

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING MINUTES
JULY 5, 2018
7:00 P.M.

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

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

STATEMENT OF ADVERTISEMENT: The 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- PRESENT
TOM COLLINS, COUNCILMAN - PRESENT
PATRICK GILLIGAN, COUNCILMAN - PRESENT
PATRICK GREEN, COUNCILMAN- PRESENT
LINDA HALL, COUNCILWOMAN- PRESENT

TINA LOMANNO, COUNCILWOMAN - PRESENT
ALEN ARNAUTOVIC, SOLICITOR- PRESENT
STEVEN BACH, BOROUGH ENGINEER- PRESENT
RON MORELLO, POLICE CHIEF - PRESENT
BEN ANGELI, BOROUGH CLERK - PRESENT

PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

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

There were no questions or comments from the public.

Hartman 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 his report as follows:

Council Report

June 2018

- 6/6 During the evening hours, police, fire & ems responded to a bad motor vehicle crash on White Horse Pike @ Colby Avenue. A motorist was traveling west bound on WHP and initiated a left turn into the path of an eastbound tow truck. Upon impact, the tow truck forced the small SUV thru a traffic signal pole and into the Seasons Pizza sign. The driver was luckily encapsulated between airbags. After 30 minutes, she was extracted from the vehicle and received just four stitches. The driver was cited for careless driving.
- 6/7 During the afternoon hours we were called to the Family Dollar for a report of a suicidal male who slit his wrists. Male bleeding heavily and had walked over from Fox Ridge. Officers tied off his wrist with a tourniquet and sent the subject to Jefferson for treatment.
- 6/12 Incident of lewd behavior behind the Dezi Bazaar near Berlin Road
- A non-consenting 3rd party passer by observed a male black performing a flagrantly viewable sex act with himself with a sex toy while within his vehicle. Subject fled prior to police arrival. No tags were on the vehicle. We suspect it was the same person on was in the area in 2005 and 2007 engaging in the same behavior. In 2007, he was in the Pep Boys lot. Detectives are working the case with other municipalities.
- 6/15 During the afternoon hours, we were called to a home on Penna avenue for a report of a fall victim found by a neighbor. Upon arrival, we found the elderly fall victim was DOA. Very sickly female, natural causes.
- 6/22 During the afternoon, police and fire responded to the Goodwill for a report of a collapsing building. The Vertical Facade had crumbled and collapsed however, no structural issues were detected. Interesting to know, we found the Old Good Will training center (right side of the building) is infested with water in the ceiling and mold forming throughout. That portion of the building is not occupied right now; however, it does not look like a good situation within.
- 6/29 During the evening hour's a deer ran under one our police SUV's on Laurel Road. Deer did not fare well, it was taken by our animal warden for disposal.

6/30 Very young man was injured at the swim club after slamming his head on the cent. Juvenile was attempting some type of back flip from the diving board. Slipped and split his head open. Ge was taken to Jefferson by ambulance, will be OK.

6/28 We learned that a new gun law legislation was passed that now restricted officers from carrying their duty magazines over 10 rounds. Therefore, officers who are off duty now need to purchase small magazines for their guns or they can be charged with a 4th degree crime. The new law allows to and from work but not otherwise. First in the nations to go down this path. Police Chiefs organizations was told by our legislative liaison that it was an oversight in the law... And it will be updated. Stay tuned because the identical exemption was removed from the bill just prior to passage.

The 1999 Red Crown Victoria with the bad engine sold on Gov Deals \$500.00. We were paid and the vehicle has been removed.

5 Traffic signal repairs Laurel & Atlantic; Keily (gas co) seems to be willing to make the repairs at their expense. However, the process is long and was Conrail may want could be north of \$50,000 to repair. Mr. Bach and his office are assisting with the issues.rt

Generator project is moving along, generator is due in very soon, the plumber and electrician are all set to begin after the new gas line from the street to the building is installed by SJ gas.

New police vehicle (less light bar) is ordered and should arrive by September

DOJ COPS Grant to fund an SRO for 24 months was applied for in the amount of \$92,000.00. It took me a solid few weeks to prepare and I hope to have the submission by next week. I give it about a 1 out of 50 chance of the program being funded.

