

**STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 06, 2017
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.

PLEDGE
OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

MAYOR JOSH KEENAN
PATRICK GREEN, COUNCILMAN
DAVID GRAY, COUNCILMAN
FRANK HARTMAN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT
JOHN DUDLEY, COUNCILMAN
LINDA HALL, COUNCILWOMAN
TINA LOMANNO, COUNCILWOMAN
JOHN D. KEENAN, JR., BOROUGH CLERK
STUART PLATT, SOLICITOR
STEVEN BACH, ENGINEER
RONALD MORELLO, POLICE CHIEF

ENGINEER
REPORT:

The Engineer reported the NJ Municipal Aid Grant announcements will be made probably in June.

POLICE
CHIEF
REPORT:

-300 block of Princeton Avenue a burglary where a side window was unlocked. They took nothing other than loose change.
-5 am on Buttonwood Road resident was awoken by a young woman at the door who was drunk and stated she was in an accident. The resident could not see a car, but after looking around the yard found the woman's car in the rear yard of the home crashed into her home. The woman was charged with DUI.
-Female at an apartment at the former Catalina window business attempted to overdose and was saved by narcans.
-One of the patrol cars was parked on Evergreen Road and was damaged by a hit and run.
-Report of an unconscious male at a home on Vassar Avenue. The resident died of natural causes.
-On Longwood Drive a person lost control of their vehicle and crashed and totaled the vehicle.
-Hillside Avenue long time resident was ill and taken to hospital and later died.
-Difficult parent at Parkview School from Hi-Nella threatened a child on the school property. The school tried to resolve and the parent escalated on facebook and threatened to shoot child and parent. He was arrested and charged with terrorist threats. He was released in two days.
-Two other incidents at Yellin School with a student bringing what looked like a gun. The student was suspended and charged with a juvenile complaint. Another student had a air gun which looks like a real gun an threatened 8th grade students. He was charged and suspended.
-SJ Gas meeting is planned for April 19 related to the gas line pipe project on Atlantic Avenue.
-Berlin Road paving will being in May.
-May 10 is DARE graduation at 2 pm at Yellin School with the party at JP II Carnival.
-A DUI Checkpoint is planned soon.

PUBLIC

PORTION: John Gentless of Union Avenue expressed concern with aging sewer lines in the street. The Engineer responded that all towns have similar aged sewer lines. He explained the process in which they are slip lined rather than dig up the streets to save money.

Councilman Hartman added the Water Utility Companies who were looking to purchase the Sewer Utility stated our lines were in good condition.

There were questions of the Deputy Clerk hiring process which Councilman Green explained the process.

Harry Berry of Cornell Avenue expressed concern with vacant homes.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

REPORT #1: REHABILITATION/REDEVELOPMENT
The Clerk explained the Planner and the Redevelopment Attorney will be present at the Tuesday meeting when action will be required on a resolution relating to the East Laurel Road Rehab Area.

REPORT #2: 2016-2017 STREET/ROADS PROJECTS
A resolution authorizing the engineer to complete the plans, specs and receive bids will be acted on at the Tuesday meeting.

REPORT #3: ORDINANCES
The Bond Ordinance 2017:08 and Salary Ordinance 2017:09 will be introduced at the Regular Meeting.

REPORT #4: CITIZENSHIP PROCLAMATION
None planned.

REPORT #5: RESOLUTIONS
Maintenance Liens for abandoned properties; Various CFO Resolutions; Public Hearing and Action for the 2017 Annual Budget; Authorize Engineer to prepare plans and specs for Sunnybrook Road and Court Project; Designation of East Laurel Road Rehab Area.

REPORT #6: EXECUTIVE SESSION
Res. 2017:57 The topics of discussion are related to Attorney/Client Privilege to discuss status related to the Deputy Borough Clerk position and possible litigation. These items are for #7 of the Executive Session Resolution for matters relating to litigation, negotiations, and the Attorney-Client Privilege. The approximate time of this session should be 45 minutes. Action may be taken after the session.

**RESOLUTION 2017:57
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*: The topics of discussion are related to Attorney/Client Privilege to discuss status related to the Deputy Borough Clerk position and possible litigation. These items are for #7 of the Executive Session Resolution for matters relating to litigation, negotiations, and the Attorney-Client Privilege. The approximate time of this session should be 45 minutes. Action may be taken after the session.

_____ (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 April 6, 2017 that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on April 6, 2017 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 April 6, 2017.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted on April 6, 2017.

