

**STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 09, 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 - ABSENT
LINDA HALL, COUNCILWOMAN
TINA LOMANNO, COUNCILWOMAN
JOHN D. KEENAN, JR., BOROUGH CLERK
ERIC RISO, SOLICITOR
STEVEN BACH, ENGINEER
RONALD MORELLO, POLICE CHIEF

ENGINEER

REPORT: The Engineer stated he was working cost estimates for various roads being considered this year for repaving.

POLICE
CHIEF

REPORT: The Police Chief read the following report for the month of December and January. Officers arrived at Wells Fargo related to a suspicious vehicle. Two people were found inside with a simulated hand gun. It was not related to a burglary but a shop lifting incident. There were charged with stolen property. They were from Washington DC. Homestead senior citizen call and not able to revive. The residents died. 15 unlocked vehicles on Saratoga were entered and burglarized. No suspects. A male at the ATM machine at TD was held up by someone with a knife. An off duty officer was in Rite Aid when he witnessed a person shop lifting. An arrest was made. An elderly resident on Cornell Avenue was robbed of jewelry and gift cards. An intoxicated male at Warwick and Laurel was charged with disorderly conduct. 4 no turn on red signs were stolen. Bad vehicle accident involving a disabled car at White Horse Pike and Laurel Road. New Year's Eve the new bail reform went into effect. Male from Canada assaulted his brother. The new online bail process allowed him to go free. He did not show up for court. An assault on Laureba Avenue between two brothers beating up each other. Arrest was made, and the new bail process, he was let go with no bail. Heroin overdose at Burger King. Narcan was used and taken to hospital. 30 year old from Brigantine. At Woodmere Apartments a male attempted suicide and overdosed on narcotics. He was 22 years old and died. A letter was received by the Borough Clerk from a resident stating she was going to commit suicide with the house key enclosed. Police were notified and resident was deceased. A seized vehicle will be sold. A natural death at Brookview Manor.

A grant for distracted driver was awarded.
The County stated Berlin Road will be reconstructed this summer from Linden Avenue to the Stratford border.

PUBLIC

PORTION: Mike Mangano of Union Avenue inquired about Shade Tree Commission. The Clerk explained. Mr. Mangano noted while he was a member of Shade Tree, the members never voted on requests.

Agnes Moore of Laureba Avenue inquired about redevelopment housing, Berlin Road repaving and the tree in front of her home.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing was discussed

NEW BUSINESS:

REPORT #1: REHABILITATION/REDEVELOPMENT
The Clerk gave a brief update on the various projects.

REPORT #2: 2016-2017 STREET/ROADS PROJECTS
Spoken about by the Engineer under his report.

REPORT #3: ORDINANCES
The following Ordinances will have their Public Hearing and final action at the Regular Meeting on Feb. 14: Ord.2017:01 Rate Cap; Ord.2017:02 Deputy Clerk; Ord.2017:03 Shade Tree; Ord.2017:04 Emergency Appropriations; Ord.2017:05 Pet Shop Restrictions; Ord.2017:06 Fire Dept. Billing. Introduction of Ordinance 2017:07 for Default Mortgage Property at Regular Meeting Feb 14.
The Clerk explained Ordinance 2017:07 for the registration of vacant homes would be introduced during the Tuesday meeting.

REPORT #4: CITIZENSHIP PROCLAMATION
The Stratford Fire Company will be honored at the Regular Meeting on Feb 14.

REPORT #5: RESOLUTIONS
Maintenance Liens for abandoned properties; Various CFO Resolutions; Authorize execution of Auditor's contract, Solicitor's contract, Shared Service Agreements with Clementon and Mt. Ephraim for Electrical Inspector services; Change order for 2016 Road Project reduction \$18,137.18; Special Event Applications – SBCA Fall Fest and John Paul II Run.

Ord.2017:08 Ordinance 2017:08 Salary for Deputy Borough Clerk
A motion was made by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Hartman to introduce Ordinance 2017:08 for the salary range for the Deputy Borough Clerk as \$60-70,000. for 2017. All Council voted aye by roll call vote. Public Hearing will be on March 09, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

REPORT #6: EXECUTIVE SESSION
Res. 2017:36 The topic of discussion is related to Attorney/Client Privilege to discuss status related to the Police Personnel and Deputy Borough Clerk position. These items are for #7 of the Executive Session Resolution for matters relating to litigation, negotiations, and the Attorney-Client Privilege and #8 Matters relating to the employment relationship. The approximate time of this session should be 30 minutes. Action may be taken after the session.

On motion of Councilman Gray, seconded by Councilman Green with all ayes on the vote to go into Executive Session.

**RESOLUTION 2017:36
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 Police Personnel and Deputy Borough Clerk position. These items are for #7 of the Executive Session Resolution for matters relating to litigation, negotiations, and the Attorney-Client Privilege and #8 Matters relating to the employment relationship. The approximate time of this session should be 30 minutes. Action may be taken after the session.

X (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 February 09, 2017 that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on February 09, 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 February 09, 2017.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted on February 09, 2017.

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

On motion of Councilman Gray, seconded by Councilman Green with all ayes on the vote to come out of Executive Session.

Res.2017:37

Resolution 2017:37 – Final Change Order 2016 Road Project

On motion of Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Gray with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2017:37

FINAL CHANGE ORDER 2016 ROAD PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford awarded a bid to Arawak Paving Company, Inc. for \$265,480.00 to complete the 2016 Road Project; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has recommended a Final Change Order to reduce the amount of the contract by \$18,137.18 for a net contract price of \$247,342.82,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, to authorize the Final Change Order for the 2016 Road Project with Arawak Paving Company, Inc. with a reduction of \$18,137.18.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., R.M.C., hereby certify the above resolution was adopted at a special meeting of Council on February 09, 2017.

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

Res.2017:38

Resolution 2017:38 – Increase Sewer Fee for Lindenwold Connections

On motion of Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Gray with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION 2017:38
INCREASE SEWER FEE FOR LINDENWOLD CONNECTIONS**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Sewer Utility is seeking to increase the fee for the Lindenwold residential connections; and

WHEREAS, the recommendation has been made for the fee to be increase to \$110.00 per service unit,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, to authorize the increase to the annual sewer rate fee for Lindenwold residential connections to the Stratford sewer system to \$110.00 per service unit for 2017.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., R.M.C., hereby certify the above resolution was adopted at a special meeting of Council on February 09, 2017.

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

COUNCIL

COMMENTS: Councilman Green spoke about an accident he saw when shopping at Nehlig’s Furniture Store and commented how fast the police got everything cleared up.

Councilman Hartman spoke about the 9-1-1 committee for the memorial site. Ben Angeli will be assisting the committee to get donations.

Councilman Gray spoke about Park Commission working on movie nights, and the grant for the hockey courts.

Councilwoman Hall spoke about how well received the Mayor was with the school class studying about Stratford.

Councilwoman LoManno stated she had toured the various buildings.

GOOD

WELFARE: Mike Magano of Union Avenue inquired to the cost of the narcan used on the addicts. The chief stated the price has increased from the beginning which was about \$15 a dose to now \$40 a dose.

Carman Mangano of Evergreen Road asked about possibly selling the town clock for additional revenue.

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

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