

**STRATFORD BOROUGH REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 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 - ABSENT
DAVID GRAY, COUNCILMAN
JOHN DUDLEY, COUNCILMAN
LINDA HALL, COUNCILWOMAN
TINA LOMANNO, COUNCILWOMAN
STUART PLATT, SOLICITOR
JOHN D. KEENAN, JR., BOROUGH CLERK
POLICE CHIEF RONALD MORELLO

PRESENTATION: Stratford Ambulance Association
Mayor Keenan, Emergency Services Director Councilman Hartman and Borough Clerk John Keenan presented to Ambulance Association representatives Jayme Meyers, Lois Tadley and George Meyer a Proclamation to the Association for their dedicated services to Stratford and the surrounding communities.

PUBLIC
PORTION: John Gentless of Union Avenue inquired to the area in the rehab plan. The Clerk answered.

MINUTES: February 09, 2017 Agenda Meeting
On motion of Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Gray with all ayes on the vote with the exception of Councilman Dudley abstaining.

February 14, 2017 Regular Meeting
On motion of Councilman Dudley, seconded by Councilman Gray with all ayes on the vote.

February 28, 2017 Special Meeting
On motion of Councilwoman Hall, seconded by Councilman Dudley with all ayes on the vote.

REPORTS:
FINANCE & Councilman Patrick Green absent - report not read.
REVENUE:

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

32	Adult Arrests	02	Juvenile Arrests
02	Assaults to Police	08	Simple Assault Complaints
03	Criminal Mischief Complaints	10	Harassment Complaints
101	Other Investigations & Compl.	0	Burglaries
0	Robberies	12	Thefts \$6,025.00
\$455.00	Stolen Property Recovered	0	Motor Vehicle Thefts
09	DWI Arrests	5	Narcotics Arrests
366	Traffic Summonses issued	36	Motor Vehicle Accidents
06	Injuries from Car Accidents	33	Alarm Activations

18 Properties Inspected 06 Warning Letters Issued
 02 Code Summonses Issued

EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Councilman Frank Hartman read the Ambulance Association reports for February, 2017 as submitted by the chief as follows:
 The paid crew responded to 96 alarms, YTD 222 calls. The volunteer crew responded to 12 alarms and held 1 drill, YTD 30 calls.

PUBLIC WORKS & LIGHTING:

Councilman John Dudley read the Utility Department for February, 2017 as follows:
 There were 19 emergency service call outs, performed preemptive checks and required maintenance of all manholes and pump stations.
 Work requests performed: replaced flag hooks and re-hung the flag at Veterans' Park; replaced burned out light bulbs at the Library, Borough Hall and Police Station; repaired the toilet in the women's restroom in the borough hall; repaired a picnic table at Vassar Park; repaired an office chair from the Justice Center conference room.
 Regular maintenance activities performed include: weekly trash pickup and clean up at Yellin School, Parkview School and Vassar Avenue ball fields, clearing of storm drains of debris after rain, bi-weekly town wide metal/appliance collection

PUBLIC EVENTS:

Councilwoman Linda Hall reported the Stratford Athletic Organization's opening day will be April 8th, the Fire Company flower sale will be April 13 through Easter Sunday, the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 15th, on Mancini Field - Kirkwood and Yale Avenues at 1:00 PM, prizes, candy and an Easter Bunny.

ORDINANCE & PROPERTY:

Councilwoman Tina Lomanno there were 18 property inspections, 6 warning letters sent, and 2 code summonses issued.
 There are 6 Resolutions and no Ordinances on for tonight's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Res.2017:51 Resolution 2017:51 – Referring East Laurel Road Rehab Area to JLUB
 On motion of Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilwoman Lomanno with all eyes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2017:51

RESOLUTION REFERRING A PROPOSED REHABILITATION AREA DESIGNATION OF 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 TO THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD JOINT LAND USE BOARD

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14, authorizes the governing body of any municipality, by Resolution, to determine whether, according to the criteria set forth therein, an area within the municipality is in 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-14(a), Mayor and Council must refer the proposed Resolution to the Joint Land Use Board for the Board's recommendation regarding the proposed declaration 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. The attached proposed resolution entitled "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" is hereby referred to the Joint Land Use Board for its statutory review pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14(a).
2. The Joint Land Use Board shall provide its recommendation within the statutorily mandated 45 day period.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ATTEST: BOROUGH OF STRATFORD
John D. Keenan, Jr. R.M.C., C.M.R. *Josh Keenan, MAYOR*

Res.2017:52 Resolution 2017:52 – Introduce 2017 Annual Budget
 On motion of Councilman Dudley, seconded by Councilman Hartman with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2017:52

