

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY DECEMBER 6, 2018
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Keenan called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Keenan led the Pledge and said an opening prayer.

STATEMENT OF ADVERTISEMENT: The Mayor read the following statement:

Notice of this meeting has been provided to the Courier Post and 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
COUNCIL PRESIDENT FRANK HARTMAN- PRESENT
TOM COLLINS, COUNCILMAN - PRESENT
PATRICK GILLIGAN, COUNCILMAN - PRESENT
PATRICK GREEN, COUNCILMAN- ABSENT
LINDA HALL, COUNCILWOMAN- PRESENT
TINA LOMANNO, COUNCILWOMAN – PRESENT
ALEN ARNAUTOVIC, BOROUGH SOLICITOR – PRESENT
MARK BASEHORE, BOROUGH ENGINEER - PRESENT
RON MORELLO, POLICE CHIEF - PRESENT
MICHAELA BOSLER, DEPUTY CLERK - PRESENT
BEN ANGELI, BOROUGH CLERK - PRESENT

PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

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

No questions or comments from the public.

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

POLICE REPORT: Chief Morello gave the following:

- 11/1, 11/16, 11/22, staff members were assaulted by patients at Jefferson Hospital
- 11/6 Overnight officers responded to a home within the first block of Harvard for a report of a 70 year old sick male. While responding, subject slipped into cardiac arrest. CPR and the AED was used by police and ambulance personnel. The subject had a pulse when he arrived at Jefferson but later passed away.
- 11/7 We had the tree falling accident on Warwick Rd, everyone is up to speed on that matter. Sterling Arm immediately removed other trees that were hanging over the road, last week they assessed the ravine area behind their complex.
- 11/8 During the morning hours, officers responded to the CVS store for a report of a male trying to force his way into the store by prying on the front doors. Upon arrival, nobody was located, but just a few minutes later the Walgreens on Berlin Rd was robbed by a male with the identical description. Over the next 4 days several other Camden County stores were robbed by the same

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65 year old suspect. The was a career criminal who was arrested at his Pine Hill Apartment.

11/9 Overnight, officers responded to a domestic violence incident at Cornell Manor, where a female was beating her boyfriend with a baseball bat as he was on the phone with 911 the entire time. Response time was only about 2 minutes, however that is a long time when you are being batted around. The female was arrested and charged with aggravated assault and weapons charges. She was initially sent to CCJ, however she was released by the court within 24 hours.

11/10 40 year old female overdosed in the bathroom at the diner, she revived by responding officers with Narcan

11/15 During the afternoon hours, we responded to a report of an overdose on Curtis Avenue. A 66-year-old resident overdosed on Heroin. A double dose of Narcan eventually revived the man.

11/16 Officers on patrol came across a man down on Laurel & Atlantic. As they waited for ambulance, the man began to come to where about he removed an aerosol can of some type of solvent from his sleeve and began huffing the substance again. He really resisted control over the object trying to ingest ever last ounce. He was ultimately transported to Jefferson.

11/26 A really sad situation whereas as a 20 year young man was found deceased in a home on Hillside road. The victim had been down for quite a while. All evidence points to a drug overdose; there was no signs of foul play whatsoever.

11/28 A female fleeing the scene of a car accident on WHP in Lindenwold wound up crashing into the building at CVS. Female was fleeing because her driver's

11/29 Two gunshot victims were brought into Jefferson after being involved a shootout in Arborwood.

11/30 Overnight, another sudden death on Wright Avenue, 60 year old female determined to be natural causes.

The Revised MOU and shared services agreement calls for daily officers in both school buildings effective 1/1/19. The reimbursement arrangement is spelled out and the school board is set to adopt the new agreement next week.

Effective 1/1, Williams will be permanently assigned to Parkview and substitute officers (at SRO rate) will fill in at Yellin until we can solidify that position.

11/15 This building had several fires and property damage after the Kohler rep mistakenly activated the generator without ensuring the settings were correct. The results were fires, burned out telephone system, state interfaces were burned out, lost computers, all battery back ups, surge protectors and all three heater circuit boards were fried.

The court and police had no ability to operate for most of the day it was a very dire situation having no ability to serve the public
A few matters for executive session.

ENGINEER REPORT: Mark Basehore gave the following report:

FY 2019 NJDOT Municipal Aid Funding - Evergreen Road

Previously Reported:

- NJDOT has announced the department would be accepting applications for the NJDOT FY 2019 Municipal Aid program with a deadline of October 18, 2018. A resolution for authorizing our office to submit the application was passed at the September 11th Council Meeting.
- Our office submitted an application for resurfacing of Evergreen Road from Longwood Drive to Winding Way Road.

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FY 2018 NJDOT Municipal Aid Funding - Sunnybrook Road and Sunnybrook Court

Update:

- The Contractor continues to address punchlist items. Our office is coordinating with the Contractor regarding Payment Application #2 and Change Order #1.

Previously Reported:

- 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.
- The Borough has been informed by the NJDOT that it will be receiving \$270,000 for construction and inspection of this project. The Borough is moving forward with this project and is supplementing the NJDOT grant award with \$84,220 from the 2017 Borough Bond. Our office has submitted a April 4, 2018 correspondence delineating the costs for the required inspection and construction management. Our office anticipates construction for spring / summer of 2018.
- The project was publicly advertised for bids.
- The bid opening for this project was held on April 25, 2018. Six (6) bids were received with Arawak Paving Co. with the low bid in the amount of \$221,000.00 for the Base Bid and Add Alternate Bid #1.
- The contract was awarded to Arawak Paving Co. for the Base Bid and Add Alternate Bid #1 contingent upon favorable review by the Borough Solicitor and certification of availability of funds by the Borough CFO.
- A preconstruction meeting was held on Monday, June 4, 2018, at the Borough Municipal Building between Arawak Paving, our office, Stratford Police Chief, Ben Angeli, and a representative of the Stratford Arms Apartments.
- The Notice to Proceed was issued for July 5, 2018.
- Construction is substantially complete.
- Our office has processed Payment Application #1 and submitted to Borough for approval and payment.
- Our office has issued a punchlist to the Contractor.
- The Contractor lowered the speed humps to reflect the construction plans.

FY 2017 Road Program - Resurfacing of Rolling Road, and Sleepy Hollow Road (STRAT2017-3)

Previously Reported:

- 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 26th. South Jersey Gas is currently replacing their main within this project area and are expected to be completed the week of November 6th, Roadway resurfacing will commence once South Jersey Gas has finished the main replacement.

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- Construction has been substantially complete with only punchlist items remaining to be completed. Our office has prepared a punchlist and is coordinating with the Contractor to address all outstanding items.
- Payment Application #2 and Change Order #1 have been processed by the Borough. Change Order #1 incorporated additional quantities and supplemental items previously approved by Resolutions 2017:218 and 2018:81.
- Change Order #2 (Final) has been forwarded to the Borough for approval by resolution. The final contract value is \$202,477.80.
- Our office has issued a punchlist to the Contractor and is coordinating schedule to complete outstanding items.
- All punchlist items have been addressed. Our office is processing closeout documents.

FY 2018 Road Program - Resurfacing of Winding Way & Coolidge Avenue (STRAT2018-1)

Update:

- Construction has commenced with concrete work, including aprons and curb, substantially complete. Our office is coordinating with the Contractor regarding scheduling of asphalt paving in the next few weeks as weather permits.

Previously Reported:

