

**STRATFORD BOROUGH REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 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
JOHN DUDLEY, COUNCILMAN
DAVID GRAY, COUNCILMAN
PATRICK GREEN, COUNCILMAN
TINA LOMANNO, COUNCILWOMAN
LINDA HALL, COUNCILWOMAN
STUART PLATT, SOLICITOR
JOHN D. KEENAN, JR., BOROUGH CLERK
POLICE CHIEF RONALD MORELLO

PUBLIC
PORTION:

MINUTES: December 08, 2017 Agenda Meeting
Motion: Second: Vote:

December 13, 2017 Regular Meeting
Motion: Second: Vote:

REPORTS: FINANCE & REVENUE Councilman Patrick Green
EMERGENCY SERVICES Councilman Frank Hartman
POLICE Councilman David Gray
PUBLIC EVENTS Councilwoman Linda Hall
PUBLIC WORKS & LIGHTING Councilman John Dudley
ORDINANCE & PROPERTY Councilwoman Tina Lomanno

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Res.2017:27 Resolution 2017:27 – Authorize Bach Engineers – NJDOT FY 2017 State Aid
Motion: Second: Vote:

Res.2017:28 Resolution 2017:28 – Verizon Consent to Operate in Right-Of-Way
Motion: Second: Vote:

CFO RESOLUTIONS

Res.2017:29 Resolution 2017:29 – Safe and Secure Police Officer Grant Program
Res.2017:30 Resolution 2017:30 – Veteran 2017 Property Tax Deduction B.56, L. 29
Res.2017:31 Resolution 2017:31 – Deferred Regional School Levy
Res.2017:32 Resolution 2017:32 – Release Maintenance Bond – Boos Development
Motion: Second: RCV:

Ord.2017:02 Ordinance 2017:02 – Deputy Borough Clerk Title – Public Hearing Feb. 14, 2017
Motion: Second: RCV:

Proclamation: National School Choice Week – January 22-28, 2017

APPROVAL Be it resolved to approve payment of bills numbered from # through #;
OF BILLS: Animal Control Checks # through #; Manual Checks # through #; Payroll Checks # through
and #; and various electronic wires.
Motion: Second: RCV: .

COUNCIL
COMMENTS:

GOOD AND
WELFARE:

ADJOURN:

RESOLUTION 2017:28

GRANTING MUNICIPAL CONSENT TO VERIZON WIRELESS TO PERMIT USE OF BOROUGH RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A RIGHTS-OF-WAY USE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Cellco Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless ("Verizon Wireless"), is a provider of commercial mobile service subject to regulation by the Federal Communications Commission; and

WHEREAS, Verizon Wireless has entered into agreements with parties that have the lawful right to maintain utility poles in the public rights-of-way within the Borough of Stratford pursuant to which Verizon Wireless may use such poles for the installation and/or construction of network nodes to increase coverage and network data capacity; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey law permits Verizon to make such use of utility poles within the public rights-of-way provided that the Borough of Stratford first provide municipal consent for same; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford understands, and Verizon Wireless agrees, that the granting of municipal consent by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford does not relieve Verizon Wireless of the obligation to obtain all permits and/or other necessary approvals prior to installing any network nodes on utility poles located within the public rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the parties have agreed to execute a separate Rights-of-Way Use Agreement which shall be prepared and/or reviewed and approved by the Borough Solicitor prior to execution of same by the Mayor of the Borough of Stratford;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that Verizon Wireless shall be and is hereby granted municipal consent by the Borough of Stratford, subject to the execution of a separate Rights-of-Way Use Agreement as set forth below, for the purpose of permitting Verizon Wireless to utilize utility poles located within the public rights-of-way of the Borough of Stratford for the purposes described herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the Borough of Stratford is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the municipal consent granted herein, including without limitation a Rights-of-Way Use Agreement, provided, however, that such agreement is first reviewed and approved by the Borough Solicitor.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., R.M.C., hereby certify the above resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of Council on January 10, 2017.

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

RESOLUTION 2017:29
SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford wishes to apply for funding of approximately \$30,000. with a match of \$94,244.86 for an approximate project total cost \$124,244.86 for a project under the State of New Jersey Safe and Secure Police Officer Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Stratford Borough Council has reviewed the accompanying application and has approved said request; and

WHEREAS, the project is a joint effort between the Department of Law and Public Safety and Stratford Borough for the purpose described in the application;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council to authorize the application and execute all required documents to obtain the Safe and Secure Grant Funding.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Governing Body at their Regular Council meeting held on the 10th day of January, 2017.

John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC

RESOLUTION 17: 30

WHEREAS, all the eligibility requirements for a 2017 VETERAN property tax deduction have been met by the following residents:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
56	29	Earl J Allen Jr.	107 Suburban Terr	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 2017 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 January 10, 2017.

John D. Keenan, Jr. Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION 2017:31

WHEREAS, the regulations provide for the deferral of not more than 50% of the annual levy when school taxes are raised for a school year and have not been requisitioned by the school district; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services requires that a resolution be adopted by a majority of the governing body prior to February 13th of the year subsequent to the deferral, authorizing an increase in the amount of the deferral; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey to decrease the amount of Regional School deferred taxes by \$72,544.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that the amount of Regional School Taxes deferred be decreased to \$1,378,060.51.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, hereby certify that the above foregoing resolution was adopted by the Governing Body at their Regular Meeting on January 10, 2017

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

RESOLUTION 2017:32

WHEREAS, a performance cash bond was provided to the Borough of Stratford by Boos Development when they constructed the Family Dollar Store at 198 Warwick Road; and

WHEREAS, the cash performance bond was kept as a maintenance bond for the site improvements; and

WHEREAS, the site improvements have been provided and in place for more than two years; and

WHEREAS, the borough engineer has certified the site improvements comply with the approved site plan for the site,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVLED, by the Mayor and Council to authorize the release of the cash bond in the amount of \$23,184.00 to Boos Development.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body at a meeting held on January 10, 2017.

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

**PROCLAMATION COMMEMORATING
BOROUGH OF STRATFORD SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK**

WHEREAS, all children in the Borough of Stratford should have access to the highest -- quality education possible; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford recognizes the important role that an effective education plays in preparing all students in Borough of Stratford to be successful adults; and,

WHEREAS, quality education is critically important to the economic vitality of the Borough of Stratford; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford is home to a multitude of excellent education options from which parents can choose for their children; and,

WHEREAS, educational variety not only helps to diversify our economy, but also enhances the vibrancy of our community; and,

WHEREAS, our area has many high-quality teaching professionals who are committed to educating our children; and,

WHEREAS, School Choice Week is celebrated across the country by millions of students, parents, educators, schools and organizations to raise awareness of the need for effective educational options;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Josh Keenan do hereby recognize January 22-28, 2017 as the Borough of Stratford SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK, and I call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens.

January 10, 2017

Josh Keenan, Mayor