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 in the free public library, if any, located within our municipality and a county library. If there is no county library located within the municipality, then it must be provided to any county library in the county wherein the municipality is located. Further, the public officer delegated the responsibility for delivery of the copies to said libraries has completed a certification forwarded to the governing body that such deliveries were made and copies have been made available by the Clerk to persons requesting them; and

WHEREAS, these two conditions have been met;

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

ROLL CALL:	YES	NO	ABSENT
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

03/14/2017

Public Hearing 04/11/2017 - 7PM

Res.2017:53 Resolution 2017:53 – Fully Extend 2017 Temporary Budget
 On motion of Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilwoman Lomanno with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2017:53

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford adopted a temporary budget for the year 2017 to be able to operate; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford at this time finds the need to fully extend the 2017 Budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to authorize the CFO to fully extend the 2017 Budget so the functions being allocated can continue to operate without interruption until the 2017 Budget is adopted and approved.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body on March 14, 2017

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

Res.2017:54

Resolution 2017:54 – Authorize Execution County Agreement – Vacant Homes

On motion of Councilwoman Lomanno seconded by Councilwoman Hall with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2017:54

WHEREAS, County of Camden is offering a Shared Service Agreement with municipalities to provide services related to the Defaulted Mortgaged Properties; and WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford is desirous into entering into the Shared Service Agreement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to authorize the execution of the Camden County Shared Service Agreement to offer Stratford services related to the Defaulted Mortgaged Properties Program.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body on March 14, 2017.

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

CFO RESOLUTION

Res.2017:55

Resolution 2017:55 – Remove Senior Citizen Tax Deduction – B. 97, L. 18

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2017:55

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:

BLOCK	LOT	NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT
97	18	Arthur Laine	28 Evergreen Road	\$217.36

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 adopted at a regular meeting of the Borough Council held on March 14, 2017.

John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk

Res.2017:56

Resolution 2017:56 – Special Event Application – JP II Carnival

On motion of Councilman Dudley, seconded by Councilwoman Lomanno with all ayes on the vote.

RESOLUTION 2017:56

WHEREAS, John Paul II School has applied to the Borough of Stratford with an application for a Special Event License; and
 WHEREAS, the Special Event License will be for their Carnival to be held on Tuesday, May 9th through Saturday, May 13th, 2017.
 WHEREAS, the various municipal departments have reviewed the application prior to presenting to the Governing Body; and
 WHEREAS, the following conditions are being made of the application which all must be satisfied in compliance with the Borough of Stratford Ordinance 2009:28;

Hours of operation: 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Event: JP II Carnival – 5/9/17/ - 5/13/17

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Council to approve the Special Events License with the above conditions for the festival events.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body on March 14, 2017.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Be it resolved to approve payment of bills numbered from #30355 through #30441; Animal Control Checks #1699 through #1708; Manual Checks #19773; Payroll Checks #46288 and #46197 through #46200; and various electronic wires.

On motion of Councilman Dudley, seconded by Councilwoman Hall with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

MOTION CARRIED

RAFFLE LICENSE:

#RA647 – PTA Our Lady of Guadalupe – Carnival May 9th through 13th, 2017
 On motion of Councilman Gray, seconded by Councilman Dudley with all ayes on the vote.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilwoman Lomanno attended the rabies clinic and the Fire Company sold hoagies.
 Councilwoman Hall thanked the DPW – the roads look great
 Councilman Dudley thanked the DPW also.
 Councilman Hartman reminded everyone of the Freeholders meeting on Thursday, 3/16, 6:30 PM at Rowan University SOM. He also gave an update on the 9-11 Memorial.
 Councilman Gray thanked the Ambulance, DPW, Fire Dept., Police Dept personnel for their time.

MAYOR

APPOINTMENT: Mayor Keenan appointed Violet Marley to the Park Commission to expire December 31, 2018.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

John Gentless of Union Avenue inquired to the review of the snow plowing agreement with Stratford United Methodist Church. The Solicitor stated he has not reviewed it. Mr. Gentless inquired about Joint Land Use Board Minutes on the website.

Mike Mangano of Union Avenue stated the tree trimming by DPW and the rental of the bucket truck was money well invested.

Harry Berry of Cornell Avenue spoke about the budget and school taxes.

Mike Mangano of Union Avenue inquired to the police issues at the Kennedy ER. The Police Chief noted there are more crisis patients being taken there which is where the increase stems from.

Jennifer Tully of Winding Way Road inquired to the Deputy Clerk's salary, and the candidates who applied for the position. Councilman Gray answered and the Solicitor and Borough Clerk added additional information.

John Gentless of Union Avenue inquired to the tax increase for the average home. The Borough Clerk responded it was around \$29.

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

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