

STRATFORD BOROUGH REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2017
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Notice of this meeting has been provided to the Courier Post and Central Record
STATEMENT OF along with being posted on the Borough Hall Bulletin Board stating the time and
ADVERTISEMENT: place of the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
PRAYER:

ROLL CALL: MAYOR JOSH KEENAN
FRANK HARTMAN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT
PATRICK GREEN, COUNCILMAN
DAVID GRAY, COUNCILMAN
JOHN DUDLEY, COUNCILMAN
LINDA HALL, COUNCILWOMAN
TINA LOMANNO, COUNCILWOMAN
ERIC RISO, ALTERNATE SOLICITOR
JOHN D. KEENAN, JR., BOROUGH CLERK
RONALD MORELLO, POLICE CHIEF

PUBLIC
PORTION: John Gentless of Union Avenue inquired if the engineer provided an estimate for his
expenses. The Clerk responded no. Mr. Gentless inquired to the salary of the Deputy
Clerk. The Clerk stated that has not been decided yet. He also inquired if the Deputy
would be part of the Union. It was confirmed the Deputy would be part of the Union. Mr.
Gentless provided a statute he thought would prevent the newly appoint Deputy Clerk
from serving.

Mike Mangano of Union Avenue inquired to the bond. The Clerk explained the bond.

MINUTES: March 02, 2017 Special Meeting
On motion of Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilwoman Lomanno with all ayes
on the vote.

March 09, 2017 Agenda Meeting
On motion of Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilwoman Lomanno with all ayes
on the vote with the exception of Councilman Green, Councilman Gray and
Councilwoman Hall abstaining being absent.

March 14, 2017 Regular Meeting
On motion of Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Gray with all ayes on the
vote with the exception of Councilman Green abstaining being absent.

REPORTS:
FINANCE & Councilman Patrick Green read the Finance Report for March 2017 as submitted by the
REVENUE: CFO as follows:

BALANCE MARCH 1, 2017	\$1,777,418.52
Total Receipts	380,832.82
Total Disbursements	1,174,120.70
BALANCE MARCH 31, 2017	984,130.64
SCHEDULE OF UTILITY, TRUST & CAPITAL BALANCES MARCH 31, 2017	
Municipal	30,756.23
Animal Control	20,754.20
General Capital	205,951.68
Developers Escrow	35,542.80
POAA	234.00
Special Law Enforcement Trust	19,025.43

UCC/LEA Trust	85,168.55
Uniform Fire Safety	3,596.60
Tax Title Lien	595,242.32
Trust Other	61,952.00
Parks Open Space	51,270.94
Unemployment Trust	29,126.38
Utility	222,133.29
Utility Capital	-
Utility CD	<u>511,987.96</u>
Total Trust, Utility & Capital Funds	\$1,872,742.38

POLICE: Councilman David Gray read the Police Activity Report for March, 2017 as submitted by the Chief as follows:

29	Adult Arrests	2	Juvenile Arrests
0	Assaults to Police	3	Simple Assault Complaints
3	Criminal Mischief Complaints	11	Harassment Complaints
116	Other Investigations & Compl.	1	Burglaries
0	Robberies	7	Thefts - \$4250.
\$3650	Stolen Property Recovered	1	Motor Vehicle Thefts
11	DWI Arrests	7	Narcotics Arrests
391	Traffic Summonses Issues	26	Motor Vehicle Accidents
4	Injuries from Car Accidents	16	Alarm Activations
89	Total crime reports taken	715	Total calls for Police Service
17	Properties Inspected	17	Warning Letters Issued
2	Code Summonses Issued		

EMERGENCY SERVICES: Councilman Frank Hartman read the Fire Department report for March, 2017 as submitted by the Deputy Chief as follows: they responded to 37 calls, held 2 drills and a total of 396 man hours. Year to Date 108 calls, 5 drills and a total of 1304 man hours. He also read the Ambulance report for March, 2017 as submitted by Chief as follows: the paid crew responded to 98 Alarms and the volunteer responded to 17 Alarms and held 1 drill.

PUBLIC WORKS & LIGHTING: Councilman John Dudley read the DPW report for March, 2017 as follows: Man hours from 2/22/17 to 3/24/17 – 4 men= 102 hours x4 men = 408 hours, chipped 110 yards, cut down 12 trees. Trimmed trees for the month of March – starting 2/22 with a lender truck from Bellmawr, trimming was a big success; Storm March 1st, March 2nd chipping of down tree on Coolidge and top of tree on Sunnybrook Rd. – clean up of town; 3/13 calling for Nor’easter serviced all snow equipment prepared for storm; 3/14 snow after midnight – plowing of town and clean up of down trees and branches; chipper out for month of March; servicing of all lawn equipment. He also read the Utility Department report for March, 2017 as follows: 18 emergency call outs; performed preemptive checks and required maintenance of all manholes and pump stations; Work requests performed – replaced flag hooks, rope and re-hung the flag at Borough Hall, reset the timers for lights at the borough buildings and parks for daylight savings time, repaired the toilet in the women’s restroom in the borough hall, removed snow from borough buildings and property sidewalks, secured the side door of the garage at 25 Temple Avenue, removed illegally dumped construction materials left in the Whitman Townhouse area, fixed sink hole at 7 Vassar Avenue.

PUBLIC EVENTS: Councilwoman Linda Hall spoke about the Easter Egg Hunt being held on April 15th at the Mancini Field on Yale Avenue at 1PM and also the Easter Flower sale at the fire department.

ORDINANCE & PROPERTY: Councilwoman Tina Lomanno reported there were 17 Properties Inspected, 17 Warning Letters Issued, and 2 Code Summonses Issued for the month of March, 2017.

OLD BUSINESS:

Res.2017:52A Resolution 2017:52A – 2017 Annual Budget Read By Title
 On motion of Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Gray with all eyes 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 2017:52A

WHEREAS, N.J.S.40A:4-8, as amended by Chapter 259, P.L. 1995 provides that the budget may be read by title only at the time of the public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full governing body, providing that at least one week prior to the date of hearing, a complete copy of the budget has been made available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, these conditions have been met;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the budget shall be read by title only.

ROLL CALL:	YES	NO	ABSENT
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Patrick Green	X
David Gray	X
Frank Hartman	X
John Dudley	X
Linda Hall	X
Tina Lomanno	X

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

3/14/2017 – Public Hearing 4/11/2017 – 7PM

Res/2017:52B Resolution 2017:52B – 2017 Annual Budget Authorize Self Exam
 On motion of Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilwoman Lomanno with all eyes 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 2017:52B

RESOLUTION FOR AUTHORIZATION SELF EXAM

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-7b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination and;

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C 5:30-7.2 thru 7.5 the Borough of Stratford has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the Borough meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2017 budget year, so now therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Stratford that in accordance with N.J.A.C 5:30-7.6a & b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements;

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
 - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
 - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
 - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
 - d. Reserve of uncollected taxes
 - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
 - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes

2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations found at 40A4-45.3 et seq. are fully met (Complies with the "CAP" law.)
3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-5 and 5:30-5.
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
 - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate, and correctly stated,
 - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth.
 - c. In itemization, form, arrangement, and content the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced, publicly advertised, and in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.
6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

It is hereby certified that the Approved Budget complies with the requirements of law and approval is given pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:4-78(b) and N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.

It is further certified that the municipality has met the eligibility requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.4 and 7.5, and that I, as Chief Financial Officer, have completed the local examination in compliance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6.

Dated: 4/11/2017

By: *John Fabritiis*, Chief Financial Officer

This certification form and resolution of the governing body executing such certification should be annexed to the adopted budget (N.J.A.C. 5:30 7.6 (e))

Adopted 4/11/2017 *John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, RMC*

NEW BUSINESS:

Ord.2017:08 Ordinance 2017:08 – 2017 Bond – Public Hearing May 9, 2017 7:00 pm
The Ordinance was read by title. A motion was made to approve on first reading by Councilman Dudley, seconded by Councilwoman Hall with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Ord.2017:09 Ordinance 2017:09 – 2017 Salaries – Public Hearing May 9, 2017 7:00 pm
The Ordinance was read by title. A motion was made to approve on first reading by Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Gray with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Res.2017:65 Resolution 2017:65 – Appoint Police Officer – Caleb T. Speer
On motion of Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Gray with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2017:65

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford has requested from the NJ Civil Service Commission a Certification of Eligibles for Appointment, Number OL170375 for the title of Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, the recommendation has been made by the Police Chief for the appointment of Caleb T. Speer as Police Officer from this list,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to appoint Caleb T. Speer as Police Officer for the Borough of Stratford Police Department.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body at a meeting on April 11, 2017.

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

Res.2017:66 Resolution 2017:66 – Authorize Engineer Plans/Specs/Bid – Sunnybrook Rd and Court
On motion of Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilwoman Lomanno with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2017:66

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford has budgeted capital funding for improvements to Sunnybrook Road and Sunnybrook Court for 2017; and

WHEREAS, the design, plans, specifications, advertisement for bids is required for this capital improvement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to authorize the Borough Engineer to being the design, plans, specifications, and to advertise and receive bids for the Sunnybrook Road and Court capital improvement for 2017.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body at a meeting on April 11, 2017.

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

Res.2017:67 Resolution 2017:67 – Designate East Laurel Road Rehab Area
On motion of Councilwoman Hall, seconded by Councilwoman Lomanno with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2017:67

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING BLOCK 36, LOTS 1,2,4,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15 & 16; BLOCK 40, LOTS 2,3,4,5,7,8,9 & 10; BLOCK 41, LOTS 2, 2.01, 3,4,5,6,7&8 IN THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AS AN AREA IN NEED OF REHABILITATION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14, authorizes the governing body of any municipality, by Resolution, to determine whether, pursuant to the criteria set forth therein, an area within the municipality in the need of rehabilitation, and that a program of rehabilitation, as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-3, may be expected to prevent further deterioration and promote overall development of the community; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-12(a), the Mayor and Council have referred this Resolution to the Planning Board and have received the Board's favorable recommendation to declare "BLOCK 36, LOTS 1,2,4,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15 & 16; BLOCK 40, LOTS 2,3,4,5,7,8,9 & 10; BLOCK 41, LOTS 2, 2.01, 3,4,5,6,7&8 IN THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD, COUNTY OF CAMDEN" as an area in need of rehabilitation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden that:

1. "BLOCK 36, LOTS 1,2,4,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15&16; BLOCK40, LOTS 2,3,4,5,7,8,9 & 10; BLOCK 41, LOTS 2, 2.01, 3,4,5,6,7&8 IN THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD, COUNTY OF CAMDEN" meets one or more of the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14 to be deemed an Area in Need of Rehabilitation as set-forth in a report prepared by the Borough Planner, Pamela J. Pellegrini, P.E., P.P., CME, with Master Consulting, P.A., dated March, 2017; and
2. A program of rehabilitation, as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-3, may be expected to

prevent further deterioration and promote overall development of the community; and
 3. The Borough Planning Board has provided a favorable recommendation to Mayor and Council for designation of "BLOCK 36, LOTS 1,2,4,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15&16; BLOCK40, LOTS 2,3,4,5,7,8,9 & 10; BLOCK 41, LOTS 2, 2.01, 3,4,5,6,7&8 IN THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD, COUNTY OF CAMDEN" as an area in need of rehabilitation; and

Res.2017:68 Resolution 2017:68 – DPW Agreements – Board of Education and Sterling Arms Condos
 On motion of Councilwoman Lomanno, seconded by Councilman Dudley with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2017:68

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford offers the service of grass cutting to the Stratford Board of Education and Sterling Arms Condo; and
 WHEREAS, Stratford Department of Public Works cuts the grass at the Yellin and Parkview Schools and Sterling Arms Condos; and
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council to authorize the execution of the Agreements between Stratford Board of Education and Sterling Arms Condos and the Borough of Stratford.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted on April 11, 2017.

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

Res.2107:69 Resolution 2017:69 – Refund Cat License Overpayment -118 Princeton Avenue
 On motion of Councilwoman Lomanno, seconded by Councilman Dudley with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2017:69

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford has received a late fee of \$5.00 each for two new cats, license #124 and #125 for a total of \$10.00 from Christine Kerr of 118 Princeton Avenue, Block 38, Lot 13;

WHEREAS, a late fee is not charged for new cats or dogs that are being registered;
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to authorize the refund of \$10.00 to Christine Kerr for the overpayment.

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.

CFO Resolutions

Res.2017:70 Resolution 2017:70 – Refund Tax Overpayment 18 Green Tree Rd – B. 91, L. 10

RESOLUTION 2017:70

WHEREAS, an overpayment was received in the Tax Collector’s office for Block 91, Lot 10 – 18 Green Tree Road for the 2nd quarter 2017;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford the amount of \$551.56 be disbursed to Frank E. and Barbara J. Hartman for the overpayment.

I, John D. Keenan Jr., Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution was approved at a meeting of the Borough Council held on April 11, 2017.

John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk

Res.2017:71 Resolution 2017:71 – Refund Tax Overpayment 39 Buttonwood Rd – B. 109, L. 43

RESOLUTION 2017:71

Whereas, AN OVERPAYMENT WAS RECEIVED IN THE Tax Collector's office for Block 109, Lot 43 – 39 Buttonwood Road due to the Homestead Rebate Credit; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford the amount of \$605.36 be paid to Ronald and Marcelle Shriver for the payment. I, John D. Keenan Jr., Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution was approved at a meeting of the Borough Council held on April 11, 2017.
John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk

Res.2017:72 Resolution 2017:72 – Remove Senior Citizen Tax Deduction 19 Colby – B. 2, L. 4

RESOLUTION 2017:72

WHEREAS, all eligibility requirements for a SENIOR CITIZEN tax deduction for the year 2017 have not been met due to the sale of the property by the following resident:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2	4	Helen Lewandoski	19 Colby Avenue	\$250.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that this tax deduction be removed from the tax duplicate.

I, John D. Keenan Jr., Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution was approved at a meeting of the Borough Council held on April 11, 2017.
John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk

Res.2017:73 Resolution 2017:73 – Remove Senior Citizen Eligibility Requirement not met – B2,L4; B8,L23; B12,L15; B46,L16; B56,L18; B66,L6; B66,L11; B71,L28; B87.05,L3; B97,L18; B107,L18

On motion of Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Dudley with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows with the exception of Councilman Hartman abstaining from Resolution #2017:70:

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

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2017:73

WHEREAS, all eligibility requirements for a SENIOR CITIZEN tax deduction for the year 2016 have not been met by the following residents due to their exceeding the statutory limitations in income and age or sale of the property or failure to file the annual Post Year Tax Statement:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2	4	Helen Lewandoski	19 Colby Avenue	250.00
8	23	Victoria Tracy	123 Whitman Avenue	250.00
12	15	Nancy Eckert	16 Whitman Avenue	250.00
46	16	Robert Schlagle	316 Vassar Avenue	250.00
56	18	Robert Wilsey	131 Suburban Terrace	250.00
66	6	Virginia Mailahn	12 Hazel Avenue	250.00
66	11	Edward Graham	11 Almond Avenue	250.00
71	28	Joan Vivian	10 Elinor Avenue	250.00
87.05	3	Gene Willem	9 Academy Drive	250.00
97	18	Arthur & Irene Laine	28 Evergreen Road	250.00
107	18	Brian Harkin	8 Summit Road	250.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that the above deduction be removed from the tax records for the year 2016.

I, John D. Keenan Jr., Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution was approved at a meeting of the Borough Council held on April 11, 2017.
John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk

Res.2017:74 Resolution 2017:74 – Executive Session

On motion of Councilman Dudley, seconded by Councilwoman Lomanno to go into Executive Session with all ayes on the vote.

The topic of discussion is related to possible litigation and the update on Deputy Clerk appointment. This item is 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 30 minutes. Action may be taken after this Executive Session.

RESOLUTION 2017:74

**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 topic of discussion is 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 matter relating to litigation, negotiations, and the Attorney-Client Privilege. The approximate time for this session should be 30 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 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 11, 2017 that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on April 11, 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 11, 2017.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted on April 11, 2017.

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

RES.2017:75 Resolution 2017:75 – Resolution Providing for Appointment of a Hearing Officer
On motion of Councilman _____, seconded by Council _____ with all ayes on the vote.

RESOLUTION 2017:75

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford (“Borough”) is in need of an Administrative Hearing Officer in conjunction with a pending disciplinary matter involving a police officer, and is authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 to enter into a contract for a professional service without formal binding for remainder of 2017 for any/all matters;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that Christine O’Hearn is hereby appointed as hearing officer for the Borough in connection with the aforesaid disciplinary matter; and any and all other disciplinary matters; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor, Josh Keenan, and /o4 Police Director, Councilman David Gray, is hereby authorized and directed to execute an Agreement with Christine O’Hearn to serve as Hearing Officer for the Borough at the rate of \$125.00 per hour.

Josh Keenan, Mayor

I do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford at a meeting held on the 11th day of April, 2017.