- The Borough is moving forward with this project and has allocated \$250,000 for the roadway improvements.
- Our office has submitted an April 4, 2018 correspondence delineating the costs of the required survey, design, and inspection / construction management.
- Our office has completed the survey of and anticipates public bid and construction for late summer of 2018.
- It the understanding of our office the Borough is considering reallocating the remaining funds (\$92,842.20) from the 2017 Borough Bond towards this project. It is noted that the remaining funds were previously allocated to the Sunnybrook Road and Sunnybrook Court project.
- Our office has submitted a May 8, 2018 correspondence delineating the costs of the required survey, design, and inspection / construction management for included the resurfacing of a section of Coolidge Avenue with this project.
- Our office met with New Jersey American Water (NJAW) regarding pavement restoration repairs along Winding Way from Longwood Drive to Green Valley Road and Winding Way from Hillside Road to Longwood Drive (inclusive of this project limits). We will continue to coordinate with NJAW regarding a solution pavement restoration for all NJAW trenched areas of Winding Way.
- New Jersey American Water (NJAW) requested the Borough provide correspondence regarding the Borough's intention to resurface Winding Way from Hillside Road to Buttonwood Drive and waive NJAW from any further pavement restoration in this section of Winding Way. As part of this agreement, NJAW would provide trench restoration and repave (curb to curb) on Winding Way from Longwood Drive to Green Valley Road.
- The Bid Opening was held on September 6, 2018. There were two (2) bidders, with the low bidder being Charles Marandino, LLC, P.O. Box 20, Milmay, New Jersey, in the amount of \$279,538.82 for the Base Bid.
- Our office has submitted a recommendation letter (see attached) including the Bid Tabulation and Memorandum.
- Our office has prepared contracts and forwarded to the Contractor and the Borough.
- A preconstruction meeting was held on October 26th. Notice to Proceed was issued the week of November 12th.
- Performance Bond and Insurance Certificate have been forwarded to the Borough Solicitor for review.

CDBG 2018 Program Year Application - Resurfacing of Hunt Avenue and Bishop Terrace (STRAT2018-0)

Previously Reported:

- The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program has notified participating Camden County municipalities of new allocation procedures which include funding projects of larger scale (as high as \$250,000). In addition, not all municipalities will be allocated each year (estimated at 5 to 7 projects).

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- The Borough of Stratford has two (2) areas consisting of Qualified Census Tracts.
- Both Hunt Ave and Bishop Terrace are on the Borough's 2018 road priority listing and are within the Borough's Qualified Census Tracts. Therefore, our office recommended applying to the CDBG program for \$225,900 to resurface these roadways. It is noted that the Borough would be responsible to fund approximately \$7,500 of design costs if successful in obtaining the grant.
- The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program has notified our office of the Camden County municipalities awarded grants for the 2018 Program Year. Unfortunately, the Stratford Borough application was not successful.
- Our office recommends the Borough resubmit this application for the CDBG 2019 Program Year Application in the spring of 2019.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- September 6, 2018 – Agenda Meeting
- September 11, 2018 – Regular Meeting
 - Gilligan motioned the approval of minutes. Lomanno seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote. Hartman abstaining from both.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- REPORT #1 – SET DATE FOR END OF YEAR WRAP UP MEETING
 - Date set for December 19, 2018.
- REPORT #2 – STORM DRAINS
 - Public works will have to clean storm drains before storms to prevent back up. There was discussion about DPW potentially being on call for major storms. Borough Engineer states other towns have ordinances that do not allow piles of leaves within 10 feet of a storm drain.
- REPORT #3 – SECURITY LOCK ON INNER OFFICE DOOR
 - The Clerk asked Council to consider putting a keypad on the inner office door in Borough Hall for safety precautions. Council agreed this would be a good idea. Councilman Collins suggested replacing the locks on the front door immediately as well.
- REPORT #4 – SECOND READING AND HEARING ON KNOX BOX ORDINANCE ON TUESDAY
 - There will be a second reading and hearing for Ordinance 2018:13 held at the next Regular Council Meeting on December 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m..
- REPORT #5 – SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT
 - Resolution to execute Shared Service Agreement for the School Resource Officer will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

• RESOLUTIONS 2018:213 THROUGH 2018:223 WILL BE DONE AS A CONSENT AGENDA

The Clerk stated that Council can at this time request to remove any of the resolutions from the consent agenda and they can be voted on separately. The Borough Solicitor made a recommendation to remove Resolution 2018:215 and 2018:216 the consent agenda. All agreed and the Clerk read the resolutions by title.

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○ RES. 2018:213 – CHAPTER 159 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND EDUCATION GRANT (\$9250.00)

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 2018 in the amount of nine thousand two hundred and fifty dollars and no cents (\$9,250.00) Pedestrian Safety & Education Grant which item is now available pursuant to the provision of statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of nine thousand two hundred and fifty dollars and no cents (\$9,250.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY & EDUCATION 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.

