

**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: John Gentless of Union Avenue inquired to some of the resolutions which the Clerk  
responded with explanations.

Agnes Moore of Laureba Avenue inquired about the Special Emergency Funding. The  
Clerk confirmed it was new funding.

MINUTES: December 08, 2017 Agenda Meeting  
On motion of Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Gray with all ayes on the  
vote.

December 13, 2017 Regular Meeting  
On motion of Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Gray with all ayes on the  
vote.

REPORTS:  
FINANCE & Councilman Patrick Green read the December, 2016 Financial Report as submitted by the  
REVENUE: CFO as follows:

BALANCE DECEMBER 1, 2016	2,175,189.98
Total Receipts	449,892.79
Total Disbursements	1,317,270.74
BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2016	1,307,812.03
SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNT BALANCES DECEMBER 31, 2016	
Municipal Alliance	28,756.23
Animal Control	21,700.88
General Capital	228,547.56
Developers Escrow	55,759.70
POAA	220.00
Special Law Enforcement Trust	14,824.16
UCC/LEA	95,212.79
Uniform Fire Safety	3,596.60
Tax Title Lien	653,446.79
Trust Other	66,243.53
Parks Open Space	40,368.05
Unemployment Trust	28,850.90
Utility	124,142.06
Utility Capital	-

Utility CD	511,987.96
OUTSTANDING DEBT:	
Borough	3,089,138.00
Utility	153,900.00

EMERGENCY SERVICES: Councilman Frank Hartman read the Fire Department Reports and Ambulance Reports for December, 2016 as submitted by the Deputy Chief for the Fire Dept and Chief for the Ambulance as follows:

The Fire Department responded to 39 alarms and held 2 drills for a total of 345 man hours. He also read the 2016 Year End report as follows, responded to 378 alarms, held 29 drills, for a total of 3972 man hours.

The paid Ambulance Crew responded to 138 alarms, Year to Date alarms 1296. The volunteer Ambulance Crew 18 alarms and held 1 drill, Year to Date alarms 173

POLICE: Councilman David Gray read the Police report for December, 2016 as submitted by the Police Chief as follows:

38	Adult Arrests	02	Juvenile Arrests
0	Assaults to Police	08	Simple Assault Complaints
07	Criminal Mischief Complaints	12	Harassment Complaints
118	Other Investigations & Compl.	02	Burglaries
01	Robberies	18	Thefts \$4525.
\$1675.	Stolen Property Recovered	0	Motor Vehicle Thefts
12	DWI Arrests	07	Narcotics Arrests
342	Traffic Summonses Issued	35	Motor Vehicle Accidents
06	Injuries from Car Accidents, 2 Pedestrians		
32	Alarm Activations	94	Total Crime Reports Taken
733	Total Calls for Police Service		
15	Properties Inspected	06	Warning Letters Issued
01	Code Summonses Issued		

**He also read the Year End Police Activity Report for 2016 as follows:**

431	Adult Arrests	29	Juvenile Arrests
00	Homicide	61	Simple Assault Complaints
05	Assaults to Police	80	Criminal Mischief Complaints
138	Harassment Complaints	1394	Other Investigations & Compl.
17	Burglaries (Residential/Commercial)	08	Robberies by Weapons or Force
\$73,645.	Thefts <u>Stolen</u>	\$46,195.	Stolen Property Recovered or cleared
07	Motor Vehicle Thefts	148	DWI Arrests
98	Narcotics Arrests	4759	Traffic Summonses Issued
341	Motor Vehicle Accidents	73	Injuries from Car Accidents,
03	Pedestrians	342	Alarm Activations
1055	Total Crime Reports Taken	8127	Total Calls for Police Service

PUBLIC EVENTS: Councilwoman Linda Hall thanked everyone and stated the Easter egg hunt will be on April 15<sup>th</sup> at Mancini Field, any help and/or ideas will be appreciated.

PUBLIC WORKS & LIGHTING: Councilman John Dudley read the sewer report which the department checked manholes, picked up metal every other week, emptied trash receptacles at the parks, and responded to emergency sewer calls. The DPW were still picking up leaves, and getting the plows and spreaders ready for snow.

