STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:
STATEMENT OF ADVERTISEMENT: Notice of this meeting has been provided to the Courier Post and Central Record 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 MALONEY, COUNCIL PRESIDENT
FRANK HARTMAN, COUNCILMAN
HOLLY TATE, COUNCILWOMAN
BEN ANGELI, COUNCILMAN
JOHN DUDLEY, COUNCILMAN
DAVID GRAY, COUNCILMAN
ALBERT J. OLIZI, JR., SOLICITOR
JOHN D. KEENAN, JR., BOROUGH CLERK

PUBLIC PORTION: For items listed on the agenda only.

MINUTES:

January 05, 2015 Reorganization Meeting
Motion: Second: Vote:

January 08, 2015 Agenda Meeting
Motion: Second: Vote:

January 13, 2015 Regular Meeting
Motion: Second: Vote:

REPORTS:

FINANCE & REVENUE	COUNCILMAN MICHAEL MALONEY
EMERGENCY SERVICES	COUNCILMAN FRANK HARTMAN
POLICE	COUNCILMAN BEN ANGELI
ORDINANCE & PROPERTY	COUNCILWOMAN HOLLY TATE
PUBLIC WORKS & LIGHTING	COUNCILMAN JOHN DUDLEY
PUBLIC EVENTS	COUNCILMAN DAVID GRAY

OLD BUSINESS:

Ord. 2015:01 Ordinance 2015:01 – CAP Ordinance 3.5%
Public Hearing:
Action: Motion: Second: RCV:

Ord. 2015:02 Ordinance 2015:02 – Amend Chapter 2.28 Board of Health
Public Hearing:
Action: Motion: Second: RCV:

NEW BUSINESS:

Res.2015:33 Resolution 2015:33 – Adopt Rules of Council
Motion: Second: Vote:

Res.2015:34 Resolution 2015:34 – Extend 2015 Temporary Budget
Motion: Second: RCV:

Res.2015:35 Resolution 2015:35 – Endorse SAO County Open Space Application
Motion: Second: Vote:

Res.2015:36 Resolution 2015:36 – Endorse Park Commission County Open Space Application
Motion: Second: Vote:

Res.2015:37 Resolution 2015:37 – Authorize Execution of Glo.Twp. MUA Material Cert Form
Motion: Second: Vote:

Res.2015:38 Resolution 2015:38 – Authorize Tax Assessor to File Tax Appeals, Add & Omitted Assessments
Motion: Second: Vote:

Res.2015:39 Resolution 2015:39 – Authorize 2014 Tonnage Grant Application
Motion: Second: Vote:

Res.2015:40 Resolution 2015:40 – Authorizing 2015-16 NJHT Grant Application – DWI Task Force $72,500.
Motion: Second: Vote:

Res.2015:41 Resolution 2015:41 – Authorize 2015 Veteran Property Tax Deduction – B. 44, L. 6
Motion: Second: RCV:

Res.2015:42 Resolution 2015:42 – Authorize RFP – Sale of Municipal Sewer Utility System
Motion: Second: RCV:

Res.2015:43 Resolution 2015:43 – Authorize Planner Proposal – Amend Bradlees Plan - $810.00
Motion: Second: RCV:

Res.2015:44 Resolution 2015:44 – Appoint Board of Health Members
Motion: Second: RCV:

Mayor Appointments

Park Commissioner – Paul McGovern	Term expires Dec. 2015
Library Bd. Trustee – Thomas Angelucci	Term expires Oct. 2017

RAFFLE LICENSE: RA #607 – Stratford Athletic Organization
Motion: Second: Vote:

RA #608 – Knights of Columbus, Night of the Races
Motion: Second: Vote:

RA #609 – Knights of Columbus, Dream Vacation
Motion: Second: Vote:

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Be it resolved to approve payment of bills numbered from # through #; Animal Control Checks # through #; Manual Check #; Payroll Checks # thru #; and Various Wires.
Motion: Second: RCV:

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

GOOD AND WELFARE:

ADJOURN: Motion: Second: Vote:

ORDINANCE 2015:01

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to1.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford in the County of Camden, finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY2015 budget by up and 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to $163,815.22 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS, THE Mayor and Borough Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford, in the County of Camden, a majority of the full authorized membership of the governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY2015 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Stratford shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to $163,815.22 and that the CY2015 municipal budget for the Borough of Stratford be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced to be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

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John Gentless, Mayor

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and passed on the first reading at the meeting of the Governing Body held on the 13th January, 2015 and will be considered for final passage on the 10th day of February, 2015 at a meeting at the Stratford Justice Facility, 315 Union Avenue, Stratford, NJ.

