

**STRATFORD BOROUGH
COUNCIL AGENDA MEETING
MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 04, 2017
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Josh Keenan called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Keenan lead the Pledge of Allegiance followed the pledge with a prayer.

INTRODUCTION

Mayor Keenan introduced the new Acting Clerk, Ben Angeli.

STATEMENT OF ADVERTISEMENT

Borough Clerk, Ben Angeli stated that notice of this meeting was provided to the Courier Post and CentralRecord along and was posted on the Borough Hall Bulletin Board stating the time and place of the meeting.

ROLL CALL

MAYOR JOSH KEENAN
PATRICK GREEN, COUNCILMAN
DAVID GRAY, COUNCILMAN
FRANK HARTMAN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT
JOHN DUDLEY, COUNCILMAN
LINDA HALL, COUNCILWOMAN
TINA LOMANNO, COUNCILWOMAN
BEN ANGELI, ACTING BOROUGH CLERK
ERIC RISO, SOLICITOR
STEVEN BACH, ENGINEER
RONALD MORELLO, POLICE CHIEF

ENGINEER REPORT

Engineer Steve Bach reported base plans and field survey were completed and design was initiated on the Sunnybrook Road and Sunnybrook Court Street Project. He was waiting to hear back from the Department of Transportation regarding the application for funding. He said that they will know by the time the project should go out to bid.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

April 7th, 2017 Kitchen fire
3rd & 6 the Burger King Burglary
5th 3 vehicles vandalized
7th – Park View School – intoxicated parent
12th – Medical assist call;
17th – Burglary on Harvard Avenue
21st – car fire

Berlin Road Pave & Mill project will start May 15, 2017.
Atlantic Avenue gas line project slated to start around July 4, 2017.

PUBLIC PORTION

Council President Hartman opened the meeting for the public portion. John Gentless, Union Avenue, asked for clarification on the agenda. The agenda he received from the email listed John Keenan as the Clerk. The most recent agenda had Ben Angeli as Acting Clerk. Mr. Hartman clarified that Mr. Angeli was the Acting Clerk and the email had an error. Mr. Gentless asked if the Acting Clerk was appointed at the last meeting and if the position was advertised. Mr. Hartman replied that the position was not advertised. He further explained that the existing clerk decided to leave at the time the Deputy Clerk position was to be filled. This person slated for the Deputy position was appointed as Acting Clerk.

Mr. Gentless inquired about the salary ordinance and debated that the Acting Clerk wasn't on the ordinance. Mr. Platt explained that the Acting Clerk is the Municipal Clerk and shall be paid accordingly. Further, Mr. Platt emphasized that Mr. Keenan retired effective May 1, 2017 and that asked for Mr. Gentless' patience during the transition.

Mr. Gentless asked about the redevelopment status and update scheduled executive session. Mr. Platt explained topics that are covered under the Open Public Meetings Act for executive session. Mr. Platt added that redevelopment will not be discussed because the redevelopment professionals will not be coming to the meeting.

Mr. Platt addressed Mr. Gentless' questions about the Laurel Mills Redevelopment.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

REPORT #1: REHABILITATION/REDEVELOPMENT

Councilman Green reported the environmental issues have been resolved and he was waiting on final report.

REPORT #2: 2016-2017 STREET/ROADS PROJECTS

Thesed items were covered in the engineers report.

REPORT #3: ORDINANCES

Mr. Angeli reported that the Bond Ordinance 2017:08 and Salary Ordinance 2017:09 public hearing and final action will be at the regular meeting.

REPORT #4: CITIZENSHIP PROCLAMATIONS

Council suggested Mr. Keenan and Kathy Rauer.

REPORT #5: RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Angeli reported the agenda for the May 9, 2017 will include maintenance liens for abandoned properties, various CFO resolutions, award of the County Cooperative Electrical bid and the authorization of state contracts for vehicle purchases.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mr. Gray expressed his gratitude for the help former Clerk John Keenan had given to him since he became a councilman. He also welcomed Acting Clerk, Ben Angeli.

Mr. Hartman congratulated Mr. Angeli on his new position. He said the 911 Memorial is moving forward.

Mr. Dudley thanked Mr. Keenan for his help during his service. He said Mr. Angeli is a great fit and a huge savings for the town.

Councilwoman Lamonno spoke about the tribute to Mrs. Roberts for her years of service at the library. She added that it was well attended, including family from Rhode Island.

Councilwoman Hall said the Easter Egg Hunt was a success and thanked those who helped. She welcomed Mr. Angeli; and thanked Mr. Keenan for his service.

GOOD & WELFARE:

Mr. Hartman opened the good and welfare portion to those who wished to address the Council. Pat Walsh, Meadowlark Road, commented on the recently painted Stratford Diner.

John Gentless, Union Avenue, asked what information was Mr. Seth asking for about the Incollongo site. Mr. Hartman said the planer and the redevelopment attorney have the information. There are still changes in progress. Mr. Gentless asked why an email blast was not sent for the April 20, 2017 meeting. Mr. Angeli explained that it was an oversight.

Mike Mangano, Union Avenue, expressed his concern about the soffitts in the Justice Facility building. Mr. Hartman closed the public portion.

REPORT #6: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Res. 2017:81 Mr. Platt clarified that this was Resolution 2017 – 81 and that 2017-80 was passed at the April 20, 2017 meeting. The topics of discussion are related to Attorney/Client Privilege and negotiation to discuss status related to the Borough Clerk. These items are for #7 of the Executive Session Resolution for matters relating to litigation, negotiations, and the Attorney-Client Privilege. The approximate time of this session should be 45 minutes. Action may be taken after the session.

Motion was made by Councilamn Dudley. Seconded by Councilwoman Lomanno. All ayes

Council returned after executive session.

Res. 2017:82: Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Release Agreement

On motion of Councilman Green, seconded by Councilwoman Lomanno with a roll call vote as follows:

Councilman Green	yes	Councilman Gray	no
Councilman Hartman	yes	Councilman Dudley	no
Councilwoman Hall	yes	Councilwoman Lomanno	yes

Motion carried 4-2

Res. 2017:83: Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Municipal Clerk Consulting Agreement
On a motion of Councilman Dudley, seconded by Councilman Green with a roll call vote as follows:

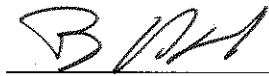
Councilman Green	yes	Councilman Gray	yes
Councilman Hartman	yes	Councilman Dudley	yes
Councilwoman Hall	yes	Councilwoman Lomanno	yes

Motion carries 6-0

ADJOURN:

On motion of Councilman Gray to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Hartman with all ayes on the vote.
The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION 2017:81
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.

_____ (7) *Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney-Client Privilege*: The topic of discussion is related to Attorney/Client Privilege. These items are for #7 of the Executive Session Resolution for matter relating to litigation, negotiations, and the Attorney-Client Privilege.

 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

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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 June 13, 2017 that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on June 13, 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 May 4, 2017.

I, Ben Angeli, Acting Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted on May 4, 2017.



Ben Angeli, Acting Borough Clerk