STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Keenan called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

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

TOM COLLINS, COUNCILMAN- PRESENT

PATRICK GILLIGAN, COUNCILMAN- PRESENT PATRICK GREEN, COUNCILMAN- PRESENT LINDA HALL, COUNCILWOMAN- PRESENT

FRANK HARTMAN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT-PRESENT

TINA LOMANNO, COUNCILWOMAN - ABSENT ALEN ARNAUTOVIC, SOLICITOR- PRESENT RONALD MORELLO, POLICE CHIEF- PRESENT BEN ANGELI, BOROUGH CLERK- PRESENT

THE Clerk announced that the order of the agenda would be changed to consider the following Resolutions:

RES. 2018:24

APPOINTMENT OF FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER – DOMENIC ROMEO

RESOLUTION 2018:24 APPOINTMENT OF A POLICE OFFICER

Whereas, the Mayor & Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford finds that for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Municipality, that the appointment of Police Officers are needed. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor & Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford to appoint effective February 1, 2018,

DOMINIC ROMEO

As **Full Time POLICE OFFICERS** previously hired part time from New Jersey Civil Service Commission, Certified List # OL170879, dated July 24, 2017, with a starting salary \$47,758.61.

I, Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Stratford do hereby certify the forgoing resolution was adopted by the Governing Body at a Meeting held on 9th day of January, 2018.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the forgoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Borough of Stratford at the meeting held on January 9, 2018, a quorum being present and voting in the majority.

Ben Angeli

Borough Clerk

RES. 2018:25

APPOINTMENT OF FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER - DANIEL CAMBURN

RESOLUTION 2018:25 APPOINTMENT OF A POLICE OFFICER

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Borough Clerk

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

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO OFFICER DOMENIC ROMEO Administered by Mayor Josh Keenan

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO OFFICER DANIEL CAMBURN

Administered by Mayor Josh Keenan

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO COUNCIL PRESIDENT FRANK HARTMAN Administered by Mayor Josh Keenan

PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

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

John Gentless, Union Ave., Inquired about Ordinance 2018:01 and how much the increase could be. The clerk replied that it was 3.5%. He asked about Resolution 2018:27 and the clerk explained the process of the deferred taxes. Mr. Gentless asked about Resolutions 2018:28 and 2018:29. The clerk explained that the animal control person we appointed in December was going out of business and we had to move to the next company that had given us a price. The official would be Mr. Robert Chabot of IAC. Mr. Gentless had some concerns with some of the term lengths for the appointments to the JLUB and park commission. The clerk said he would look into it.

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

REPORTS:

ORDINANCE & PROPERTY

Councilman Patrick Green read the code enforcement report as follows and added that Council would be voting on one ordinance and nine resolutions:

STRATFORD CODE ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

MONTH: DECEMBER 2017

FOLLOW UP'S 18

WARNINGS LETTERS 7

VIOLATIONS RESOLVED 15

COMPLAINTS SIGNED 0

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

STEPHENV. GAGLIARDI

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

FINANCE & REVENUE

Councilman Patrick Gilligan read his report as follows:

As of December 1st, 2017, the Borough had a starting balance of \$2,530.103.35

During the month of December, 2017, the borough received revenue in the amount of \$662,796.75

The borough paid out in disbursements a total of \$1,325,014.92, the biggest total amount paid to local and regional school tax.

The remaining balance as of December 31st, 2018 is \$1,867,885.18

And finally, in our various bond accounts, we have a balance of \$2,800,103.06

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Councilman Frank Hartman reported that the Stratford Ambulance responded to 123 alarms in November for a total of 1327 for the year. The Stratford Volunteer Squad responded to 17 alarms and held one drill for a total of 217 alarms and drills for the year. Mr. Hartman read portions of the following Stratford Fire department report:

Stratford Fire Department

TO: DIRECTOR OF FIRE Subject Monthly Report

The Stratford Fire Department responded to 46 Alarms 2 Drills in the month December 2017. The following list is a breakdown of the same.

| DWELLING FIRES | MONTH | YR. TO DATE |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|
| BUILDINGS FIRES | 3 | 20 |
| INVESTIGATIONS | 9 | 44 |
| OUT OF TOWN ASSISTS | 15 | 115 |
| ALARMS SYSTEMS | 3 | 59 |
| ASSIST AMBULANCE, POLICE | 3, PUBLIC6 | . 49 |
| CAR FIRES | 0 | 4 |
| WIRES, TREES DOWN | 1 | 26 |
| RESCUES & M.V.A.'S | 10 | 62 |
| BRUSH FIRES | 0 | 6 |
| DRILLS Total man hours on the above Ala Respectfully Submitted, Stephen | arms Drills 444 | 26 4262 'hief |