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

Res.2017:58 Resolution 2017:58 – Voorhees Twp Fire Department-Mutual Aid & Assistance Agreement On motion of Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Dudley with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2017:58
VOORHEES TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT
MUTUAL AID & ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT, made the _____ day of _____, 2017 by and between THE TOWNSHIP OF VOORHEES, COUNTY OF CAMDEN and STATE OF NEW JERSEY, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, having it's principal offices at 2400 Towne Center Boulevard, Voorhees, New Jersey (hereinafter referred to as "Voorhees TWP."); and the Borough of Stratford, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, having it's principal offices at 307 Union Avenue, Stratford, New Jersey, 08084 (hereinafter referred to as "Stratford Borough").

WHEREAS, Voorhees Twp. And Stratford Borough recognize that entering into this agreement for mutual and automatic aid with each other to protect against loss, damage or destruction by fire, catastrophe, civil unrest, major emergency or other extraordinary devastation and to address those situations when additional aid and assistance is needed to protect the best interest of the persons and property in their jurisdictions.

WHEREAS, the New Jersey statues authorize the parties to enter into an agreement relative to the providing of these services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in consideration of the foregoing recitations and the mutual covenants and promise hereinafter contained, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Upon the request as provided herein, Voorhees Twp. And Stratford Borough shall provide mutual aid and automatic aid to each other. Mutual aid and automatic aid shall include the following:
 - a. Rendering of aid and assistance, including pre-established immediate response to an emergency scene under the control and/or jurisdiction of either Fire Department, said emergency may include but not to be limited to fire, civil unrest, major criminal or emergency events, natural and man-made disaster or catastrophe affecting the environment.
 - b. Rendering of aid and assistance to serve as supplemental reserve protection in the Requesting Units jurisdiction while Responding Unit is on an emergency call and/or otherwise currently unable to address the emergency service needs in it's jurisdiction.

Participating in training exercises where the purpose of such training exercises is to coordinate and prepare for fire, civil unrest, major emergency, natural disaster, environmental disaster and/or other emergency situations that are a threat to life or property. Training includes, but not limited to the following: apparatus familiarization, HAZMAT team

- training, technical rescue training, specialty subject drills and classes and Incident Command training.
2. The Incident Commander of the Requesting Unit shall have overall command authority of all Participating Units at the scene of an emergency. Participating Units of the fire service shall operate in compliance with the State Incident Management System N.J.A.C. 5:73-1.6 (b).
 3. All mutual fire aid automatic aid rendered pursuant to this Agreement shall be provided without charge and/or expense. Each party hereby acknowledges that it shall be solely responsible for the provisions of any and all costs and other benefits for its personnel while performing their duties within the Fire Department providing assistance.
 4. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be constructed to require Participating Unit to make a mutual aid and automatic aid response will leave the Participating Unit's jurisdiction without sufficient fire, ambulance and/or emergency protection.
 5. The personnel of each Participating Unit making a mutual aid and automatic aid and automatic aid response shall have the same powers and authority as the personnel of a Requesting Unit at the scene of the emergency in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.2. Personnel of a Participating Unit shall also have, while so acting, such rights and immunities as they would otherwise enjoy in the performance of their normal duties within their own jurisdiction.
 6. Except as expressly provided herein, no party shall be liable for:
 - a. Failure to comply with any provisions of this agreement, or
 - b. Liability arising from providing or refusing to provide mutual aid or automatic aid under this agreement.
 7. Except as specifically provided herein, each party hereby forever releases or discharges each other party, its officers, officials, employees, volunteers and/or agents from any claim related to the agreement or providing mutual or automatic aid hereunder.
 8. Each party agrees to provide the other party with proof of insurance coverage For injuries or damages caused by or to any personnel or apparatus rendering mutual aid within the respective Fire Department's jurisdiction.
 9. This agreement shall have an initial term of one (1) year, and it shall be automatically renewed for additional and successive one (1) year terms, unless of the parties hereto elects to terminate it by the adoption of a Resolution and the delivery of a certified original copy of said resolution to the other party.
 10. The parties hereto each acknowledge and represent to the other that the execution of this Agreement has been authorized by a duly adopted Resolution.

Mayor Josh Keenan
Borough of Stratford
 Attest:
John D. Keenan, Jr., R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk

Mayor Michael Mignogna
Voorhees Township
 Attest:
Dee Ober, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk

Res.2017:59 Resolution 2017:59 – Support of the NJ 2017-2018 Highway Traffic Safety
 On motion of Councilman Gray, seconded by Councilman Green with all eyes on the vote.

RESOLUTION 2017:59

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Police Department has applied for a New Jersey 2017-2018 Highway Traffic Safety Grant in the amount of \$70,000.00 for DWI task force; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council is supportive of the Stratford Police Department's application for a New Jersey 2017-2018 Highway Traffic Safety Grant in the amount of \$70,000.00 for DWI task force.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body at a meeting on April 06, 2017.
John D. Keenan, Jr., R.M.C.

