

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
AGENDA MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 8, 2018  
7:00 P.M.

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

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

STATEMENT OF ADVERTISEMENT: Borough Clerk read the following statement:  
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  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT FRANK HARTMAN - ABSENT  
TOM COLLINS, COUNCILMAN- PRESENT  
PATRICK GILLIGAN, COUNCILMAN- PRESENT  
PATRICK GREEN, COUNCILMAN - PRESENT  
LINDA HALL, COUNCILWOMAN - PRESENT  
TINA LOMANNO, COUNCILWOMAN- PRESENT  
STUART PLATT, SOLICITOR - PRESENT  
STEVEN BACH, BOROUGH ENGINEER - PRESENT  
RON MORELLO, POLICE CHIEF - PRESENT  
BEN ANGELI, BOROUGH CLERK - PRESENT

PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

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

No one from the public spoke.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

DECEMBER 7, 2017	AGENDA MEETING (AMENDED)
DECEMBER 7, 2017	EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2017	REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2017	EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING
JANUARY 2, 2018	REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2018	REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Green motioned to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Hall seconded the motion. All voted in favor except that Mr. Collins and Mr. Gilligan recusing themselves from the 12/7 meetings and the 12/12 meetings. Ms. Lomanno recused herself from the 1/9/18 meeting.

POLICE REPORT:

The December report included a child that got out of the family's apartment and was recovered. Winenova was burglarized. Officers were on-call for the trial concerning the murder on Wright Ave a year ago. Called to a home on Atlantic avenue for an out of control female that had to be taken down and subdued. One officer had to be treated

At the hospital and received shots. The two new cars that were ordered are in and on the road. The Chief received a nice letter from the family of former chief Jack Joyce and a \$1,000 contribution to the DARE fund.

The January report included several situations with frozen pipes including D'Amico's restaurant. Several cars in the Laurel Mills section were broken into. A man under the influence of drugs was found walking down the White Horse Pike in just his underwear. An incident with a patient at Jefferson Hospital with drugs in their possession and another person that overdosed in the bathroom while visiting the first person. A female overdosed on Laurel Road and was revived with Narcan. A house on Warwick was robbed. Police were called to a fight in progress at the Martinque Bowling alley. There was a domestic dispute at the Burger King and Officer Smalls was able to subdue the man causing the disturbance.

ENGINEER REPORT:

Steven Bach gave his report as follows. He said he was waiting for the weather to break so we could complete the road project. He spoke about the Evergreen Road eruption and that Landberg would be able to deal with that once they could continue the road project paving. He also said that he would be arranging a time to walk the roads with the public works director and the clerk.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Clerk stated the following "THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE 2018:01 WILL BE ON THE AGENDA FOR THE TUESDAY 2-13-18 MEETING.

NEW BUSINESS: The Clerk read through the following items:

REPORT #1	MEETING LOCATION FOR FUTURE AGENDA MEETINGS WAS MENTIONED AND THE MEETINGS WILL ALL BE HELD DOWNSTAIRS
REPORT #2	CLERK STATED THAT RESOLUTIONS APPROVING THE REMAINING PROFESSIONALS AGREEMENTS WILL BE ON FOR TUESDAY
REPORT #3	THE VFW WILL BE GIVING OUT AWARDS ON TUESDAY
REPORT #4	CLERK MENTIONED THAT THE ANIMAL ORPHANAGE LOWERED THEIR RATE TO \$350.
REPORT #5	CLERK ASKED FOR ANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE STRATFORD TIMES INFORMATION.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTIONS 2018:35 THROUGH 2018:45 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 WILL BE VOTED ON SEPARATELY.

THERE WERE NO REQUESTS TO REMOVE ANY RESOLUTIONS FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA.

The clerk read the resolutions by title.

RES. 2018:35            AUTHORIZE EXECUTION – 2018 BOROUGH AUDITOR CONTRACT

**RESOLUTION 2017:35**

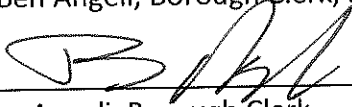
**AUTHORIZE EXECUTION – 2018 BOROUGH AUDITOR CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford appointed Bowman & Company as the municipal auditors for 2018;  
and

WHEREAS, the agreements have been received and reviewed at this time,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to authorize the execution of the agreement with Bowman & Company as the auditors for 2018.

I, Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted on February 8, 2018.