Councilman Tom Collins read his report as follows:

Activity Report for Utility Department Month of DECEMBER 2017

- o Call outs for emergency service: 19
- Performed preemptive checks and required maintenance of all manholes and pump stations
- o Sewer line maintenance performed: N/A
- Work requests performed:
 - o Removed the room divider at the Senior Center
 - o Set out mouse traps at the Justice Center
 - Assembled and loaded two chair racks at the Senior Center
 - o Picked up councilperson plaques from Paul's Awards
- o Regular maintenance activities performed include:
 - o Weekly trash pickup and cleanup at Yellin School, Parkview School and Vassar Ave. ball fields
 - o Clearing of debris from storm drains after rain
 - o Bi-weekly town wide metal/appliance collection

December 2017 Monthly Report



- 1) Leaf machines out all month
- 2) Three light snow storms we used 20 tons of salt. Plowing and salting.
- 3) Leaf clean up and final cut to all borough property and parks
- 4) Leaf clean up and final cut to Sterling Arms.

PUBLIC EVENTS

Councilwoman Linda Hall announced that 16 house participated in the house decorating contest. First place was 34 Elinor, second place was 40 Overhill and third place was 16 Winding Way. She stated that she had received a lot of good feedback and that next year she would like the entire town to vote for the winners. She stated that she was getting ready for the Miss Stratford Pageant and that the current Miss Stratford, Kayla Johnson, would be visiting Sterling to speak about the event.

POLICE

Councilman Gilligan read Ms. Lomanno's monthly and end of year police reports as follows:

POLICE ACTIVITY FOR THE MONTH OF December 2017

| 42 | Adult Arrests | |
|----------|--|--|
| 0 | Juvenile Arrests | |
| 3 | Assaults to Police | |
| 6 | Simple Assaults Complaints | |
| 3 | Criminal Mischief Complaints | |
| 9 | Harassment Complaints | |
| 162 | Other Investigations & Complaints | |
| 3 | Burglaries | |
| 0 | Robberies | |
| 11 | Thefts <u>\$7600.00</u> | |
| \$725.00 | Stolen Property Recovered | |
| 0 | Motor Vehicle Thefts | |
| 11 | D. W, I Arrests | |
| 11 | Narcotics Arrests | |
| 412 | Traffic Summonses issuedn/a Red light Camera Summonses | |
| 52 | Motor Vehicle Accidents | |
| 8 | Injuries from Car Accidents 2 pedestrians | |
| 32 | Alarm Activations | |
| | Total crime reports taken | |
| | 782 Total Calls for Police Service | |

2017 Year End Police Activity Report

- 401 Adults Arrests
- 13 Juvenile Arrests
- 0 Homicide
- 5 Assaults to Police
- 68 Simple Assaults
- 59 Criminal Mischief Complaints
- 141 Harassment Complaints
- 1363 Other Investigations & Complaints
- 15 Burglaries, (residential or commercial)
- 2 Robberies by Weapons or Force

\$102,972.00 Thefts (property stolen) Stolen

\$52,730.00 Stolen Property was Recovered or cleared

- 4 Motor Vehicle Thefts
- 95 Drunk Driving Arrests
- 113 Narcotics Arrests
- 5275 Traffic Tickets issued
- 359 Motor Vehicle Accidents
- 65 Injuries from Car Accidents
- 0 Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents
- 365 Alarm Activations
- 1032 Total Crime Reports taken
- 8482 Total Calls for Police Service

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE 2018:1

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

This is the first reading and introduction, the public hearing for this ordinance will be on February 13th at 7:00 PM.

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

The Clerk read the following statement:

RESOLUTIONS 2018:26 THROUGH 2018:34 WILL BE DONE AS A CONSENT AGENDA. COUNCIL CAN AT THIS TIME REQUEST TO REMOVE ANY OF THE RESOLUTIONS FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND THEY WILL BE VOTED ON SEPARATELY.

No council person requested that any Resolution be removed from the Consent Agenda.

The Clerk read each resolution by title.

