STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL AGENDA MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 08, 2015
7:00 P.M.

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 – late 7:03 pm
FRANK HARTMAN, COUNCILMAN
HOLLY TATE, COUNCILWOMAN
BEN ANGELI, COUNCILMAN
JOHN DUDLEY, COUNCILMAN
DAVID GRAY, COUNCILMAN
ALBERT OLIZI, SOLICITOR
JOHN D. KEENAN, JR., BOROUGH CLERK
RONALD MORELLO, POLICE CHIEF
JEFFREY HANSON, ENGINEER

POLICE CHIEF REPORT: The Police Chief reported on Winding Way Road a report of a male deceased due to overdose.
A resident saw a male break into a car and was caught and was connected to other prior car break ins.
Kennedy Hospital thief was caught after he stole hospital supplies such as linens and was selling them on the internet.
Small aircraft crashed on the coast of NJ, and the body of the pilot was shipped from Zale's Funeral Home where a report of missing jewelry was made. Three days later the ring was taped to the door of the facility.
Driver on White Horse Pike saw a 5 year old wondering the area in the early morning hours. The child was sleep walking and the parent came out and child was taken home.
The DPW installed no parking signs and a resident on Laureba Avenue was reported taking the signs. The police went to the home of the resident and the resident threw a glass bottle at the officers. The resident did also assault another person before the officers did apprehend the person and arrested him.
Call to a home on Pennsylvania Avenue where a male was out of control in the house. The parents called the police. One officer was bitten by the male before being arrested.
A home on Swarthmore Avenue received a call the month before, and this time was an attempted suicide by carbon monoxide of the same person in the Bradlees parking lot.
There was a shooter drill conducted at the schools.
Officer Speer will be appointed at the October 1 meeting.
The Pope weekend was not as congested and busy as anticipated. Sunday was busier than Saturday.

ENGINEER REPORT: Related to the 2014 Road Program American Asphalt final payment is being recommended.
The punch list is being completed for the 2015 Road Program with a regrade of the area at Rolling and Parkview Roads.
Receiving quotes for the tree storm work areas.
The ADA ramp for the borough hall is being rescheduled for the Spring 2016 due to better pricing.

Receiving quotes for the basement at the sewer office.
The pump station upgrade is mobilizing next week or the following week.
NJDOT aid application will be submitted this month.

PUBLIC PORTION: -Mike Mangano of Union Avenue inquired about more Aqua information. The Mayor responded Aqua will be providing more info at the Tuesday Regular Meeting.
-Agnes Moore of Laureba Avenue thanked the police for their work for the Pope weekend. She inquired about the involuntary retirement. The Solicitor responded it is being reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS:

REPORT #1: REHABILITATION/REDEVELOPMENT
Councilwoman Tate will provide an update.
Councilwoman Tate stated she gave a report last month at the Regular Meeting stated there was a meeting in June with Juster and his attorney, council members and stakeholders. It was a good meeting. Council was present to listen. At the end of August or September another meeting was to take place to move forward. She stated she has heard nothing. An email was sent to both Juster and the owner of Laurel Mills Center but no plans submitted as of this time, just a picture or concept submitted at this time by Mr. Sethi.

REPORT #2: 2014-2015 STREET/ROADS PROJECTS
Parkview Road Project paving complete. Punch list items being worked on.
Equipment has been ordered for the sewer pump station upgrade.
Winding Way and Overhill have been completed with concrete, paving and soil work, punch list is being completed by the contractor.
The bid is out for the borough hall ramp with plans to award at the Oct 13 meeting.
This report was covered with the Engineer's report.

REPORT #3: AQUA NEW JERSEY
The referendum question is on the November 3 General Election Ballot for the sale of the sewer utility to Aqua for $3,117,000. Aqua will be present at the October 13 meeting.
Councilman Maloney stated the vote by mail ballot has the sewer sale question on the back of the ballot which may be overlooked by some. He stated Aqua would be mailing out some literature to the residents prior to election and they will be present at the Fall Festival.

NEW BUSINESS:

REPORT #4: CITIZENSHIP PROCLAMATION
Any recommendations for the October 13, 2015 meeting should be made at this time.
Councilman Angeli report there was no recommendations at this time.

REPORT #5: ORDINANCES
Ordinance 2015:13 Excavation ordinance was introduced at the September Meeting, with the Public Hearing and final action scheduled for October 13 meeting.
Ordinance 2015:16 Amend 2015 Salary Ordinance – Teamsters Contract Employees to be introduced October 13, 2015.
Informational.

REPORT #6: RESOLUTIONS
The following resolutions will be ready for action at the October 13 meeting:
Maintenance Liens.
Authorize Involuntary Retirement *Was removed from the agenda.*

Special Event – John Paul II 5K Walk/Run November 28, 2015
Special Event – SBCA Fall Festival/5K Run October 24, 2015, i*ncluding the car show.*
Halloween Curfew
Chapter 159 – Safe and Secure Communities Grant $30,000.
Veteran Tax Deductions
Middlesex Reg. Educational Services Comm. Cooperative Pricing - Recycling Buckets
Cancel Transportation Trust Unexpended Balance Central & Grand $4,263.20
Councilman Maloney gave an update for the Fall Festival and the rain date struggle to find date and also the Halloween Parade. He stated there are 145 vendors and 15 dropped off. He stated even though some vendors not coming, there were others signing up now. The Laurel Springs day is the same day as the rescheduled date of October 24. Councilman Angeli stated the SBCA needs volunteers to help even if it's for a few hours. The shredding event will still take place.

REPORT #7: BUSINESS LICENSE
Above and Beyond Learning Center, 35 Arlington Avenue.
Building owners have taken back ownership of the daycare. This will be acted upon at the Agenda Meeting due to State Licensing time constraints.
On motion of Councilman Angeli, seconded by Councilman Hartman with all ayes on the vote, the business license was approved.

REPORT #8: POLICE OFFICER
Officer Caleb Speer will be sworn in at the October 13, 2015 meeting per his appointment.
Informational

REPORT #9: EXECUTIVE SESSION – RESOLUTION 2015:157
The topics of discussion is related to Attorney/Client Privilege related to the Stratford Complaint for Declaratory Judgment Docket No. L2613-15 Civil Action, Relief Pursuant to the Fair Housing Act, NJSA 52:27D-313 and the Mt. Laurel Doctrine. These are all items for #7 of the Executive Session Resolution for matters relating to litigation, negotiations, and the Attorney-Client Privilege. No action is to be taken at this meeting. The approximate time of this session should be 60 minutes.
Motion was made by Councilwoman Tate, seconded by Councilman Angeli to adopt Resolution 2015:157 with all Council voting aye.

RESOLUTION 2015:157
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A MEETING
NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT,
NJSA 10:4-12

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford is subject to certain requirements of the *Open Public Meetings Act*, NJSA 10:4-6 et seq., and
WHEREAS, the *Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-12*, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution, and
WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by NJSA 10:4-12b and designated below:
_____(1) ***Matters required by Law to be Confidential****:* Any matter which, by express provision of Federal law or State statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.
_____(2) ***Matters Where the Release of Information Would Impair the Right to***

***Receive Funds**:* Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.

_____(3) ***Matters Involving Individual Privacy**:* Any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendations, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including, but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly.

_____(4) ***Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements***: Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body**.**

_____(5) ***Matters Relating to the Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property or the Investment of Public Funds***: Any matter involving the purchase, lease, or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.

_____(6) ***Matters Relating to Public Safety and Property***: Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that their disclosure could impair such protection. Any investigations of violations of possible violations of the law.

_____X___ (7) ***Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney-Client Privilege***: Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is, or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer**. The topics of discussion is related to Attorney/Client Privilege related to the Stratford Complaint for Declaratory Judgment Docket No. L2613-15 Civil Action, Relief Pursuant to the Fair Housing Act, NJSA 52:27D-313 and the Mt. Laurel Doctrine. No action is to be taken at this meeting. The approximate time of this session should be 60 minutes.**

_____ (8) ***Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship***: Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting.

_____(9) ***Matters Relating to the Potential Imposition of a Penalty***: Any deliberations of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party bears responsibility.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford, assembled in public session on October 08, 2015 that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on October 08, 2015 at approximately 7:00 p.m. in the Justice Facility, 315 Union Avenue, Stratford, NJ for the discussion of matters relating to the specified items designated above.