○ RES. 2018:214 – DISABLED PERSON TAX REDUCTION

WHEREAS, all eligibility requirements for a DISABLED PERSON tax deduction for the year 2018 have not been met due to the sale of the property by the following residents:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
23	3	Susan Collins	124 Cornell Ave	36.99

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.

○ RES. 2018:217 – APPROVING BINGO LICENSE BL672 FOR OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PARISH

WHEREAS, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish has applied for and received an identification number 256-1-38846 allowing Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish the ability to conduct games of bingo with proper approval; and

WHEREAS, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish has properly completed the bingo license application and at least 7 days have elapsed between the time the application was filed and the time that the Borough Council made their findings and determination and filed it and a check to the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission in the amount of \$20.00 and that 15 days will elapse between the time the municipality forwards the application to the control commission and the date the license is issued to the applicant; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk has reported that the legal preliminaries have been strictly complied with; and

WHEREAS, the issuing of such licenses is contingent on the LGCCC not returning the application for any reason;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council be and is hereby authorized to issue a Bingo license numbered BL672 to Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish for games of bingo taking place on various date in December of 2018 and various dates in 2019.

○ RES. 2018:218 – APPROVING BINGO LICENSE BL673 FOR OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PTA

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WHEREAS, Our Lady of Guadalupe PTA has applied for and received an identification number 483-5-38843 allowing Our Lady of Guadalupe PTA the ability to conduct games of bingo with proper approval; and

WHEREAS, Our Lady of Guadalupe PTA has properly completed the bingo license application and at least 7 days have elapsed between the time the application was filed and the time that the Borough Council made their findings and determination and filed it and a check to the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission in the amount of \$20.00 and that 15 days will elapse between the time the municipality forwards the application to the control commission and the date the license is issued to the applicant; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk has reported that the legal preliminaries have been strictly complied with; and

WHEREAS, the issuing of such licenses is contingent on the LGCCC not returning the application for any reason;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council be and is hereby authorized to issue a Bingo license numbered BL673 to Our Lady of Guadalupe PTA for games of bingo taking place on various dates in December of 2018 and various dates in 2019.

○ RES. 2018:219 – APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE RL671 FOR OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PTA

WHEREAS, Our Lady of Guadalupe PTA has applied for and received an identification number 483-5-38843 allowing Our Lady of Guadalupe PTA the ability to conduct raffle license with proper approval; and

WHEREAS, Our Lady of Guadalupe PTA has properly completed the raffle license application and at least 7 days have elapsed between the time the application was filed and the time that the Borough Council made their findings and determination and filed it and a check to the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission (LGCCC) in the amount of \$20.00 and that 15 days will elapse between the time the municipality forwards the application to the control commission and the date the license is issued to the applicant; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk has reported that the legal preliminaries have been strictly complied with; and

WHEREAS, the issuing of such licenses is contingent on the LGCCC not returning the application for any reason;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council be and is hereby authorized to issue a Raffle license numbered RL671 to Our Lady of Guadalupe PTA for the raffles taking place on various dates in December of 2018 and various dates in 2019.

○ RES. 2018:220 – APPOINTMENT OF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

WHEREAS, the State requires that each Municipality appoint an Animal Control Officer; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford engaged the services of Robert Chabot of Independent Animal Control Services, of Blackwood, NJ to be appointed as Animal Control Officer for 2018; and

WHEREAS, Independent Animal Control Services provided quality service for the year and

WHEREAS, the agreement signed in 2018 had an option for two additional years at the same rate, and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to exercise the option for one additional year to extend to December 31, 2019, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council to authorize the execution of the "Extension of Animal Control Services Contract for 2019" with Independent Animal Control Services.

○ RES. 2018:221 – APPOINTMENT OF ANIMAL SHELTER

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WHEREAS, the State requires that each Municipality to appoint an Animal Shelter for the ACO to utilize; and

WHEREAS, The Voorhees Animal Orphanage has submitted a proposal for 2019 and 2020; and

WHEREAS Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford appoints The Voorhees Animal Orphanage as the Animal Shelter for the Borough of Stratford for the year 2019 and 2020; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to authorize the Borough Clerk to sign an Agreement between the Borough of Stratford and The Voorhees Animal Orphanage for such services for the year 2019 and 2020.