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

PROCLAMATION: Alcohol Awareness Month – April

ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH 2017

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, alcohol is a primary factor in the four leading causes of death for young person’s ages 10-21; and

WHEREAS, alcohol is the most commonly used addictive substance in the United Sates; and

WHEREAS, young people who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who begin drinking at age 21; and

WHEREAS, the typical American will see 100,000 beer commercials before he or she turns 18; and

WHEREAS, kids who drink are more likely to be victims of violent crime, to be involved in alcohol-related traffic crashes, and to have serious school-related problems; and **WHEREAS**, a supportive family environment is associated with lowered rates of alcohol use for adolescents; and

WHEREAS, consistent and sustained parental attitudes can influence a child’s decision about whether or not to use alcohol and drugs; and

WHEREAS, kids who have conversations with their parents and learn a lot about the dangers of alcohol and drug use are 50% less likely to use alcohol and drugs than those who don’t have such conversations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I join the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc., (NCADD) and do hereby proclaim that April 2017 is Alcohol Awareness Month in the Borough of Stratford. As the leader, I also call upon all citizens, parents, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, hospitals, schools and colleges in our community to support efforts that will provide early education about alcoholism and addiction and increase support for individuals and families coping with alcoholism. Through these efforts, together, we can provide Hope, Help and Healing for those in our community who are facing challenges with alcohol use and abuse.

Josh Keenan, Mayor
Borough of Stratford

DATED THIS 11th DAY OF APRIL, 2017

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, hereby certify that the foregoing was adopted by the Borough Council held on the 11th day of April, 2017.

John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Be it resolved to approve payment of bills numbered from #30442 through #30543; Animal Control Checks #1709 through #1710; Manual Checks #19774 through #19776; Payroll Checks # 46418, and #46353 through #46356; and various electronic wires. On motion of Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Dudley with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

-Councilman Dudley reported Memorial Day will be held on May 29th and in June the concrete dumpster will be at the borough hall for the month of June.

-Councilman Hartman reported the Fire Department will hold the Easter Flower sale, and stated the landscaper looked at the 9-11 Memorial location.

-Councilman Gray spoke about the cub scouts having their Germanium Flower Sale and the delivery date will be May 14th Mothers Day.

-Councilwoman Lomanno reported that the SAO Opening Day was April 8th and there was a great turn out.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Agnes Moore of Laureba Avenue inquired to a trip to NYC as a fund raiser for the 9-11 memorial.

Councilman Dudley made a comment about 70% of the households have no children under 18 years old and newly created households do not have a large family.

Tom Koehler of Homestead Road inquired to the new townhomes planned as to how many stories. The Clerk explained the townhomes behind him would be two stories.

John Gentless of Union Avenue inquired if the existing retail tenants would be moving into the new space. It was explained they would construct the commercial space first.

Agnes Moore of Laureba Avenue expressed her concerns of those residents who speak of townhomes, and expressed her pride of living in one in Stratford for so many years.

After Executive Session the following was acted upon:

Res.2017:76 Resolution 2017:76 – Appoint Acting Borough Clerk – Ben Angeli, May 1, 2017 with a salary of \$75,000.00. A motion was made by Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Pat Green with all Council voting aye by roll call vote with the exception of Councilman Dudley voting no.

RESOLUTION 2017:76

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford is in need of a Borough Clerk; and
 WHEREAS, the committee has recommended the appointment of Acting Borough Clerk to Ben Angeli;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to appoint Ben Angeli as the Acting Borough Clerk effective May 1, 2017 with the salary of \$75,000.00.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body at a meeting on April 11, 2017.

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

Res.2017:77 Resolution 2017:77 – Appoint Deputy Borough Clerk – Brian Conway effective April 12, 2017 with a salary of \$65,000.00. A motion was made by Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Green with all Council voting aye by roll call vote with the exception of Councilman Dudley voting no.

RESOLUTION 2017:77

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford is in need of a Deputy Borough Clerk; and
 WHEREAS, the committee has recommended the appointment of Deputy Borough Clerk to Brian Conway,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to appoint Brian Conway as the Deputy Borough Clerk effective April 12, 2017 with the salary of \$65,000.00.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body at a meeting on April 11, 2017.

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

ADJOURN: On motion of Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Green with all ayes on the vote, the meeting was adjourned.

 John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC
 Borough Clerk