RES. 2018:26

APPOINTMENT OF COURT BAILIFF - PATRICK DEITZ

RESOLUTION 2018:26

APPOINTMENT OF COURT ROOM BAILIFF

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford is in need of a Court Room Bailiff; and

WHEREAS, the individual that has been interviewed and recommended is Patrick Deitz from Stratford, NJ

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to appoint Patrick Deitz as Court Room Bailiff.

I, Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted on January 9, 2018.

Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

RES. 2018:27

REGIONAL SCHOOL TAX DEFFERAL

RESOLUTION 2018:27

REGIONAL SCHOOL TAX DEFFERAL

WHEREAS, the regulations provide for the deferral of not more than 50% of the annual levy when school taxes are raised for a school year and have not been requisitioned by the school district; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services requires that a resolution be adopted by a majority of the governing body prior to February 13th of the year subsequent to the deferral, authorizing an increase in the amount of the deferral; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey to increase the amount of Regional School deferred taxes by \$46,686.50.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that the amount of Regional School Taxes deferred be increased to \$1,421,747.01.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

I, Ben Angeli, Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, hereby certify that the above foregoing resolution was adopted by the Governing Body at their Regular Meeting on January 9, 2018

Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

RES. 2018:28

AUTHORIZE CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL

RESOLUTION 2018:28

CANCEL CONTRACT FOR 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 appointed John Micklewright of Available Animal Control, of Blackwood, NJ at the December 27, 2017 meeting; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Micklewright notified the Clerk that he was closing his business immediately and would not be able to supply the contracted services; and

WHEREAS, Stratford will be contracting with another vendor; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council to authorize the cancellation of the 2018 contract for Animal Control Services with John Micklewright.

I, Ben Angeli, Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Governing Body at their special Meeting held on the 9th day of January 2018.

Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

RES. 2018:29

APPOINTMENT OF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER – ROBERT CHABOT INDEPENDENT ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

RESOLUTION 2018:29 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 received interest from Robert Chabot of Independent Animal Control Services, of Blackwood, NJ to be appointed as Animal Control Officer; and

WHEREAS, references were contacted and they replied as to the quality of the service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chabot replied positively to service questions he was asked, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council to authorize the execution of the 2018 contract Independent Animal Control Services.

I, Ben Angeli, Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Governing Body at their special Meeting held on the 9th day of January, 2018.

Ben Angen, Borough Clerk

RES. 2018:30

AUTHORIZE SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH CLEMENTON FOR ELECTRICAL SUB CODE OFFICIAL/INSPECTOR FOR 2018

RESOLUTION 2018:30 AUTHORIZE SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH CLEMENTON FOR ELECTRICAL SUB CODE/INSPECTOR FOR 2018

WHEREAS, the Borough of Clementon and the Borough of Stratford have negotiated a Shared Service Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Clementon is in need of an Electrical Sub Code Official/Inspector; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford has employed an Electrical Sub Code Official/Inspector,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to authorize the execution of the Shared Service Agreement between the Borough of Clementon and the Borough of Stratford for the services of the Electrical Sub Code Official/Inspector for the year 2018.

I, Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body on January 9, 2018.

Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

RES. 2018:31

AUTHORIZE THIRD YEAR OPTION FOR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL UNDER CAMDEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM

RESOLUTION 2018:31 AUTHORIZE THIRD YEAR OPTION FOR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL UNDER THE CAMDEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM

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

WHEREAS, the county advertised and received bids for Solid Waste Disposal; and

WHEREAS; said bid provided for a second and third year option renewal from Camden County Energy Recovery Associates, L.P., 445 South Street, Morristown, NJ 07960; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Chosen freeholders to authorize and award the third 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 Solid Waste Disposal successfully,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to authorize the third year option with the Camden County Purchasing Cooperative and Camden County Energy recovery Associates, L.P. at the rates listed in it's proposal Bid A-61/2015, third year option (exhibit A).

I, Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk, do hereby certify the above Resolution was adopted by the Governing Body at a meeting held on January 9, 2018

Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

RES. 2018:32

REFUND SEWER TAX OVERPAYMENT

RESOLUTION 2018:32 REFUND SEWER TAX OVERPAYMENT

WHEREAS, an overpayment was received in the Sewer Tax Office for Block 40, Lot 11, 100 Jefferson Road; and

WHEREAS, the Sewer Utility Clerk has researched the matter and confirmed the overpayment; and

WHEREAS, exhibit "A" shows the history of the account and payments; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford the the amount of \$572.50 be disbursed to John Dixey 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 January 9, 2018.

Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

RES. 2018:33

AUTHORIZE RENTAL OF BUCKET TRUCK

RESOLUTION 2018-33

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENTAL OF BUCKET TRUCK

WHEREAS, the Borough is in 2017 rented a bucket truck with much success for Public Works employees to trim trees located on Borough property or in the Borough right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the Borough obtained two (2) quotes for the renting the truck, the lowest of which was \$2200.00 from TNT Equipment Sales and Rental, located at 1850 Union Landing Road, Cinnaminson, New Jersey 08077; and

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

WHEREAS, the rental of the bucket truck and trimming of the trees 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 rental services to be provided by TNT Equipment Sales and Rentals in the amount of \$2200.00 is hereby approved.

I, Ben Angeli, Acting Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of Council on January 9, 2018.

Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

APPOINT COURT ADMINSTRATOR - TAIWAN Lamb-Davis

RESOLUTION 2018:34 APPOINT COURT ADMINSTRATOR

RES. 2018:34

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford currently has a Municipal Court Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the Administrator, if not certified can be appointed for a one year term; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan Lamb-Davis has been serving as Administrator in an efficient manner; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to reappoint Taiwan Lamb-Davis as the Stratford Municipal Court Administrator for an additional one year term effective November 3rd, 2017.

I, Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body at a meeting held on January 9, 2018.

Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

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

RAFFLE/BINGO LICENSE:

RA655 - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - KNIGHT AT THE RACES

RA656 - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - KNIGHT AT THE RACES - SCHOLARSHIP RACE

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

PROCLAMATION:

Councilman Collins read the following Proclamation:

PROCLAMATION COMMEMORATING BOROUGH OF STRATFORD SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK

WHEREAS all children in Borough of Stratford should have access to the highest-quality education possible; and,

WHEREAS Borough of Stratford recognizes the important role that an effective education plays in preparing all students in Borough of Stratford to be successful adults; and,

WHEREAS quality education is critically important to the economic vitality of Borough of Stratford; and,

WHEREAS Borough of Stratford is home to a multitude of high quality public and nonpublic schools from which parents can choose for their children, in addition to families who educate their children in the home; and

WHEREAS, educational variety not only helps to diversify our economy, but also enhances the vibrancy of our community; and,

WHEREAS Borough of Stratford has many high-quality teaching professionals in all types of school settings who are committed to educating our children; and,

WHEREAS, School Choice Week is celebrated across the country by millions of students, parents, educators, schools and organizations to raise awareness of the need for effective educational options;

NOW, THEREFORE, the mayor and Borough Council do hereby recognize January 21-27, 2018 as Borough of Stratford School Choice Week, and we call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens.

January 9, 2018

Yorkonan Mayor Josh Keenan

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Be it resolved to approve payment of bills.

Animal Control Checks 1746 through 1748; No Manual Checks; Payroll Checks 47821 and 47822 and 47891 through 47895; Automated check number 31383 through 31488 and various electronic wire transfers.

Councilman Hartman motioned to approve. Councilman Collins seconded the motion, Councilman Green abstained from check #31476 and all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilwoman Hall thanked everyone for their help during the holiday events. She especially wanted to thank Agnes for her help. She said that with it being her first year, she was grateful for everyone's support.

Councilman Collins stated that he was thankful for everyone's support and that he considered it a pleasure and honor to serve on Council.

Councilman Hartman wanted to thank the police and public works departments for the job they did during the recent snowstorms. Also mentioned the great job the Police are doing with all the road construction projects going on.

Councilman Gilligan stated that he was happy to be back on Council.

Councilman Green welcomed Tom and Pat to Council.

CLERK REPORT:

Clerk ran through the budget schedule and stated that the budget had to be introduced by March 16th and adopted by April 20th. He also stated that there would be one additional meeting added to discuss the budget and that the time and date would be e-blasted out as soon as it was set.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS:

The clerk announced the Mayor's appointments as follows:

S. TADD KOZENIEWSKI TO THE JOINT LAND USE BOARD AS AN ALTERNATE BEVERLY HOWLETT-LOVE TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

GOOD AND WELFARE:

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

No comments from the public.

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

Councilman Hartman motioned to adjourn the meeting Councilman Green seconded the motion and all members present voting in favor in a voice vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

Mayor Josh Keenan