ENGINEER REPORT:

Mr. Bach stated that the Sunnybrook Road/ Sunnybrook Court project was ready to proceed and that they were preparing final engineering and would be getting ready to go out to bid for the Winding Way/ Coolidge road project.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- REPORT #1 TRASH SERVICE CONTRACT – Councilman Gilligan requested a copy of the current contract which is up at the end of 2018.
- REPORT #2 BLOCK PARTY APPLICATION – We made up a form to be used to help keep these organized and make sure all notifications within he Borough were made.
- REPORT #3 AUDIT REPORT – NEED SIGNATURES ON TUESDAY - Clerk asked that Mayor and Council review the report and especially the findings and determination page.
- REPORT #4 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER MOU WILL BE ON FOR TUESDAY
- REPORT #5 SECOND READING FOR ORD. 2018:06 AND 2018:07
- REPORT #6 CUTTING GRASS ON OCCUPIED PROPERTIES – Discussion ensued about the process and procedures for dealing with these properties.
- REPORT #7 MEETING ROOM SOUND SYSTEM UPDATE AND PODIUM USE
- REPORT #8 ORDINANCES – Clerk spoke about the ordinances that had been discussed for future consideration.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTIONS 2018:142 THROUGH 2018:148 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. There was no request to remove any of the resolutions form the consent agenda and the clerk read the resolutions by title.

RES. 2018:142 RATIFY SALE OF POLICE CAR (\$510.00)

RESOLUTION 2018:142

RATIFY SALE OF POLICE CAR

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Police Department has a vehicle which no longer serves any purpose for vehicular use; and

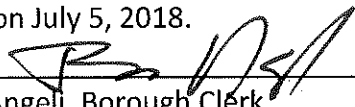
WHEREAS, the vehicle is a 1999 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor Vin# 2FAFP71W8XX207903 which no longer is road worthy; and

WHEREAS, the vehicle was offered for public sale at a minimum bid of \$500.00;

WHEREAS, a bid of \$510.00 was received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to ratify the sale of the vehicle for \$510.00.

I, Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk, do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and complete copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a public meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford at a meeting held on July 5, 2018.



 Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

RES. 2018:143 GRANT A VETERAN OR WIFE OF VETERAN TAX DEDUCTION

RESOLUTION 2018:143

GRANT A VETERAN OR WIFE OF VETERAN TAX DEDUCTION

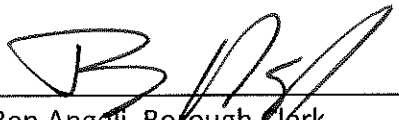
WHEREAS, all the eligibility requirements for a 2018 VETERAN or WIDOW OF A VETERAN property tax deduction have been met by the following residents:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
6	12	Opal Ramirez	14 Copper Ave	250.00

WHEREAS, the deduction has been approved by the Borough Tax Assessor and Tax Collector;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council that a tax deduction be granted to the above-mentioned residents and these deductions be placed on the 2018 tax list.

I, Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk, do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and complete copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a public meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford at a meeting held on July 5, 2018.


Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

RES. 2018:144 REMOVE SENIOR CITIZEN TAX DEDUCTIONS

RESOLUTION 2018:144


REMOVE SENIOR CITIZEN TAX DEDUCTIONS

WHEREAS, all eligibility requirements for a SENIOR CITIZEN tax deduction for the year 2018 have not been met by the following residents due to their exceeding the statutory limitations in income and age or sale of the property or failure to file the annual Post Year Tax Statement:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
8	23	Victoria Tracy	123 Whitman Ave	250.00
26	15	Donna Sebest	303 N Atlantic Ave E	250.00
27	4	Janina Sacavitch	118 Vassar Ave	250.00
46	16	Robert Schlagle	316 Vassar Ave	250.00
56	18	Robert Wilsey	131 Suburban Terr	250.00
71	6.04	Loretta Morello	16 Pennsylvania Ave	250.00
80	12	Kathleen Sherman	31 Drexel Ave	250.00
87.05	3	Gene Willem	9 Academy Drive	250.00
107	18	Brian Harkin	8 Summit Road	250.00
114	1.02 C0096	Eleanor Keane	1B Sunnybrook Road	250.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that the above deductions be removed from the tax records for the year 2018.

I, Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk, do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and complete copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a public meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford at a meeting held on July 5, 2018.


Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

RES. 2018:145 ENDORSEMENT OF THE STRATFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT'S APPLICATION TO THE US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COPS OFFICE GRANT ENTITLED "STOPPING SCHOOL VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM"

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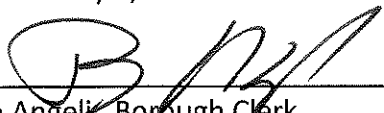
WHEREAS, the Stratford Police Department desires to make an application to the US Department of Justice COPS Office Grant entitled "Stopping School Violence Prevention Program"; and

WHEREAS, stopping school violence has become an issue that needs as much attention and training as possible; and

WHEREAS, the Stratford Police Department's grant application will seek funding for the health and welfare of the children, families and school staffs of the Borough; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford to endorse the Stratford Police Department's application to the US Department of Justice COPS office grant entitled "Stopping School Violence Prevention Program"

I, Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk, do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and complete copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a public meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford at a meeting held on July 5, 2018.


Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

RES. 2018:146 CHAPTER 159 – ALCOHOL EDUCATION AND REHAB GRANT (\$4,613.64)

RESOLUTION 2018-146

CHAPTER 159 – ALCOHOL EDUCATION AND REHAB GRANT

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

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

SECTION 1.

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 four thousand six hundred thirteen dollars and 64 cents (\$4,613.64) Alcohol Education & Rehab Grant which item is now available pursuant to the provision of statute; and

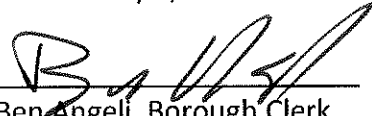
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of four thousand six hundred thirteen dollars and 64 cents (\$4,613.64) be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

ALCOHOL EDUCATION & REHAB GRANT

SECTION 3.

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, Borough Clerk, do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and complete copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a public meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford at a meeting held on July 5, 2018.


Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

RES. 2018:147

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

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 and #5 matters relating to the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property or the investment of public funds and #6 matters relating to public safety and property. The approximate time of this session should be 45 minutes. Action may be taken after the session.

RESOLUTION 2018:147

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.

 X (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 July 5, 2018 that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on July 5, 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, do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and complete copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a public meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford at a meeting held on July 5, 2018.


Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

RES. 2018:148 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TREE REMOVAL SERVICES WITH A CUT ABOVE LLC.

RESOLUTION 2018:148

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TREE REMOVAL SERVICES WITH A CUT ABOVE LLC.

WHEREAS, the Borough was 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 (3) quotes for the tree removal services, the lowest of which was \$2750.00 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 LLC in the amount of \$2750.00 is hereby approved.

I, Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk, do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and complete copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a public meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford at a meeting held on July 5, 2018.


Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Hartman thanked Linda and her committee for all they did for the 4th of July festivities. He said it was a great day. Councilwoman Hall thanked everyone for their help. She requested that we order the second speaker for the sound system and mentioned that she has already spoken to a string band and another small band for next year. Councilwoman Lomanno wanted to acknowledge the Chief for all the work he did on putting the grant package together and everything he did to make it possible to get police coverage in the schools.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

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

There were no questions or comments from the public.

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

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

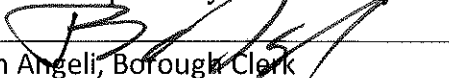
Hartman motioned to close executive session. Hall seconded the motion and all members present voting in favor in a voice vote.

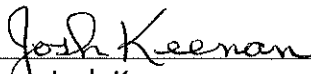
No action was taken in Executive session. The Mayor, all Council members that were present before the executive session, the Solicitor and the Clerk were present upon return to open session.

ADJOURN:

Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting, Lomanno 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