ORDINANCE & PROPERTY: Councilwoman Tina Lomanno read the Code Enforcement report for December, 2016 as follows: there were 15 inspections, 6 warning letters sent and 1 summonses. Year to Date-540 inspections, 374 letters, 81 junk vehicles and 62 summonses issue. Also, there are 27 vacant properties.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ord.2017:01 Ordinance 2017:01 – Rate CAP 3.5% - Public Hearing Feb. 14, 2017  
The Ordinance was read by title. A motion was made to approve on first reading by Councilman Dudley, seconded by Councilman Hartman, with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:  
Councilman Green yes Councilman Dudley yes  
Councilman Gray yes Councilwoman Hall yes  
Councilman Hartman yes Councilwoman Lomanno yes  
MOTION CARRIED

Ord.2017:02 Ordinance 2017:02 – Deputy Borough Clerk Title – Public Hearing Feb. 14, 2017  
The Ordinance was read by title. A motion was made to approve on first reading by Councilman Dudley, seconded by Councilman Green, with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:  
Councilman Green yes Councilman Dudley yes  
Councilman Gray yes Councilwoman Hall yes  
Councilman Hartman yes Councilwoman Lomanno yes  
MOTION CARRIED

Ord.2017:03 Ordinance 2017:03 – To Repeal Title 2, Chapter 2.48 Shade Tree Commission  
The Ordinance was read by title. A motion was made to approve on first reading by Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Dudley, with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:  
Councilman Green yes Councilman Dudley yes  
Councilman Gray yes Councilwoman Hall yes  
Councilman Hartman yes Councilwoman Lomanno yes  
MOTION CARRIED

Ord.2017:04 Ordinance 2107:04 – Special Emergency Appropriation-Master Plan Code Updates, And Redevelopment of \$50,000.  
The Ordinance was read by title. A motion was made to approve on first reading by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Gray, with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:  
Councilman Green yes Councilman Dudley yes  
Councilman Gray yes Councilwoman Hall yes  
Councilman Hartman yes Councilwoman Lomanno yes  
MOTION CARRIED

Res.2017:27 Resolution 2017:27 – Authorize Bach Engineers – NJDOT FY 2017 State Aid – Sunnybrook Road and Sunnybrook Court.  
On motion of Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Dudley with all ayes on the vote.

Res.2017:28 Resolution 2017:28 – Verizon Consent to Operate in Right-Of-Way  
On motion of Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Gray with all ayes on the vote.

**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.*

**CFO RESOLUTIONS**

Res.2017:29 Resolution 2017:29 – Safe and Secure Police Officer Grant Program

**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 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

*John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC*

Res.2017:30 Resolution 2017:30 – Veteran 2017 Property Tax Deduction B.56, L. 29

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

BLOCK	LOT	NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT
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 resident and this deduction be placed on the 2017 tax list.

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 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

*John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC*

Res.2017:31 Resolution 2017:31 – Deferred Regional School Levy

**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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.*

Res.2017:32 Resolution 2017:32 – Release Maintenance Bond – Boos Development

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

**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.*

Res.2017:33 Resolution 2017:33 – Authorize reimbursement of Birth Certificate overpayment of \$5.00 to Karl Queflander

On motion of Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Gray with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2017:33**

WHEREAS, Karl Queflander, applied and requested one birth certificate; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Queflander, sent a money order in the amount of \$25.00 when in fact the charge is \$20.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council to authorize a refund of the overpayment of \$5.00 to Karl Queflander for a birth record.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.  
*John D. Keenan, Jr., R. M. C.*

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

**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.

*Josh Keenan, Mayor*  
January 10, 2017

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Be it resolved to approve payment of bills numbered from #30150 through #30246; Animal Control Checks #1693 through #1695; Manual Checks #19765 through #19766; Payroll Checks #45908 through #45911 and #45856; and various electronic wires. On motion of Councilman Dudley, seconded by Councilman Green with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows, with the exception of Councilman Hartman abstaining from #3019.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilman Gray welcomed the new Council members.

Councilman Hartman stated he hoped all of Council would continue to get along.

Councilwoman Hall thanked all for their support.

Councilwoman Lomanno thanked all for their support.

GOOD AND WELFARE: John Gentless of Union Avenue inquired to the Quaker Store Open Space Grant. The Clerk explained the Historic Group did not read the changes to the grant this year and was not aware the grant had a matching part, which the group can not fund. So the grant would not be accepted by the borough. Mr. Gentless inquired to plowing of the Methodist Church parking lot, and the Clerk explained an agreement was made for DPW to plow the small parking lot on Union Avenue.

Pat Walsh of Meadow Lark Road inquired to redevelopment status and the Clerk gave an update.

Joe Hahn of Buttonwood Road stated he liked being on the JLUB and would like to be on any board the Mayor could use him on. Mr. Hahn also inquired to the repeal of Shade Tree and his recent tree removal he received from the Commission.

Harry Berry of Cornell Avenue inquired to getting the word out to residents about the tax reform.

Tom Kohler of Homestead Road inquired about the portapotties at the Laurel Mills Center. The Clerk explained the water had been turned off there while the pipe was being repaired.

Mike Mangano of Union Avenue inquired about the Kennedy Hospital payments. The Clerk confirmed the payments are made quarterly.

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

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