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John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing ordinance was adopted for final passage on the 10th day of February, 2015 at a meeting at the Stratford Justice Facility, 315 Union Avenue, Stratford, NJ.

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John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC

ORDINANCE 2015:02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 2.28 ENTITLED "BOARD OF HEALTH"

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford as follows:

SECTION 1. Repeal 2.28.020 and let it read as follows:

2.28.020 Composition – Terms of Office – Vacancies

A. The Board of Health shall consist of five (5) members, who shall be appointed by the Mayor of the Borough, by and with advice and consent of the Borough Council. The persons so appointed shall be citizens of the State, resident in the borough. The Mayor and members of the Borough Council shall not be permitted to be members of the Board of Health. In the event that a member of the Board of Health is elected as Mayor or as a member of Borough Council, he or she shall immediately resign his or her position with the Board of Health.

B. The members shall be appointed for the following terms:

1. Two (2) for three (3) years;
2. Two (2) for two (2) years;
3. One (1) for one (1) year.

Annually thereafter, members shall be appointed by the Mayor, by and with the advice and consent of the Borough Council, for a term of three (3) years. Vacancies shall be filled for unexpired terms.

C. Each member shall, before entering upon the performance of his duties, file with the Clerk of the Borough an oath that he will faithfully discharge the duties of his office.

SECTION 2. Amend 2.28.030 and let it read as follows:

2.28.030

Insert the prefix "A" before the existing text and add:

B. The Board of Health shall meet at least one time per year and may meet at such other times as may be deemed necessary or appropriate. The Board shall operate in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. The Board shall take and retain minutes of all meetings and shall provide minutes of meetings to the Clerk as Custodian of Records.

In all other respects the existing Ordinance is retained.

This amendment to Section 2.28 of the Code of the Borough of Stratford shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

Introduced: January 13, 2015
Public Hearing: 2-10-15
Final Adoption: 2-10-15

JOHN GENTLESS, MAYOR

Attest:

John Kennan, RMC

RESOLUTION 2015:33

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Governing Body has reviewed and prepared Rules of Council for the year 2015,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to adopt the Rules of Council for the Governing Body for the year 2015.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify they above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body on February 10, 2015.

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

RESOLUTION 2015:34

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford adopted a temporary budget for the year 2015 to be able to operate; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford at this time finds the need to fully extend the 2015 Budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to authorize the CFO to fully extend the 2015 Budget so the functions being allocated can continue to operate without interruption until the 2015 Budget is adopted and approved.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body on February 10, 2015

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

RESOLUTION 2015:35

WHEREAS, Camden County offers an Open Space Recreational Grant to assist municipalities and local organizations with improving, maintaining and building recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford has received funding for several years from the Open Space Grant which has greatly improved the park and recreational areas within the Borough of Stratford; and

WHEREAS, the Stratford Athletic Association is making an application to the Camden County Open Space Grant for 2015 funding for field improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to support the Stratford Athletic Association in their application to the Camden County Open Space Grant for 2015 funding for field improvements.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted on February 10, 2015.

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

RESOLUTION 2015:36

WHEREAS, Camden County offers an Open Space Grant to assist maintenance and improvements to park property; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford has received funding for several years from the Open Space Grant which has greatly improved the park and recreational areas within the Borough of Stratford; and

WHEREAS, the Stratford Park Commission is making an application to the Camden County Open Space Grant for 2015 funding to improve the Vassar Avenue Basketball Court located at Vassar Avenue and Central Avenue,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to support the Stratford Park Commission in their application to the Camden County Open Space Grant for 2015 funding to improve their Vassar Avenue Basketball Court located at Vassar Avenue and Central Avenue.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted on February 10, 2015

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

RESOLUTION 2015:37

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford dumps leaves at the Gloucester Twp. MUA site; and

WHEREAS, annually the Gloucester Twp. MUA requires each municipality to execute a Material Certification Form,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to authorize the execution of the Gloucester Twp. MUA Material Certification Form.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted on February 10, 2015.