  
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Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

RES. 2018:36            AUTHORIZE EXECUTION – 2018 BOROUGH SOLICITOR CONTRACT

**RESOLUTION 2018:36**

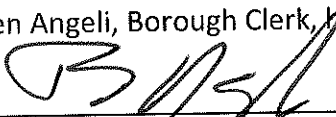
**AUTHORIZE EXECUTION – 2018 BOROUGH SOLICITOR CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford appointed Stuart Platt of Platt & Riso, P.C. as the Borough Solicitor for 2018; and

WHEREAS, the agreements have been received and reviewed at this time,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to authorize the execution of the agreement with Stuart Platt of Platt & Riso, P.C. as Borough Solicitor for the Borough of Stratford for 2018.

I, Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted on February 8, 2018.

  
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Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

RES. 2018:37            EXTEND BUDGET APPROPRIATION UNEMPLOYMENT OE

**RESOLUTION 2018:37**

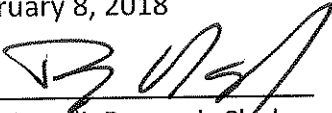
**EXTEND BUDGET APPROPRIATION  
UNEMPLOYMENT OE**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford adopted a temporary budget for the year 2018 to be able to operate; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford at this time finds the need to fully extend the 2018 Appropriation Unemployment OE; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to authorize the CFO to fully extend the 2018 Budget Appropriation Unemployment OE so the functions being allocated can continue to operate without interruption until the 2018 Budget is adopted and approved.

I, Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body on February 8, 2018

  
Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk.

RES. 2018:38            ACCEPTING SAFE AND SECURE GRANT

**RESOLUTION 2018:38**

**SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford wishes to apply for funding of approximately \$30,000. with a match of \$87,842.12 for an approximate project total cost \$117,842.12 for a project under the State of New Jersey Safe and Secure Police Officer Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Stratford Borough Council has reviewed the accompanying application and has approved said request; and

WHEREAS, the Subaward number is 18-0432; and

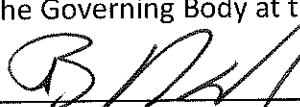
WHEREAS, the Subaward period is between April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the project is a joint effort between the Department of Law and Public Safety and Stratford Borough for the purpose of funding a full-time police officer;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,            by the Mayor and Council to authorize the application and execute all required documents to obtain the Safe and Secure Grant Funding.

NOW, FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Borough of Stratford is authorized to accept the Subaward number 18-0423.

I, Ben Angeli, Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Governing Body at their Council meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

  
Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

RES. 2018:39            REFUND TAX OVERPAYMENT (BLOCK 14, LOT 8)

**RESOLUTION 2018:39**

**REFUND TAX OVERPAYMENT (BLOCK 14, LOT 8)**

WHEREAS, an overpayment was received in the Tax Collector's office for Block 14, Lot 8, 112 Wright Ave;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that the overpayment in the amount of \$1,598.78 be Refunded to Corelogic.

I, Ben Angeli, Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution was approved at a meeting of the Borough Council meeting held on February 8, 2018.

  
Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

RES. 2018:40          AUTHORIZE EXECUTION – 2018 REDEVELOPMENT PLANNER AGREEMENT

**RESOLUTION 2018:40**

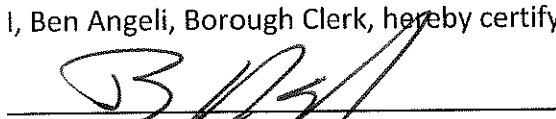
**AUTHORIZE EXECUTION – 2018 REDEVELOPMENT  
PLANNER AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford appointed Pamela Pellegrini of Maser Consulting P.A., the Redevelopment Planner for 2018; and

WHEREAS, the agreements have been received and reviewed at this time,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to authorize the execution of the agreement with Pam Pellegrini of Maser Consulting, P.A. as Redevelopment Planner for the Borough of Stratford for 2018.

I, Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted on February 8, 2018.

  
Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

RES. 2018:41          RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF CERTAIN  
EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES

**RESOLUTION 2017:41**

**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>
December 7, 2017	Personnel, Litigation	Employee matter, Lawsuit
December 12, 2017	Personnel	Employee matter

\* 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:

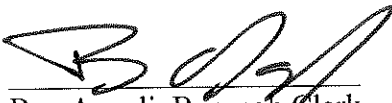
- With respect to litigation, negotiations, collective bargaining and attorney-client privileged matters, at the conclusion of said litigation or negotiations where, in the opinion of the solicitor, release is appropriate and will not compromise the Borough's ability to engage in future negotiation, 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 February 8, 2018.

