

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 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	TINA LOMANNO, COUNCILWOMAN- PRESENT
COUNCIL PRESIDENT FRANK HARTMAN - PRESENT	STUART PLATT, SOLICITOR - PRESENT
TOM COLLINS, COUNCILMAN- PRESENT	STEVEN BACH, BOROUGH ENGINEER - PRESENT
PATRICK GILLIGAN, COUNCILMAN- PRESENT	RON MORELLO, POLICE CHIEF- PRESENT
PATRICK GREEN, COUNCILMAN- PRESENT	BEN ANGELI, BOROUGH CLERK- PRESENT
LINDA HALL, COUNCILWOMAN - ABSENT	

PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

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

No one from the public spoke.

Councilman Gilligan motioned to close the public portion for agenda items. Councilwoman 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:

FEBRUARY 2018
COUNCIL REPORT

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| 2/2 | During the morning hours, we were called to a home on Academy for an unconscious male. Longtime resident had passed of Natural Causes (Cauley – Hillside Rd) |
| 2/5 | During the evening hours we were called the emergency room for a problem with a patient. In this case, crisis released a female who upon discharge made off with a fire extinguisher reasoning she needed the property for self-defense from Aliens. The medical staff insisted she was good to go... no charges were filed. |
| 2/8 | With the assistance of DPW, we put out Pope Road closure plan into place in East Stratford for the Eagles Parade. We staffed that district for about 14 hours and managed to hold the neighborhood from being -log jammed. From Bradlees to PATCO was packed, UBER really helped our situation. Other than 15 parking tickets and a lot of litter, the crowd was orderly and patient. |
| 2/13 | After the last council meeting, we removed the trashed bike that was on the corner of Suburban – Bryant. Within 8 hours, the person who apparently abandoned the junker found it in the police trash before the trashmen could remove it. He re-trash picked the bike (whereabouts is unknown) |
| 2/14 | A Demontia patient wandered from the ER, and was found by a Good Samaritan on the WHP near Echelon Ford. Disturbingly the hospital was unaware she walked away. |
| 2/15 | During the evening hours we were called to the Burgor King for a report of an unconscious male in the restroom. Yes, an |

overdose, the male was administered a double dose of narcan. He was revised and sent to Jefferson Hospital.

Fast-forward 2/2, 28th of the moment. Same suspect was arrested for shoplifting in our town. Rite Aid, then CVS oh and Wall Greens in Lindenwold.

2/19 A crisis patient in the ER assaulted 2/19 a Nurse
Charges files

2/20 Four nurses and a patient were assaulted by another crisis patient who was allowed to move freely about the ER. The victim patient suffer a fracture to his face, and the nurses were banged up pretty good trying to prevent the lunatic from beating the sick patient. Ironically, no security officers were assaulted in this melee??

2/21 Another nurse was assaulted the following day; this poor women suffered a broken wrist at the hands of a crisis patient.

2/24 During the afternoon. We were called to a home on Swarthmore Avenue for a report of an intoxicated male threatening suicide by cutting himself. Officers found him barricaded in his bedroom holding a butcher block of kitchen knives. They were able to de-escalate the situation and get him to the hospital.

2/22 Since the Parkside School District Tragedy, we have been called to investigate about a dozen incidents within our schools. All were investigated. some were false rumors, somewhere irresponsible verbal statements; some were just bad information in some cases circulated by adults.

Given the alarming uptick in violence, police calls and drain on police services. Mayor Keenan and I have met with the Chief Administrative Officer of Kennedy in an attempt to convince them to increase their security program. Not a real productive meeting as far as solutions.

Laurel Road ... storm, water pipes and inlets being constructed. I am hoping we have Laurel Road open by mid to late April.

ENGINEER REPORT: Mr. Steven Bach read the update on the following report:



ENGINEER'S STATUS REPORT
Borough of Stratford
March 2018

FY 2018 NJDOT Municipal Aid Funding

Update:

- The Borough has been informed by the NJDOT that it will be receiving \$270,000 for construction and inspection of this project. Our office has submitted a proposal to the Borough for the estimated cost of survey, design, and construction administration. Our office anticipates construction for spring / summer of 2018.

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.

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

Update:

- Construction has commenced with all concrete flatwork completed. Paving has been completed on Rolling Road but has yet to be completed on Steepy Hollow Road. Also, striping has yet to be completed. Construction will resume once weather permits.

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.

FY 2018 Road Program – Reconstruction/Resurfacing of Homestead Road and Additional Roadways

Update:

- Bach Associates has met with the Engineering Committee and Borough Clerk to discuss potential roads in need of reconstruction/resurfacing and provided cost estimates for all roadways under consideration. Top priority of those in consideration are Homestead Road (which was under consideration for the 2017 Road Program), sections of Winding Way, Evergreen Road and Green Tree Road.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: The Clerk read through the following items:

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| REPORT #1 | PROCLAMATION FOR PARKVIEW EMPLOYEES ON FOR TUESDAY |
| REPORT #2 | RESOLUTION FOR TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION ON FOR TUESDAY |
| REPORT #3 | RESOLUTION TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVE TO SUBMIT REPORT ON TUES. |
| REPORT #4 | RESOLUTION TO FULLY EXTEND 2018 BUDGET ON FOR TUESDAY |
| REPORT #5 | 2018 NJDOT GRANT – Mr. Bach mentioned in his report. |
| REPORT #6 | PROPERTY AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING WITH MR RISO |
| REPORT #7 | GUN LEGISLATION RESOLUTION – Mr. Platt explained the resolution. |
| REPORT #8 | EEOC AFFADAVIT – Clerk explained that this was new to the budget process. |
| REPORT #9 | STORM UPDATE – Clerk stated that there was a list of over 100 trees that either came down or lost large branches. |

The Clerk also mentioned that the Rabies clinic would be the following Saturday.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTIONS 2018:60 THROUGH 2018:62 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.

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| RES. 2018:60 | APPROVE BUSINESS LICENSES
Appliance Outlet – 41 South White Horse Pike
Hi-Tech Auto Repair and Maintenance Center – 36 Berlin Road
Steve’s Grilled Cheese and Quesadilla Company – 804 North White Horse Pike |
| RES. 2018:61 | APPROVE SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE FOR JOHN PAUL II CHARITY RUN |

RES. 2018:62

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. And #5 Matters relating to the Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property or the Investment of Public Funds. The approximate time of this session should be 30 minutes. Action may be taken after the session

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.

RAFFLE/BINGO LICENSE:

Raffle License #661 Stratford Athletic Association

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Gilligan thanked the Public Works Department workers for the great job they did handling the snow.

Councilwoman Lomanno spoke about investigating the idea of police officers in the local schools.

Councilman Collins thanked the DPW workers, the police and fire department for their efforts with the Snow storm.

Councilman Hartman said that the fire department was out all night.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

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

Chris Maryasz, Cornell Ave., asked if there was any accountability for plow operators damaging cars. said they pushed snow up under her car, totally covered the car and broke off a plastic piece of the car.

Mr. Platt said if she wanted to make a claim, the clerk would provide a claim form.

Agnes Moore, Laureba Ave., asked about the issue of the number of cases at the hospital that the police have to handle. She also asked about the gun violence resolution that was discussed. Mr. Platt explained that it was a policy resolution designed to encourage passing laws to protect schools, students and staff. Ms. Moore stated that we needed to put more money into the schools for safety.

Stephanie Jesberger, Colby Ave., asked if there was a place to park cars during snow storms. Mr. Hartman said that you can park on your lawn during storms. Ms. Jesberger also mentioned that sometimes the snow plow leave the snow over the storm drains and that makes it more difficult for the snow to go down.

The clerk mentioned that clearing the drains was part of the normal snow removal process.

Ms. Maryasz spoke about her car and the damage again and Mr. Hartman responded.

Councilman Collins motioned to close the Good and Welfare portion of the meeting.

Councilwoman Lomanno 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.

Councilman Green 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 Hartman 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:



Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk



