

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
AGENDA MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 9, 2017  
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

Borough Clerk Angeli called the meeting to order at 7:00

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

STATEMENT OF ADVERTISEMENT:

Borough Clerk Angeli stated that notice of this meeting has been provided to the Courier Post and the Central Record and is posted on the Borough Hall Bulletin Board stating the time and the place of the meeting.

ROLL CALL:

MAYOR JOSH KEENAN- PRESENT  
PATRICK GREEN, COUNCILMAN- PRESENT  
DAVID GRAY, COUNCILMAN - ABSENT  
FRANK HARTMAN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT- PRESENT  
JOHN DUDLEY, COUNCILMAN- PRESENT  
LINDA HALL, COUNCILWOMAN- PRESENT  
TINA LOMANNO, COUNCILWOMAN- PRESENT  
STUART PLATT, SOLICITOR- PRESENT  
MARK BASHORE, BOROUGH ENGINEER- PRESENT  
RONALD MORELLO, POLICE CHIEF- PRESENT  
BEN ANGELI, BOROUGH CLERK- PRESENT

PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Motion to go to open public portion on agenda items only:

Councilman Hartman motioned to open the public portion on agenda items only. Councilman Green seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a voice vote.

No comments from the public.

Motion to close public portion on agenda items:

Councilman Dudley motioned to close the public portion for agenda items. Councilwoman Hall seconded the motion with all members present voting in favor in a voice vote.

MINUTES:

SEPTEMBER 7, 2017 AGENDA MEETING  
OCTOBER 5, 2017 AGENDA MEETING  
OCTOBER 10, 2017 REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2017 EXECUTIVE SESSION  
OCTOBER 10, 2017 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Lomanno motioned to the minutes. Councilman Dudley seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Morello read the report as follows:

OCTOBER 2017

- 10/2 During the afternoon hours, we were dispatched to a home on Duke Avenue for a report of a double overdose. Upon arrival, we found mother and adult son both unconscious. 4 Narcan doses later, both were revived. Neither appreciated our efforts, the mother son duo began harassing the officers and EMT's that saved their lives. Apparently there lawyer will be in touch for officers searching them. The law protects folks, no charges, no arrests.
- 10/4 Two days later, we had a report of an erratic driver, on White Horse Pike. This was a rolling OD (passenger) trying to get to the hospital. Officers located the car, short pursuit up to Jefferson..... Jefferson saved that person as well.
- 10/4 Same night, OD on the step at the old Payless.
- 10/12 During the overnight hours we were called for a combative patient in the emergency room performing Martial Arts maneuvers. Officers arrived to find the suspect on the gurney threatening staff and officers with karate strikes. Subdued by police as security stood by witnessing
- 10/15 An escort and funeral detail services were provided for retired Chief Jack Joyce. The family was extremely appreciative of our efforts. Chief Joyce was employed by Stratford for 30 years (1962-1992) He was an exceptional Detective with recall and a memory like no other.
- 10/25 Just about 5:00am, the town sustained some interruption whereas some severe winds came thru town. Due to downed limbs, trees and wires we made the decision that schools had to be delayed. Police, FIRE and DPW worked quickly to clear the hazards.
- 10/26 in the morning, just about 7:30am, on White Horse Pike, a school bus with 49 children was struck in a very minor accident. No injuries, no real damage, lots and lots paperwork
- 10/27 Same day, another school bus (on 20 children) struck a parked car on Cooper Avenue and fled the scene. No injuries, minor damage. Paperwork
- 10/30 Sunday, we were called to the TD bank for a male trying to cash a stolen check. Upon arrival, suspect was located hiding in the bathroom. Suspect fled on foot with officer Beasley giving chase. He was able to tackle the suspect in the open field. Forger and resisting arrest charges resulted in his release (software)
- 10/31 Tricker - Treaters at Cornell Manor discovered a female unconscious. Another heroin OD, triple narcan to bring this female back, she had been down for quite a while. She is in bad shape, may not survive.

Ocquan – GMAC Mortgage appeared in court regarding our criminal and ordinance violations for the problem location @ 117 Stratford Avenue. They do not have possession (foreclosure still pending) of the home yet therefore they will be off the hook. We did learn that process has been slowed since there is no next of kin to provide a copy of the mortgage holder's death certificate.

Mischief night was quiet again. Nothing too significant to report. Curfew worked out well on both night.

TMF Auto repair @ 72 Berlin Road cleared background for a business license

The Business license applicant for the old S&S Auto has still failed to provide documents related to his eligibility to sell cars, I have received no reply to my last request.

Gas Line Drills will be moved in place on Atlantic Avenue in about 2 weeks (Thanksgiving) Thereafter our officers will be assigned to the detail 5 Officers per day, 12 hours a day, 6 days a week. If you see the officers are cranky, you'll understand why. One noteworthy benefit is the gas company is aware that a supervisor will be assigned to each shift which is from a management (and resident standpoint) is a real benefit.

Also I am providing some unusual latitude with the officers normal work scheduled (detectives and the captain) they will be using a lot of vacation, comp and assuming vacation time to cover these shifts.

#### ENGINEER REPORT:

Mark Bashore read some sections of the following report:

#### **ENGINEER'S STATUS REPORT**

**Borough of Stratford**

**November 2017**

**FY 2018 NJDOT Municipal Aid Funding**

- Our office has submitted for a NJDOT FY 2018 Municipal Aid application for the improvements of Sunnybrook Road and Sunnybrook Court. A resolution for authorization for our office to submit application was passed at the September Council Meeting.
  - Application (MA-2018-Resurfacing of Sunnybrook Road & Sun-00413) including the cost estimate, location map, and scope of work description to reflect up to date unit costs was submitted on October 6, 2017 and three (3) certified resolutions were forwarded to NJDOT Local Aid.
  - Improvements for these roadways include milling the existing roadway 2" deep with isolated areas of base repair as needed. The entire roadway will be overlaid with 2" Hot Mix Asphalt 9.5M64 Surface Course. Existing concrete curb, driveway aprons, and handicap ramps will be replaced, as needed.
- FY 2017 Road Program – Resurfacing of Rolling Road, and Sleepy Hollow Road (STRAT2017-3)**
- The project consists of resurfacing Rolling Road and Sleepy Hollow Road with select replacement of concrete curb and driveway aprons in addition to traffic striping of

Longwood Drive.

- It is our understanding; the Borough has allocated \$354,220 for roadway improvements for this project.
- The Bid Opening was held on August 31, 2017. There were three (3) bidders, with the low bidder being Landberg Construction, LLC, P.O. Box 280, Mays Landing, New Jersey, in the amount of \$179,889.30 for the Base Bid and Add Alternate Bid #1.
- The contract was awarded for the Base Bid and Add Alternate Bid #1 in the amount of \$179,889.30 to Landberg Construction, LLC, and a preconstruction meeting was held on October 26<sup>th</sup>. South Jersey Gas is currently replacing their main within this project area and are expected to be completed the week of November 6<sup>th</sup>. Roadway resurfacing will commence once South Jersey Gas has finished the main replacement.

### **FY 2018 Road Program – Reconstruction/Resurfacing of Homestead Road and Additional Roadways**

- Bach Associates will meet with the Engineering Committee and Borough Clerk to discuss potential roads in need of reconstruction/resurfacing. In consideration are Homestead Road (which was under consideration for the 2017 Road Program) and West Union Avenue.

A short discussion followed about setting up a date to walk the streets and make up a list of streets that should be considered for road projects in the future.

### OLD BUSINESS: NONE

### NEW BUSINESS:

REPORT #1                   ORDINANCE TO AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE ON FOR TUESDAY  
Clerk explained reason for amending the salary ordinance

REPORT #2                   ROAD WORK ON WARWICK ROAD  
Clerk suggested that Mayor and Council reach out to the County about including a guardrail along Warwick at the bottom of the hill where the kids walk to school.

REPORT #3                   RFP'S FOR PROFESSIONALS ON FOR TUESDAY

REPORT #4                   VARIOUS CFO RESOLUTIONS

REPORT #5                   SOUNDERS CALENDAR

Clerk asked for any additional changes or additions for the calendar.

REPORT #6                   SELLING MIG WELDER TO MAGNOLIA

Clerk explained that we do not have anyone that can use the welder and Magnolia would be interested in purchasing it.

Clerk mentioned that there was a new 9/11 memorial fundraising flyer that mentioned holiday gift giving.

### RESOLUTIONS:

The Clerk stated that Resolutions 2017-188 through 2017-197 would be done as a Consent Agenda and stated that Council can at this time request to remove any of the resolutions from the Consent Agenda and they would be voted on separately. No Councilperson asked for a removal and the Clerk stated that Council would first vote to approve doing a Consent Agenda

Councilman Hartman motioned to approve doing a Consent Agenda. Councilman Green seconded the motion and all members present voting in favor in a roll call vote.

Resolutions 2017-188 through 2017-197 were read with title and voted on as a Consent Agenda.

RES. 2017-188      REFUND TAX OVERPAYMENT (Block 71, Lot 23-5)

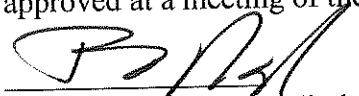
**RESOLUTION 2017:188**

**REFUND TAX OVERPAYMENT**

WHEREAS, an overpayment was received in the Tax Collector's office for Block 71, Lot 23 - 5 Warwick Road;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford the the amount of \$250.00 be disbursed to Rourke D Decker for the overpayment.

I, Ben Angeli, Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution was approved at a meeting of the Borough Council held on November 9, 2017.

  
Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

RES. 2017-189      AUTHORIZE SECOND YEAR OPTION FOR ROAD SALT THROUGH THE  
CAMDEN COUNTY PURCHASING COOPERATIVE

**RESOLUTION 2017- 189**

**AUTHORIZE SECOND YEAR OPTION FOR ROAD SALT THROUGH THE  
CAMDEN COUNTY PURCHASING COOPERATIVE**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford is a member of the Camden County Purchasing Co-Operative: and

WHEREAS, the county advertised and received bids for road salt for the 2017-2017 season; and

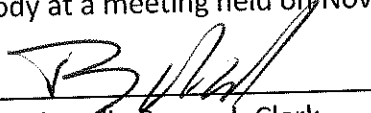
WHEREAS; said bid provided for a second year option renewal from Atlantic Salt., Inc and Chemical Equipment Labs of DE, Inc and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Chosen freeholders to authorize and award the second year Option Bid for the needs of the County and extend the unit prices to the Cooperative Purchasing Members; and

WHEREAS, in past years Stratford has utilized the County Purchasing cooperative for road salt successfully,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to authorize the second year option with the Camden County Purchasing cooperative and Atlantic Salt Inc at a unit price of \$57.35/ Ton.

I, Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk, do hereby certify the above Resolution was adopted by the Governing Body at a meeting held on November 9, 2017

  
Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

RES. 2017-190      CHAPTER 159 – FEDERAL BULLET PROOF VEST GRANT (\$75.18)

**RESOLUTION 2017-190**

**CHAPTER 159 – FEDERAL BULLET-PROOF VEST GRANT**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:40-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Finance may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount; and


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Stratford hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Finance to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget for the year 2017 in the amount of seventy five dollars and eighteen cents (\$75.18) Reserve for Federal Bullet-Proof Vest Grant which item is now available pursuant to the provision of statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of seventy five dollars and eighteen cents (\$75.18) be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

**RESERVE FEDERAL BULLET-PROOF VEST GRANT**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is the result of monies received from the State of New Jersey and was deposited into the proper account.

I, Ben Angeli, Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution was adopted by Mayor and Council at their Meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

  
Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

RES. 2017-191      CANCELLATION OF TAXES (BLOCK 48, LOT 5)

**RESOLUTION 2017: 191**

**CANCELLATION OF TAXES**

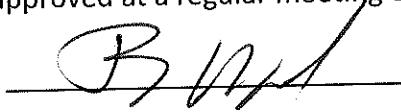
WHEREAS, an application has been received from Tinh Xa Ngoc Xuan at 309 Princeton Ave, Block 48, Lot 5, for an exemption from the payment of property taxes and;

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has determined that Tinh Xa Hgoc Xuan has submitted the required documentation and is entitled to an exemption from property taxes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford to place Mr. Xuan's property on the Exempt Property List effective October 18, 2017.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that property taxes billed for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter in the amount of \$1,199.83 be canceled.

I, Ben Angeli, Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution was approved at a regular meeting of Borough Council held on November 9, 2017.



Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

RES. 2017- 192      CHAPTER 159 – PROSECUTOR’S ROVING PATROL GRANT (\$2500.00)

**RESOLUTION 2017- 192**

**CHAPTER 159 – PROSECUTOR’S ROVING PATROL GRANT**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:40-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Finance may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount; and

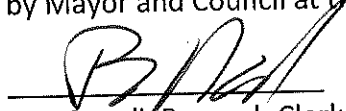
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Stratford hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Finance to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget for the year 2017 in the amount of Two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) Reserve Prosecutor’s Roving Patrol Grant which item is now available pursuant to the provision of statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of Two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

**PROSECUTOR’S ROVING PATROL GRANT**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is the result of monies received from the State of New Jersey and was deposited into the proper account.

I, Ben Angeli, Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution was adopted by Mayor and Council at their Meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

  
Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

RES. 2017- 193      SUBMISSION OF STRATEGIC PLAN FOR MUNICIPAL ALIANCE GRANT

**RESOLUTION 2017- 193**  
**SUBMISSION OF STRATEGIC PLAN FOR MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT**

**Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse**  
**Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2014-June 2019**

**WHEREAS**, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

**WHEREAS**, The Stratford Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

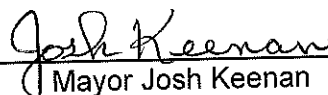
**WHEREAS**, the Stratford Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Stratford Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Camden;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 19 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$31,746.16
Cash Match	\$ 7,936.54
In-Kind	\$23,809.62
2. The Stratford Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

APPROVED:   
Mayor Josh Keenan

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Ben Angeli, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a resolution duly authorized by the Stratford Borough Council on this 9th day of November, 2017.



  
Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

RES. 2017- 194

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF CERTAIN  
EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES

**RESOLUTION 2017- 194**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF CERTAIN EXECUTIVE SESSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**WHEREAS**, the Stratford Council, as permitted by the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, *et seq.* conducts portions of municipal meetings closed to the public from time to time if permitted by one of the enumerated exceptions in the law; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, the Borough Council conducted such meetings on the following topics:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Exemption:</u>	<u>Topic</u>
September 7, 2017	Personnel, Litigation	Employee matter, Laurel Mills Lawsuit
October 10, 2017	Litigation	Laurel Mills Lawsuit

\* Redactions remain on minutes to be released. Attorney to annually review minutes to determine when/if information may be released.

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, minutes of closed session meetings must be released to the public when:

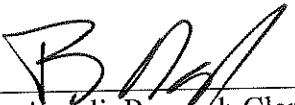
- With respect to litigation, negotiations, collective bargaining and attorney-client privileged matters, at the conclusion of said litigation or negotiations where, in the opinion of the solicitor, release is appropriate and will not compromise the Borough 's ability to engage in future negotiation, reveal litigation tactics or otherwise violate the attorney-client privilege;
- With respect to the acquisition of property at such time as the property is acquired or the acquisition is abandoned;
- With regard to personnel and/or employment relationship matters at such time as the affected employee shall authorize the release of such information, and/or in accordance with South Jersey Pub. Co. v. N.J. Expressway Auth., 124 N.J. 478 (1991);
- With respect to matters required by law to be confidential, public safety, which may affect the receipt of government funds or the imposition of a penalty at such time as the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Solicitor reviewed the minutes of closed sessions involving the matters identified above and authorizes release of same, recognizing that certain matters continue to remain confidential for the reasons indicated.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that Executive Session Meetings heretofore held on the foregoing subjects be and they are hereby released to the public unless redactions have been identified by the Borough Solicitor.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Borough Solicitor shall review the above-indicated minutes annually to determine if the need for confidentiality remains and the same shall be released without further action of this Council if and when the Solicitor determines that release is appropriate.

I, Ben Angeli, Acting Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of Council on November 9, 2017.

  
Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

RES. 2017- 195      DISBURSE TAX OVERPAYMENT (Block 112, Lot 4)

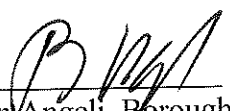
**RESOLUTION 2017-195**

**DISBURSE TAX OVERPAYMENT**

WHEREAS, an overpayment was received in the Tax Collector's office for Block 112, Lot 4 - 39 Hillside Road;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that the amount of \$1,943.08 be disbursed to CoreLogic Real Estate Tax Service for the overpayment.

I, Ben Angeli, Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution was approved at a meeting of the Borough Council held on November 9, 2017.

  
Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

RES. 2017- 196      APPROVE NEW BUSINESS LICENSE (TMF Motors LLC - 72 Berlin Rd)

**RESOLUTION 2017-196**

**APPROVE NEW BUSINESS LICENSE**

**TMF MOTORS LLC**

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford have passed an ordinance establishing Chapter 5.04 of the code of the Borough of Stratford, known as "Business Licenses Generally"; and

WHEREAS, a license is required to operate or conduct any business establishment in the Borough of Stratford; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that the proper investigations have been made and the following applicants have complied with the general laws and statutes of the state and the ordinance of the Borough of Stratford; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that approval has been granted by Mayor and Council for NEW "MERCANTILE LICENSE" for: TMF Motors LLC at 72 Berlin Road, Stratford, NJ

I, Ben Angeli, Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution was approved at a meeting of the Borough Council held on November 9, 2017.

  
Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

RES. 2017 - 197      APPROVE VETERAN/WIFE OF VETERAN TAX DEDUCTION (\$250)  
(Block 87.2 Lot 20)

**RESOLUTION 2017: 197**

**APPROVE VETERAN/WIFE OF VETERAN TAX DEDUCTION**

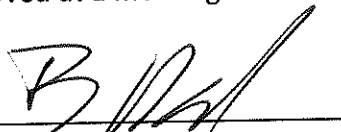
WHEREAS, all the eligibility requirements for a 2017 VETERAN or WIDOW OF A VETERAN property tax deduction have been met by the following residents:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
87.02	20	Barbara Campanella	10 Oak Drive	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 2018 tax list.

I, Ben Angeli, Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution was approved at a meeting of the Borough Council conducted on November 9, 2017.

  
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Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

Councilwoman Lomanno had a question about the cost and amount of salt that the Borough uses. The Clerk said he would get her those figures as soon as he can.

Councilman Green motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Dudley seconded the motion and all members present voting in favor in a roll call vote.

RES. 2017 – 198      ADJUST PAY SCALE TO MATCH YEARS OF SERVICE FOR  
POLICE OFFICER

**RESOLUTION 2017:198**

**RESOLUTION ADJUSTING THE PAY SCALE OF SERGEANT STEPHEN J. McBRIDE TO MATCH HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant Stephen J. McBride (“McBride”) was initially hired by the Borough of Stratford Police Department in 1996 as a part-time Special Class II Police Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1998 McBride was hired by the Borough of Stratford as a full-time Police Officer and has remained such for over 20 years; and

**WHEREAS**, some years ago, McBride purchased service credit for his time served as a Special Class II Police Officer towards his pension which accurately reflects his 21 years of service but his pay scale only reflects 19 years of service; and

**WHEREAS**, by letter dated May 30, 2017, McBride has requested that the Borough adjust his pay scale to match his years of service (Exhibit “A”); and

**WHEREAS**, Police Chief Morello has recommended that the Borough adjust McBride’s pay scale to match his years of service; and

**WHEREAS**, McBride has executed a Release and Indemnification Agreement in favor of the Borough with respect to any claims which may be made by the Police and Firemen's Retirement System if the Borough grants this request (Exhibit "B"); and

**WHEREAS**, the pay scale adjustment request would result in a total cost to the Borough of approximately \$15,000.00 over the next three years, but could result in a savings if McBride retires with 25 years of service credit in 2021, and the Borough promoted another police officer to Sergeant at a lower step in the Collective Bargaining Agreement guide between the Borough and PBA Local 30; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has contacted the Police and Firemen's Retirement System who have indicated that it has no objection to this adjustment provided that the following conditions are also met:

- (a) McBride's full-time Police Officer payroll status starting date is changed from August 8, 1998 to July 1, 1996;
- (b) The pay scale adjustment shall be effective November 9, 2017 with no retroactive compensation, pension credits or other benefits;
- (c) The pay scale adjustment is being made because of his entire law enforcement career being employed as a Borough of Stratford Police Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Borough Council have carefully considered this matter and believe that it is fair and reasonable to adjust McBride's pay scale to match his years of service due to his faithful service as a Borough of Stratford Police Officer and the minimal impact it will have on the Borough budget and the potential savings in the event McBride retires as aforesaid, although not required to do so.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden and State of New Jersey that Sergeant Stephen J. McBride's pay scale shall match his years of service to Salary Step 21 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between PBA Local 30 and

the Borough of Stratford, effective November 9, 2017 with no retroactive compensation, pension credits or other benefits; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this adjustment is being made because of Sergeant McBride's faithful performance as a police officer spending his entire law enforcement career in the Borough of Stratford Police Department; and

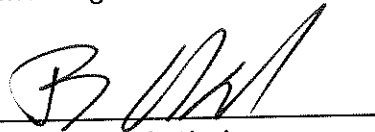
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Sergeant McBride's payroll status starting date shall be changed from August 8, 1998 to July 1, 1996; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the action taken by the Mayor and Borough Council shall not be considered a past practice for other police officers or employees of the Borough of Stratford who may be in the same or similar position in the future; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the action taken by the Mayor and Borough Council are subject to the October 5, 2017 Release and Indemnification Agreement (Exhibit "B");

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution shall be kept in Sergeant McBride's personnel file and a copy of same shall be supplied to PBA Local 30, the Chief of Police and the Borough Payroll Department.

I, Ben Angeli, Acting Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of Council on November 9, 2017.



Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

Councilwoman Lomanno motioned to approve. Councilwoman Hall seconded the motion with member present voting in a roll call vote as follows:

Dudley – No    Green – Yes    Lomanno – Yes    Hall – Yes    Hartman - Yes

Motion carried 4-1

RES. 2017- 199

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

The topics of discussion are related to Attorney/Client Privilege to discuss status related to redevelopment. These items are for #7 of the Executive Session Resolution for matters relating to litigation, negotiations, and the Attorney-Client Privilege. Matters concern Stratford for Responsible Citizens Inc vs. Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford and secondly, Fair Share Housing Agreement. The approximate time of this session should be 30 minutes. Action may be taken after the session.

## RESOLUTION 2017:199

### 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.

  X   (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.

\_\_\_\_\_ (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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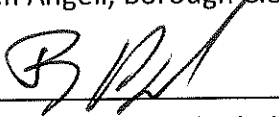
current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting.

\_\_\_\_\_ (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 November 9, 2017 that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on November 9, 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 November 9, 2017.

I, Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted on November 9, 2017.

  
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Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

Councilman Green motioned to approve. Councilwoman Lomanno seconded the motion and all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.



### COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Hartman mentioned Council presenting a Citizenship Award to former Councilwoman Tate at the next meeting.

Councilman Dudley spoke about some tree issues and about renting a stump grinder. The issue of sidewalks came up and Mr. Platt stated that under current case law, the homeowner is responsible for the sidewalk. He said that there would need to be well thought out and comprehensive discussion before addressing the sidewalk issue. There are liability issues and the Borough needs to be uniform in any approach to the issue.

Councilwoman Hall thanked the businesses that participated in the scarecrow decorating contest. She also Thanked Mrs. Agnes Moore for suggesting the contest

Mayor Keenan mentioned that the Fall Festival was a great success and well attended. He pointed out that the VFW will be honoring the veterans with a ceremony on Sunday at the monument next to the Fire House.

### GOOD AND WELFARE:

Councilman Hartman motioned to open the meeting to Good and Welfare. Councilman Dudley seconded the motion and all members present voting in favor in a voice vote.

Agnes Moore, Laureba Ave, asked if the County or some other town might have a stump grinder that we could borrow. Mr. Lonia, Winding Way, expressed concerns about the trees in the ravine that are dropping branches in his yard. He wants the Borough to cut down the trees and believes that the Borough would be liable for any damage or injury caused by the trees. Mr. Hahn, Buttonwood Road, asked Mr. Platt to email him cases involving sidewalk issues. Mr. Platt stated that he does not normally provide legal work for residents but would discuss it with the Mayor. Mr. Hahn spoke about many sidewalks being raised up a few inches and they created hazardous conditions. He also stated that the prior Master Plan addressed the sidewalks and the current one does not. He also asked about the gas company's plan in town. Chief Morello explained how the gas company proceeds and that they do try to coordinate with the Borough. Ms. Moore asked about pavements and how would anyone know who is responsible when a home changes hands. Mike Mangano, Union Ave., spoke about all the little liquor bottles being sold or given away and how they are littered all over town. Councilman Hartman explained that we cannot tell a store what they can and cannot sell.

Councilman Dudley motioned to close the Good and Welfare portion of the meeting. Councilman Green seconded the motion and all members present voting in favor in a voice vote.

Councilman Dudley motioned to go into executive session. Councilman Green seconded the motion and all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.


Councilman Dudley motioned to close executive session. Councilman Green seconded the motion and all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

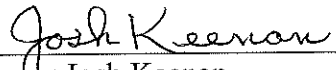
No action was taken in executive session.

No members of the public were present after the executive session.

Councilwoman Lomanno motioned to adjourn the meeting Councilwoman Hall seconded the motion and all members present voting in favor in a voice vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

  
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Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

  
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Mayor Josh Keenan