Lisa Chuimento 12/31/2013
On motion of Councilman B. Angeli, seconded by Councilman F. Gagliardi with all ayes on the vote.

RESOLUTION 2010:24

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy of a commissioner on the Shade Tree Commission; and
WHEREAS, Lisa Chuimento has asked to be on the commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to appoint Lisa Chuimento to the Shade Tree Commission with a four (4) year term to expire on December 31, 2013.

I, John K. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted on January 12, 2010.

John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC

Res.2010:25 Resolution 2010:25 – Remove Sewer Interest B.106, L.14 \$1.01; B.88,L.12 \$1.01
On motion of Councilman D. Bove, seconded by Councilwoman H. Tate with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

RESOLUTION 2010:25

WHEREAS, the Stratford Municipal Sewer Utility Department has requested removal of interest on two residential sewer accounts:

B. 106, L. 14	16 Hillcrest Road	\$1.01
B. 88, L. 12	124 Hillside Road	\$1.01

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Council to authorize the removal of the above interest charges on the named residential sewer accounts.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body on January 12, 2010.

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

Res.2010:26 Resolution 2010:26 – Authorize Jeffrey I. Baron to Answer suit relating AEJ & UMDNJ and Borough of Stratford.
On motion of Councilman M. Perez, seconded by Councilman M. Santoro with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

RESOLUTION 2010:26

WHEREAS, the Borough has been served a notice from the Plaintiffs in the suit relating to AEJ and Foundation of UMDNJ; and
 WHEREAS, the notice was served upon the former Borough Solicitor Jeffrey I. Baron; and
 WHEREAS, Jeffrey I. Baron is more familiar with the details surrounding this litigation it would be more efficient to have him answer the notice,
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Council to authorize Jeffrey I. Baron to answer the notice sent by the Plaintiff regarding the litigation.
 I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body on January 12, 2010.
John D. Keenan, Jr., R.M.C.

Fireman Application: Edward T. Vandergrift, III 801 W. Park Dr., Lindenwold, Apt.33A
 On motion of Councilman M. Santoro, seconded by Councilman B. Angeli with all eyes on the vote the application was approved.
 Councilman M. Perez stated he was a prior Assistant Chief in Woodlynne and that we are lucky to have him.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Be it resolved to approve payment of bills numbered from #21718 to #21829; Animal Control Checks #1342 to #1344; Manual Checks #19444 to #19450; Various Wire Transfers.

GOOD AND WELFARE: Councilman B. Angeli made a statement in response to information that was sent to residents prior to the end of 2009. He referred to a statement regarding the Mayor violated his Oath of Office and Councilman B. Angeli read the Resolution 2009:228 which did not state the Mayor violated his Oath.
 -Harry Berry of Cornell Avenue asked about the streets from White Horse Pike to Atlantic Avenue be reviewed for possible stop sign installation. The Clerk informed him about the speed box that will gather factual information. Councilman B. Angeli stated he would follow up with Chief Morello.
 -Ben Vukicevich questioned the tax appeal on Incollingo's. No information was known.
 -Agnes Moore of Laureba Avenue questioned Councilman B. Angeli on he child molestation – Councilman Angeli stated he had not yet spoke with Chief Morello. She also questioned the rental inspection program. The Mayor stated the appeal period has not passed yet.
 -Harry Berry asked about how appeal on business property works. The Clerk and others explained how rental income effects valuation.
 -Andrew Schallenhammer of Voorhees Twp. asked if the recorder was fixed yet. The Clerk informed him of the issue at hand with the meeting on October 8, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion of Councilman M. Perez, seconded by Councilwoman H. Tate with all eyes on the vote, the meeting was adjourned.

John D. Keenan, Jr. RMC