○ RES. 2018:222 – APPOINTING THE FUND COMMISSIONER

WHEREAS, THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD (hereinafter “Local Unit”) is a member of the Statewide Insurance Fund (hereinafter “Fund”), a joint insurance fund as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Fund’s Bylaws require participating members to appoint a Fund Commissioner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the BOROUGH OF STRATFORD (Local Unit) that BEN ANGELI (entity’s elected official or employee) is hereby appointed as the Fund Commissioner for the Local Unit for the Fund Year 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that MAYOR JOSH KEENAN (second elected official or employee) is hereby appointed as the Alternate Fund Commissioner for the Local Unit for the Fund Year 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Local Unit’s Fund Commissioner is authorized and directed to execute all such documents as required by the Fund.

○ RES. 2018:223 – 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,

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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.

 X (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.

 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 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 December 6, 2018 that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on December 6, 2018 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.

Hall motioned to approve the consent agenda. Collins seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

- RES. 2018:215 – AUTHORIZE TREE REMOVAL SERVICE WITH HARRY’S TREE SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3625.00

WHEREAS, the Borough is in need of third-party tree removal services for trees located on Borough property or in the Borough right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the Borough obtained two (2) quotes for the tree removal services, the lowest of which was \$3625.00 from Harry’s Tree Service, LLC, located at 825 Valley Drive, Somerdale, New Jersey 08083; and

WHEREAS, the monetary amount for the tree removal services was below the bid threshold, thus exempting them from formal bidding under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

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WHEREAS, the tree removal services are necessary to promote the public health, safety and welfare in the Borough of Stratford.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden and State of New Jersey that the tree removal services performed by Harry's Tree Service in the amount of \$3625.00 is hereby approved.

Gilligan motioned to approve the resolution. Lomanno seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

- RES. 2018:216 – AUTHORIZE TREE REMOVAL SERVICE WITH A CUT ABOVE TREE SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3900.00

WHEREAS, the Borough is in need of third-party tree removal services for trees located on Borough property or in the Borough right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the Borough obtained two (2) quotes for the tree removal services, the lowest of which was \$3900.00 from A Cut Above, LLC, located at 84 Kelly Driver Rd. Clementon, New Jersey 08021; and

WHEREAS, the monetary amount for the tree removal services was below the bid threshold, thus exempting them from formal bidding under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the tree removal services are necessary to promote the public health, safety and welfare in the Borough of Stratford.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden and State of New Jersey that the tree removal services performed by A Cut Above in the amount of \$3900.00 is hereby ratified.

Hartman motioned to approve the resolution. Hall seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilman Hartman – Announced after the Reorganization Meeting, Council will be at the Warwick Tavern and everyone is invited.
- Councilman Gilligan – None
- Councilman Collins – Stratford Mom's Food Drive on Saturday, December 8th. Donations are still being accepted and volunteers are always welcome.
- Councilwoman Hall – Tree Lighting will be held Friday, December 7th. Yellin Choir will be performing as well.
- Councilwoman Lomanno – None

GOOD AND WELFARE:

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

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Hartman motioned to close the Good and Welfare portion of the meeting. Collins seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor in a voice vote

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Gilligan motioned to go into executive session. Lomanno seconded the motion and all members present voting in favor in a voice vote.

Hartman motioned to close executive session. Collins seconded the motion and all members present voting in favor in a voice vote.

No action was taken in Executive session.

The Mayor, all Council members that were present before the executive session, the Solicitor and the Clerk were present upon return to open session. Chief Morello was not present.

No members of the public were in attendance after the executive session.

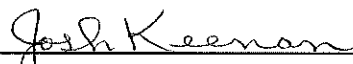
ADJOURN:

Hartman motioned to adjourn the meeting. Collins seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:



Michaela Bosler, Deputy Borough Clerk



Mayor Josh Keenan