Res.2017:60 Resolution 2017:60 – Accepting NJHTS Grant
On motion of Councilman Dudley, seconded by Councilman Gray with all ayes on the vote.

RESOLUTION 2017:60

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Police Department has applied to the New Jersey Highway Traffic Safety Grant for Click It or Ticket; and
WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Police Department has received the New Jersey Highway Traffic Safety Grant for Click It or Ticket in the amount of \$5,500.00,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to accept the Click It or Ticket funding of \$5,500.00 from New Jersey Highway Traffic Safety Grant.
I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body at a meeting on April 06, 2017.
John D. Keenan, Jr., R.M.C.

Res.2017:61 Resolution 2017:61 – Accepting Highway Traffic Safety Grant
On motion of Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilwoman Lomanno with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

Councilman Green	yes	Councilman Gray	yes
Councilman Hartman	yes	Councilman Dudley	yes
Councilwoman Hall	yes	Councilwoman Lomanno	yes

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2017:61

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Police Department has applied to the New Jersey Highway Traffic Safety Grant to purchase a traffic safety vehicle in support of our DWI enforcement patrols; and
WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Police Department has received the New Jersey Highway Traffic Safety Grant to assist in the purchase of a traffic safety vehicle for DWI enforcement patrols,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to accept the New Jersey Highway Traffic Safety Grant to assist in the purchase of a traffic safety vehicle for DWI enforcement patrols,
FURTHERMORE, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to authorize the use of the NJ State Contract #A89938 from Day Chevy for the purchase of the vehicle of \$37,237.61.
I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body at a meeting on April 06, 2017.
John D. Keenan, Jr., R.M.C.

Res.2017:62 Resolution 2017:62 – Support of 2017-2018 Highway Traffic Safety Grant
On motion of Councilwoman Hall, seconded by Councilman Gray with all ayes on the vote.

RESOLUTION 2017:62

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Police Department has applied to the New Jersey Highway Traffic Safety Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 for pedestrian crosswalk signs and enforcement,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to support the application to the New Jersey Highway Traffic Safety Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 for pedestrian crosswalk signs.
I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body at a meeting on April 06, 2017.
John D. Keenan, Jr., R.M.C.

Res.2017:63 Resolution 2017:63 – Sale of Police Department’s 2003 Ford Taurus-Minimum bid \$250.
On motion of Councilman Dudley, seconded by Councilman Gray with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

Councilman Green	yes	Councilman Gray	yes
Councilman Hartman	yes	Councilman Dudley	yes
Councilwoman Hall	yes	Councilwoman Lomanno	yes

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2017:63

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Police Department has a vehicle which no longer serves any purpose for vehicular use; and

WHEREAS, the vehicle is a 2003 Ford Taurus VIN 1FAFP55253A177161 which no longer is road worthy,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to authorize the vehicle for public sale at a minimum bid of \$250.00.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body at a meeting on April 06, 2017.

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

Res.2017:64 Resolution 2017:64 – Appointing a Deputy Clerk – Ben Angeli
On motion of Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Gray with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

Councilman Green	yes	Councilman Gray	yes
Councilman Hartman	yes	Councilman Dudley	yes
Councilwoman Hall	yes	Councilwoman Lomanno	yes

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2017:64

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford is in need of a Deputy Borough Clerk; and

WHEREAS, after a long process has found a suitable candidate to appoint,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to appoint BEN ANGELI as the Deputy Borough Clerk to begin at a time negotiated by the Finance Committee and funded within the salary range authorized.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body at a meeting on April 06, 2017.

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS: -Councilman Dudley reported he has a list of Atlantic City Electric trees on the wire side of the street and not wire side of the tree.
-Councilwoman Lomanno spoke about Structured Learning Experience where Sterling High School will place high school seniors in a work environment. It’s trying to get students placed starting in the Fall.

GOOD & WELFARE: John Gentless of Union Avenue spoke of his concern with the townhomes in Suburban Terrace and Laureba Avenue being used as two family homes and issues at Cornell Manor.

Agnes Moore of Laureba Avenue spoke of pot holes on Bryant Avenue, and thanked the DPW for a great job of trimming the trees in her neighborhood. She told Council the high school program Councilwoman Lomanno spoke of is a great program since her son participated in one similar when he was in school.

Donna Tomkinson of Wellington Avenue spoke of the issues with the alleyway behind her home and the standing water.

Mike Mangano of Union Avenue spoke of the window capping at the Justice Facility.

Matt Rebecca of Temple Avenue spoke about the bad sidewalks on his street.

ADJOURN: Motion was made by Councilman Dudley, seconded by Councilman Green to adjourn the meeting with all Council voting aye.

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