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

RESOLUTION 2015:38

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX ASSESSOR TO FILE APPEALS, ADDED AND OMITTED ASSESSMENT APPEALS, AND ROLLBACK COMPLAINTS WITH THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION

WHEREAS, a statutory provision is made for review and correction of errors prior to certification of an assessment list; and

WHEREAS, provision is also allowed for the discovery and correction of errors after establishment of the tax rate; and

WHEREAS, change in property ownership at times necessitates adjustments in the veteran's and/or senior citizen's deduction allowed on the assessment list; and

WHEREAS, responsibility for maintenance and correction of the assessment lists rests with the local Tax Assessor subject to specific laws and regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden and State of New Jersey, that the Tax Assessor, Brian Schneider, CTA, SLREA, is hereby authorized to file with the Camden County Board of Taxation all such appeals, including Omitted and Added Assessment Appeals, as may be necessary to maintain accuracy and equality in the assessment list of the Borough of Stratford; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Assessor, Brian Schneider, CTA, SLREA, is hereby authorized to execute Stipulations of Settlement on behalf of the Borough of Stratford; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution accompany any appeal filed by the Tax Assessor with the Camden County Board of Taxation.

BOROUGH OF STRATFORD

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John Gentless, Mayor

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John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body on February 10, 2015.

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John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION 2015:39
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 2014 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 February 10, 2015.

John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION 2015:40

THEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Police Department seeks to apply for DWI Task Force Grant money in the amount of $72,500.,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to authorize the Police Department to make application for DWI Task Force Grant money in the amount of $72,500.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted on February 10, 2015.

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

RESOLUTION 15: 41

WHEREAS, all the eligibility requirements for a 2015 VETERAN property tax deduction have been met by the following residents:

BLOCK	LOT	NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT
44	6	Stephen L. Goldhahn	303 Vassar Ave	250.00

WHEREAS, the deduction has been approved by the Borough Tax Assessor and Tax Collector;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council that a tax deduction be granted to the above mentioned residents and these deductions be placed on the 2015 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 February 10, 2015.

John D. Keenan, Jr. Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION 2015:42

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATIONS OF BIDS FOR THE SALE OF THE WASTE WATER UTILITY SYSTEM OF THE BOROUGH PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.40:62-4

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford, in the County of Camden, New Jersey (the "Borough") desires to consider the sale of its Wastewater Utility System (the "System"), a description of which is included in the bid documents attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Borough, with the assistance of the Borough Solicitor (the "Counsel") and Environmental Resolutions, Inc. the Borough's consulting engineers (the "Consulting Engineers"), and other consultants, has analyzed the issues involved in such sale; and

WHEREAS, upon consideration of such issues, the Borough deems it advisable to proceed to solicit bids for its consideration to sell the Borough's System on the terms and conditions stated in the bid documents attached hereto as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the Mayor, Council and Borough Clerk in consultation with the Counsel, Consulting Engineers and other consultants are hereby authorized to take all steps required by applicable law to obtain bids from interested and qualified parties for the sale of the Borough's System in the form of the bid documents attached hereto as Exhibit A and to commence the process to conduct such in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:62-4 and as otherwise prescribed by law.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford at a meeting held on February 10, 2015.

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

RESOLUTION 2015:43

WHEREAS, there is a document entitled Draft Plan for Bradlees/Juster for redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body adopted an Ordinance in December 2014 which amends and changes the Draft Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Draft Plan now requires revisions to become an executed document by the Planner; and

WHEREAS, the Planner has submitted a proposal to complete the said revisions and execute the document as the final Plan,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to authorize the proposal in the amount of $810. from the Planner to make the revisions and complete the Plan for Bradlees/Juster redevelopment; and

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to condition this approval to a 30 day time limit to have the document ready for review prior to execution by the Planner.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted on February 10, 2015.

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

RESOLUTION 2015:44

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has adopted Ordinance 2015:02 which amends the Borough Board of Health; and

WHEREAS, the amended Ordinance details the membership for said Board of Health; and

WHEREAS, the following members will be appointed with said terms:

Dr. Marvin E. Herring	Expire December 31, 2017
Joseph Hahn	Expire December 31, 2017
Salvatore Papa	Expire December 31, 2016
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to appoint the above noted members to the said terms.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted on February 10, 2015.

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