

**STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 06, 2010
7:00 P.M.**

ROLL CALL:

MAYOR JOHN GENTLESS
MICHAEL SANTORO, COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Absent
HOLLY TATE, COUNCILWOMAN
BEN ANGELI, COUNCILMAN
MIKE PEREZ, COUNCILMAN – Late 7:56 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: -bias incident April 2, at Woodmere Apartments. Racial slurs painted on the inside walls of the building
-Berlin Road home burglary tools taken
-arson bush fire rear woods of Sterling Arms
-molotov cocktail thrown in middle of street
-rash of damage to taxi cabs throughout town during one week. Not related to one company
-new schoolstand broken into – took candy, video camera at school was good
-sudden death on Union Avenue – natural causes
-Pennsylvania Avenue – dwelling fire
-domestic dispute at Cornell Apartments including large amount of drugs.
-man impersonating a cable man at Cornell Apartments and arrested
-Presbyterian Orthodox Church burglarized
-Cornell Manor Apartments sudden death – natural causes
-Kennedy Hospital ER combatic situation with police officer
-child abuse investigation led to man holding wife hostage with gun, information taken out safely, and negotiated for many hours.
-DARE graduation this month.

ENGINEER REPORT: -Red light camera will require NJDOT application
-sewer main break on Warwick Road – options discussed
-bids received for Washington and Stratford Avenues ready for award on Tuesday

PUBLIC PORTION: Nothing in this session was discussed.

REPORT#1: REDEVELOPMENT
Leah Bruder and Steve Bach made a presentation relating to their prior proposal. At this time no action has been requested regarding the proposal. No other correspondence has been received from Juster regarding their site. If action is sought on the proposal an Emergency Appropriation will be required to fully fund it.
Councilwoman H. Tate questioned, could the plan be used to assist in future Redevelopment Plans, and also review and look at Incollingo's. Councilman D. Bove stated to wait until the budget is finalized.

- REPORT#2: 2010 BUDGET
 Budget Meeting is scheduled for May 4 with Council. The Public Hearing is set and advertised for May 11 at 7pm at the Regular Meeting. After the Public Hearing the budget may be adopted at any date.
Councilman F. Gagliardi spoke about the DCA meeting on May 7, 2010 for possible aid.
- REPORT#3: 2010 SALARY ORDINANCE
 This is the time when the Salary Ordinance for 2010 would be introduced. The Public Hearing and final adoption will take place at the Regular Meeting on June 8.
On for Regular Meeting. A copy will be sent to Mayor and Council prior to the meeting.
- REPORT#4: NJ CLEAN ENERGY AUDIT
 The proposals have been received on April 16 from the approved audit firms. The firm I am recommending is a local firm in Voorhees, Concord Engineering. The other two are in Parsippany and East Brunswick, NJ. The audit is covered by the State Program for 100% of the cost which is \$18,908. The requirement with this grant is that the borough is liable to make recommended improvements equal to 25% of the cost of the audit for each building. The audit cost for the buildings are as follows: Borough Hall \$3,808; Fire Building \$9,506; Police \$5,594. The required amount to invest in each building: Borough Hall \$952; Fire \$2,376.50; Police \$1,398.50. To continue with the program the mayor has to sign a document which commits that the borough will spend at least 25% of the audit costs on each building in the next 12 months. Please advise if you want to move forward.
On for Regular Meeting.
- REPORT #5: STATE HEALTH BENEFITS
 Last month the health benefits were given to Mayor and Council and presented at the Agenda Meeting and further discussed at the April 19 meeting. A resolution is required to take action on any change from the current health plan.
Informational NO action at this time.
- COUNCIL REPORTS:
 -Councilman B. Angeli had nothing to report.
 -Councilman F. Gagliardi had nothing to report.
 -Councilman D. Bove stated – to appoint a Code Enforcement Officer
 -Councilwoman H. Tate reported the Miss Stratford Pageant and the 4th of July. \$1,000 will be provided by Parks. She is still waiting for Parks’ response on details of the \$1,000. expenses.
 She read her response to Steve Easterday regarding his letter of last month for assistance to Public Events.
 -Councilman F. Gagliardi reported that the Quaker City String Band will be in the parade and have a short concert at the field. The band is being sponsored by Atlantic City Electric.
 -Councilman M. Perez stated the Department of Public Works is very busy with chipping.
 -Councilman D. Bove stated is residents see any missing signs, please contact the Borough Hall.
 -Mayor John Gentless met with Senator Norcross last week.
- Other Items Discussed:
 -Agnes Moore of Laureba Avenue was concerned about the size of landscaping trucks. She spoke about the proposal from Bach relating to the study. She asked council to decide if they are moving ahead or what they want to do. Councilman B. Angeli responded to her concerns with the proposal and agrees that we should move forward. She also mentioned the Landlord Ordinance and stated she is very disappointed with what she hear this evening.