It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in Closed Session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Governing Body that public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.
The following resolution was duly adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford at a public meeting held on October 08, 2015.
I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted on October 08, 2015.

MAYOR APPOINTMENT: LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEE

At the October 13, 2015 meeting the Mayor will be re-appointing Kathleen Considine to another 5 year term. Her current term expires October 31, 2015. *Informational.*

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Angeli spoke about the Park Commission review of the Parkview snackstand. He introduced two new Commission members who were present, Michael Donaldson and June Kalinowski. He noted they have already assisted by cutting down trees in the Veterans' Park.

Councilman Hartman spoke about the 911 artifact. A local volunteer has come forth to help design the space. They are seeking possible artifacts from the Pentagon and Schwenksville, Pa. The location will be in front of the Fire Station. There will be fund raisers. The artifact will be at the Fall Festival. SBCA stated they will match the donations until the end of 2015 to $1000.

Councilman Dudley stated he will provide an update on the LED project at Tuesday's meeting.

The Mayor brought up the flag pole in front of the Justice Facility and having the pole removed. He stated the Fire Company can assist in the removal. He suggested a new one be mounted to the building. The Police Chief stated he liked the current flag pole.
The Mayor stated the Judge appointment is up in November. He spoke about an Eagle Scout project in painting the street sign posts. He stated the owner of the old Bridal Salon building was planning to come back to the building to open up his photography studio around the holidays. The Mayor inquired to the camera in the court room if it worked. The Police Chief stated it does not work. The Mayor inquired about the Borough of Magnolia doing DPW truck repairs. The Clerk explained Magnolia employs a full time mechanic which is cheaper hourly than the truck shops locally. The Mayor inquired about CDL requirements for DPW. The Police Chief responded to the DPW trucks not needing CDL drivers.

Councilman Angeli inquired to the trash contract with Magnolia. The Clerk confirmed it expires the end of December.

Councilman Gray spoke about the Halloween Parade now taking place the same day as the Fall Festival. He spoke about the Miss Stratford Pageant being a real struggle getting applicants. The current Miss Stratford is trying to get applicants too. He spoke about possibly revamping the future pageants to include scholarship funds. On October 24 at 11 am the new Farmers Insurance office will have a ribbon cutting ceremony and all are welcome to come out.

GOOD & WELFARE: Agnes Moore of Laureba Avenue inquired about the Indian Restaurant not being open. The Mayor explained. She also expressed her concern with the shopping center owners and the same old story and being tired of waiting.
She spoke about the properties at 101 Laureba and the sidewalk and fence near 102 Suburban Terrace. Also 112 Stratford Avenue and 124 Stratford Avenue. The Clerk confirmed both Stratford Avenue properties are empty.

Mike Mangano of Union Avenue asked about the trash contract and the fees. The Clerk explained Magnolia is paid for the labor portion, and the dumping facility charges Stratford directly for the tonnage of the trash.

June Kalinowski of Knoll Road inquired about the RFP not done yet. Councilwoman Tate explained the process and Council's initiative the beginning of this year and meetings with the owners. Ms. Kalinowski inquired to where the RFPs would be sent out. Councilwoman Tate said, that is still to be considered, and still in committee. Ms. Kalinowski expressed her concern with a recent phone survey. She said it was not fair and right for the residents, and was not a good feeling at the end of the phone call. She suggested taking out the high school aged girls from the Miss Stratford and having younger girls apply.

Mike Mangano of Union Avenue spoke about an eblast going out to inform the seniors they will be losing their sewer waivers and rate increases. The Mayor responded the borough could continue to fund the sewer abatement after Aqua charges the seniors. Mr. Mangano read the interpretive statement to the public. Mr. Mangano inquired to how long the phone survey call was, and Ms. Kalinowski responded it seemed long with lots of questions and at least 10 questions were confusing. She stated she got two calls where they were different.

Agnes Moore of Laureba Avenue stated she never got the survey call.

A motion was made by Councilman Gray, seconded by Councilman Angeli to enter into Executive Session with all Council voting aye.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tate, seconded by Councilman Dudley to come out of Executive Session with all Council voting aye.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Councilwoman Tate, seconded by Councilman Dudley to adjourn the meeting with all Council voting aye.

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