

**STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 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: Mayor Keenan led the pledge of allegiance and a prayer.

ROLL CALL:

MAYOR JOSH KEENAN
PATRICK GREEN, COUNCILMAN - ABSENT
DAVID GRAY, COUNCILMAN - ABSENT
FRANK HARTMAN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT
JOHN DUDLEY, COUNCILMAN
LINDA HALL, COUNCILWOMAN - ABSENT
TINA LOMANNO, COUNCILWOMAN
JOHN D. KEENAN, JR., BOROUGH CLERK
ERIC RISO, ALTERNATE SOLICITOR
STEVEN BACH, ENGINEER
RONALD MORELLO, POLICE CHIEF
PAM PELLEGRINI, PLANNER
EMILY GIVENS, REDEVELOPMENT ATTORNEY

REHAB PRESENTATION:

Redevelopment Attorney Emily Givens, from Maley & Associates was present to explain the legal process to designate an area in need of rehabilitation from the Governing Body to the JLUB and back to the Governing Body. The Planner Pam Pellegrini was present to review her report of the area dated March 2017 which is for the North side of East Laurel Road from Kirkwood Avenue to Atlantic Avenue and to include the attached homes that face Atlantic on the corner of Atlantic and Laurel. She confirmed the area met the criteria for rehabilitation. Ms. Givens noted rehabilitation does not include condemnation nor does it allow for long term tax abatements. The resolution for action will be on the Tuesday night regular council meeting.

ENGINEER

REPORT: Steven Bach reported he had nothing new to report since he supplied the road cost proposals for the 2017 budget at the February meeting. It was confirmed the Council is budgeting to do Sunnybrook Road and Sunnybrook Court in 2017. The State Aid application was made and an answer is not expected until around summer.

POLICE
CHIEF

REPORT: The Chief reported the following for the month of February 2017:
House on Parkview Road had a kitchen fire from careless cooking. It was brought under control and the home was located at the Parkview School entrance so some difficulty when school letting out.
On the 200 block of Cornell Avenue a resident was found deceased of natural causes.
Officer Schmidt was assaulted and the woman was arrested. The new bail reform program stated to release her.
Two separate nurses were assaulted at the hospital ER. Charges completed and released per the program.

Vehicle fire at Residences at White Hall which was suspicious and totaled the vehicle and damaged a new fence at the complex. Under investigation.

Bishop Court Apartments the long time maintenance man was found dead of natural causes.

Domestic Violence suspect/victim of two brothers assaulting each other. Program stated to release.

Theft by extortion incident with an older resident and someone he met online from outside the country.

Officer Speer was called to Kennedy ER for help and was assaulted. The person was homeless with this being their 4th arrest and the new process stated to release the person.

The drug seized car was sold at auction for \$4,250.

He explained three major road projects coming to the area of Laurel and Atlantic shutting the road down every night for two weeks, and a month for Atlantic, and three weeks for Laurel from Warwick toward the Lindenwold border near the Academy.

Berlin Road project will begin in May.

PUBLIC

PORTION: John Gentless of Union Avenue had some questions of the Engineer related to Sunnybrook Road and Court 2017 project. He also questioned the Deputy Clerk salary range, which the Clerk answered was \$60-70,000.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

REPORT #1: REHABILITATION/REDEVELOPMENT
Was discussed during the presentation with the redevelopment attorney and planner.

REPORT #2: 2016-2017 STREET/ROADS PROJECTS
Was addressed with the Engineer's report.

REPORT #3: ORDINANCES
The following Ordinance will have their Public Hearing and final action at the Agenda Meeting on March 09: Ord.2017:07 Registration of Defaulted Mortgaged Properties; 2017:08 2017 Salary - Deputy Clerk.

Ord.2017:07 Ordinance 2017:07 – Registration of Defaulted Mortgaged Properties
The public hearing was opened with no public comments. It was closed.
A motion was made by Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilwoman Lomanno to adopt Ordinance 2017:07 with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

Ord.2017:08 Ordinance 2017:08 – Salary – Deputy Clerk
The public hearing was opened. John Gentless of Union Avenue inquired if schooling was included. The Clerk explained it was. The hearing was closed.
A motion was made by Councilwoman Lomanno, seconded by Councilman Hartman to adopt Ordinance 2017:08 with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

REPORT #4: CITIZENSHIP PROCLAMATION
It was agreed the Ambulance Association would be recognized at the Regular Meeting.

REPORT #5: RESOLUTIONS
Maintenance Liens for abandoned properties; Various CFO Resolutions; Introduce the 2017 Annual Budget; Support County Open Space Grant Applications; Fully Extend 2017 Temporary Budget.

Res.2017:49 Resolution 2017:49 – Support the County Open Space Grant Application made by SAO
A motion was made by Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Dudley to adopt Resolution 2017:49 to support the County Open Space Grant Application being made by SAO for improvements to Parkview School field complex. All Council voted aye.

Res.2017:50 Resolution 2017:50 – Support the County Open Space Grant Application made by Parks
A motion was made by Councilman Dudley, seconded by Councilwoman Lomanno to adopt Resolution 2017:50 to support the County Open Space Grant Application being made by the Stratford Parks Commission for Phase II of the Vassar Avenue Hockey Court area. All Council vote aye.

RAFFLE: #644 - Stratford Athletic Organization - Phillies Tickets, Phillies Jersey, and gift cards
#645 – Stratford Athletic Organization - 50/50
#646 – Stratford Athletic Organization - Wheel Barrel of Cheer
A motion was made by Councilwoman Lomanno, seconded by Councilman Hartman to approve the raffle licenses #644, #645 and #646 with all Council voting aye.

2017 Budget The Clerk confirmed Council would include the \$625,000.00 in the capital budget for a new Fire Pumper.

COUNCIL

COMMENTS: None.

GOOD &

WELFARE: John Gentless of Union Avenue reported some business signs were posted on utility poles. He reported debris in the rear of the Garden State Paving facility. He reported vehicles for sale at Desi Auto Repair. He inquired to the new home on West Union being built, and the Clerk explained the tax map correction he was questioning.

Agnes Moore of Laureba Avenue inquired to the tree bucket truck, and she was told it was expected in her section next week.

John Gentless of Union Avenue inquired to status of Bradlees and Laurel Mills. The Clerk gave a brief update.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Councilman Dudley, seconded by Councilman Hartman to adjourn the meeting with all Council voting aye.

John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk