

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 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 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 - Present
FRANK HARTMAN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Present
JOHN DUDLEY, COUNCILMAN - Present
LINDA HALL, COUNCILWOMAN - Present
TINA LOMANNO, COUNCILWOMAN - Present
ERIC RISO, SOLICITOR- Present
RONALD MORELLO, POLICE CHIEF- Present
BEN ANGELI, BOROUGH CLERK- Present

PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

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

Harry Moffat, Vassar Ave, asked about Resolution 2017-186. The Clerk responded that this was a grant that the parks Commission received for the hockey courts. Councilman Gray said that this was the second of two grants that they received for the courts.

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

MINUTES:

SEPTEMBER 12, 2017 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Green motioned to the September 12, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. Councilman Gray seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

REPORTS:

FINANCE & REVENUE

Councilman Patrick Green read his report into the record.

As reported at the September meeting, The Borough started the month of September with a balance of **\$1,677,905.55.**

During the month of September, the Borough received revenue in the amount of **\$ 662,832.71.**

The Borough also had disbursements in September in the amount of **\$ 1,393,636.65.**

This left the Borough with an September 31st Balance of **\$ 947,101.61.**

The Borough is currently holding a Bond Account Balance of **\$ 2,257,111.24.**

And that's my report Mr. Mayor.

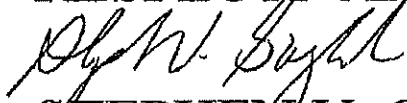
Thank you.

**STRATFORD
CODE ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT**

MONTH: SEPTEMBER

FOLLOW UP'S	17
WARNINGS LETTERS	06
VIOLATIONS RESOLVED	15
COMPLAINTS SIGNED	01

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



STEPHEN V. GAGLIARDI

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Councilman Gray also stated that there were 11 Resolutions and 2 Ordinances last month.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Councilman Frank Hartman stated that the Fire department responded to 28 alarms and held two drills using 350 man hours for a total of 2950 hours for the year to date. Mr. Hartman read the reports for the paid and volunteer ambulance squads into the record.

STRATFORD AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION
502 W. ATLANTIC AVENUE
STRATFORD, NJ 08084

Councilman Frank Hartman
Director of Emergency Services

October 1, 2017

The Stratford Ambulance Association **Volunteer Crew** responded to **20 Alarms** and **1 Drill** in the month of **September 2017**, the following is a breakdown of the same:

	Volunteer	
	Month	Y.T.D.
1. Assault	0	6
2. Bleeding	2	8
3. Cardiac	1	11
4. CVA	0	3
5. Diabetic	1	1
6. Fall	2	19
7. Fire Call	0	4
8. Haz-Mat	0	0
9. Maternity	0	0
10. Medical Emergency	5	49
11. Medical Alarm	0	0
12. MVA	1	14
13. Overdose	0	3
14. Ped/MVA	0	0
15. Psych. Emergency	2	19
16. Respiratory	2	12
17. Seizures	0	4
18. Sick Person	1	4
19. Special Assignment	0	0
20. Unconscious Person	3	8

Year to Date Calls
Volunteer: 165

Respectfully Submitted:

Lois Tadley
Chief-Stratford Ambulance

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STRATFORD, NJ 08084

Councilman Frank Hartman
Director of Emergency Services

September 1, 2017

The Stratford Ambulance Association **Paid Crew** responded to 84 **Alarms** in the month of **September 2017**, the following is a breakdown of the same:

	Paid	
	<u>Month</u>	<u>Y.T.D.</u>
1. Assault	1	19
2. Bleeding	3	23
3. Cardiac	9	92
4. CVA	2	27
5. Diabetic	1	6
6. Fall	12	117
7. Fire Call	1	28
8. Haz-Mat	0	0
9. Maternity	1	7
10. Medical Emergency	17	249
11. Medical Alarm	2	22
12. MVA	6	75
13. Overdose	3	18
14. Ped/MVA	0	4
15. Psych. Emergency	6	61
16. Respiratory	9	84
17. Seizures	0	14
18. Sick Person	3	36
19. Special Assignment	0	0
20. Unconscious Person	8	84

Year to Date Calls
Paid: 996

Respectfully Submitted:

Lois Tadley
Chief-Stratford Ambulance

PUBLIC WORKS & LIGHTING

Councilman John Dudley stated that there were no callouts for emergency service. The crews did checks and maintenance on manholes and the pump station, supervised the sewer line chemical root clean out procedure, participated in safety drills, replaced ceiling tiles in Borough Hall, repaired a picnic table, did repairs in the library, did some leaf pick cleanup, did metal pickup and cleaned up after Atlantic City Electric cut down and trimmed some trees. Mr. Dudley stated that leaf pick-up would begin on November first and asked that people not put branches out with the leaves as it slows the process down. He mentioned a letter he received from the supervisor of operations for the Stratford Schools complimenting the DPW workers for the fine job they have done on the school grounds.

PUBLIC EVENTS

Councilwoman Linda Hall spoke about the Halloween parade and the route for the parade at the fall festival. She mentioned the "decorate a scarecrow" contest idea for local businesses and thanked Agnes More of Laureba Ave. for suggesting the idea and asked her to help judge the contest. Ms. Hall mentioned that the Borough would be doing a house decorating contest during the Christmas Holiday season.

POLICE

Councilwoman Tina Lomanno reported that there were 41 adult arrests, 2 juvenile arrest, 5 simple assault complaints, 7 criminal mischief complaints, 19 harassment complaints, 121 other investigations and complaints, 1 burglaries, 11 thefts in the amount of \$17,700.00, \$6200.00 in stolen property recovered, 1 motor vehicle theft, 11 DWI arrests, 14 narcotics arrests, 439 Traffic summonses issued, 32 motor vehicle accidents, 4 injuries due to motor vehicle accidents and 29 alarm activations. There were 29 Total crime reports taken and 772 total calls for Police service.

Ms. Lomanno stated that sp far this year the police had received \$174,000.00 in grant money and thanked the Chief for his efforts in securing the grants. She also read a letter that was received concerning Officer Butler and how well he handled a vehicle stop. The woman that did receive a ticketed was very grateful to officer butler for the way he handled the situation. She wanted to thank him for his kindness in the dealing with her.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

RES. 2017-185 CAMDEN COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH
Councilman Dudley motioned to approve. Councilman Gray seconded the motion and all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

Resolution 2017- 185

Camden County Domestic Violence Awareness Month

WHEREAS, October has been designated as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and

WHEREAS, One in four women will experience Domestic Violence during her lifetime, and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence is the third leading cause of homelessness among families, and

WHEREAS, Camden County Women's Center is a non-profit agency that provides services and shelter to victims of domestic violence, and

WHEREAS, As the state designated domestic violence agency, Camden County Women's Center is home to the Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT). DVRT is a team of trained volunteer advocates that work with the police departments and hospitals to respond to victims in crisis. DVRT responds to nearly 500 calls each year, and connects a victim to the many services offered by Camden County Women's Center, whether it is assistance with obtaining a restraining order, navigating the criminal justice system, seeking therapy for the child witnesses, or entering counseling or a support group, and

WHEREAS, Camden County Women's Center is also participating in awareness events that the community is invited to participate in, such as the Allstate Purple Purse Challenge all through October and the annual celebration, Dice and Dessert, occurring on October 25 at 6:00 PM in Collingswood, and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, October 19th everyone is encouraged to wear purple in awareness of Domestic Violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford joins the Camden County Women's Center and the nation in declaring the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and adds their support of the goals of this awareness campaign.

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 10th day of October, 2017.


Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

RES. 2017 -186 CHAPTER 159 - OPEN SPACE-VASSER AVE SPORTS COMPLEX
(\$25,000.00)

Councilman Gray motioned to approve. Councilman Dudley seconded the motion and all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

RESOLUTION 2017:186

CHAPTER 159 – OPEN SPACE-VASSER AVE SPORTS COMPLEX (\$25,000.00)

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 twenty five thousand dollars and no cents (\$25,000.00) Reserve for Open

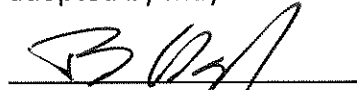
Space- Vassar Ave Sports Complex Grant which item is now available pursuant to the provision of statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of twenty five thousand dollars and no cents (\$25,000.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

RESERVE FOR OPEN SPACE-VASSER AVENUE SPORTS COMPLEX

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 10th day of October, 2017.



Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

RES. 2017 –187 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 litigation (Case # CAN-L-3344-17). 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 30 minutes. Action may be taken after the session

Councilman Dudley motioned to approve. Councilman Gray seconded the motion and all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

RESOLUTION 2017-187

**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 (Case #CAM-L-3344-7). These items are for #7 of the Executive Session Resolution for matters 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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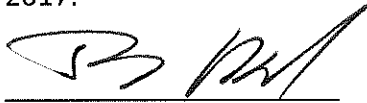
current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting.

_____ (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 October 10, 2017 that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on October 10, 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 October 10, 2017.

I, Ben Angeli, Acting Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted on October 10, 2017.



Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Be it resolved to approve payment of bills.
Animal Control Checks 1733 through 1736; Manual Checks 19805 through 19810;
Payroll Checks 47328 through 47331 and 47428; Automated check number 31057
through 31151 and various electronic wire transfers.

Councilman Gray motioned to approve. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion and all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilwoman Lomanno mentioned she was looking forward to the Fall festival and Halloween parade.

Councilman Dudley wanted to thank Frank Visconti, chairman of the Parks Commission, for the hard work he and the other members have done to secure grants two years in a row for the borough.

Councilman Green asked about the stripping on Longwood Drive. The Clerk said that it was part of the 2017 road project as an add-on.

Mayor Keenan said that the monument company would be delivering and mounting the three stones in the memorial area after many years of waiting for that to be done. The stones should be delivered and placed into position on Friday 10/13.

CLERK REPORT:

The Clerk reported on the progress of the new employees and asked to read the engineers report into the record as follows:



BACH Associates, PC

ENGINEERS • ARCHITECTS • PLANNERS

**ENGINEER'S STATUS REPORT
Borough of Stratford
October 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 will be 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 will be scheduled for the week of October 16th. South Jersey Gas is currently replacing their main within this project area and are expected to be completed the week of October 23rd. 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 addition to Homestead Road which was under consideration for the 2017 Road Program.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Councilman Hartman motioned to open the meeting to the public for Good and Welfare. Councilman Dudley seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a voice vote.

Rosie Simpkins, Yale Ave. mentioned that Atlantic City Electric did a good job trimming trees, but her neighbor's tree is still in the wires. Councilman Dudley said that they may not be electric wires and only communication wires. Pat Gilligan, Webster Ave., asked if there was a date for Brandywine to present to the Joint Land Use Board. Mr. Hartman responded that there was no date yet. Mike Tolomeo, Sunnybrook Road, asked if the amount of OPRA requests had continued. The Clerk responded that he had received a few more since the last meeting. He also stated that any request is a legitimate request and would be respected. The Solicitor, Mr. Riso, stated for the record that we understand our obligations under the Open Public records Act. He added that we do not question or have a right to question those that submit requests and they can do it anonymously. We respond to all requests made as required under the law.

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

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

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

Sal Papa, Parkview Road, inquired about the tree in front of his house that died after the road was repaved. The Clerk stated that he had contacted the company that did the road and that they were going to get back to him on the issue.

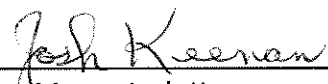
ADJOURN:

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

Minutes respectively submitted by:



Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk



Mayor Josh Keenan