  
Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

RES. 2018:42          AUTHORIZE DISPOSAL OF 1997 CHEVROLET PICKUP TRUCK

**RESOLUTION 2018:42**

**AUTHORIZE DISPOSAL OF 1997 CHEVROLET PICKUP TRUCK**

WHEREAS, The Borough of Stratford owns a 1997 Chevrolet pickup truck VIN#1GCGK24F1VE201841; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department has confirmed that the vehicle is no longer needed or usable; and

WHEREAS, the clerk has recommended that the vehicle be sold at public sale,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to authorize the disposal of the 1997 Chevrolet truck, VIN#1GCGK24F1VE201841 by public sale at a minimum of \$750.00.

I, Ben Angeli, Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution was approved at a meeting of the Borough Council meeting held on February 8, 2018.

  
Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

RES. 2018:43          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 and personnel matters. These items are for #7 of the Executive Session Resolution for matters relating to litigation, negotiations, and the Attorney-Client Privilege and #8 matters relating to employment relationship. The approximate time of this session should be 30 minutes. Action may be taken after the session

**RESOLUTION 2018:43**

**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.

  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

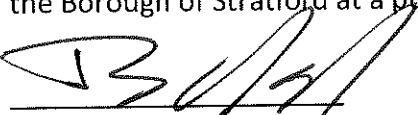


current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting.

\_\_\_\_\_ (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 Tuesday, February 8, 2018 that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on Tuesday, February 8, 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.

I, Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford at a public meeting on Tuesday, February 8, 2018 .



Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

RES. 2018:44                      AUTHORIZE EXECUTION – 2018 REDEVELOPMENT SOLICITOR AGREEMENT

**RESOLUTION 2018:44**

**AUTHORIZE EXECUTION – 2018 BOROUGH  
REDEVELOPMENT SOLICITOR CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford appointed M. James Maley of Maley Givens, P.C. as the Redevelopment Solicitor for 2018; and

WHEREAS, the agreements have been received and reviewed at this time,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to authorize the execution of the agreement with M. James Maley of Maley Givens, P.C. as Redevelopment Solicitor for the Borough of Stratford for 2018.

I, Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted on February 8, 2018.



Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

RES. 2018:45                      INCREASE SEWER FEE FOR LINDENWOLD CONNECTIONS

## RESOLUTION 2018:45

### INCREASE SEWER FEE FOR LINDENWOLD CONNECTIONS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Sewer Utility is seeking to increase the fee for the Lindenwold residential connections; and

WHEREAS, the recommendation has been made for the fee to be increase to \$120.00 per service unit,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, to authorize the increase to the annual sewer rate fee for Lindenwold residential connections to the Stratford sewer system to \$120.00 per service unit for 2018 and the years following 2018.

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 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.



Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS: None

GOOD AND WELFARE:

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

John Gentless, Union Ave., made a statement about the Lindenwold sewer resolution and asked if the word "dispose" was correct in referring to the DPW truck that was being auctioned off. The solicitor said that it was the appropriate wording. Gentles asked about the payless and Friendly's sites. he was told that there was no new on either site. He inquired about the property near Aldi's. The Mayor said it was to be for veteran's apartments. Solicitor said that they have not gotten the land use approval and he did not know if they were seeking a PILOT program. He explained the benefits to the town with a PILOT. Gentles asked where the veterans were coming from and if they were homeless. No one could answer as to where the veterans were coming from.

Pat Walsh, Meadow Lark Road, asked why the police were sitting at the railroad tracks. Chief Morello explained the procedure for operating the traffic lights due to the road project on laurel Road. He stated that the Borough was receiving \$125 per car per day for the use of the cars and that was about \$12,000 a month. Gentles asked if there was any progress on the Bradlees site and the Mayor responded that there was no update on the site.

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

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

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

No action was taken in Executive session.

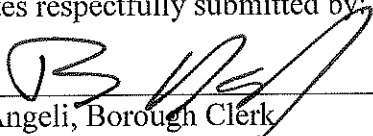
The Mayor, all Council members that were present before the executive session, Mr. Platt and Clerk Angeli were present upon return to open session.

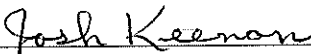
No members of the public were in attendance after the executive session.

ADJOURN:

Councilman Green motioned to adjourn the meeting Councilman Collins 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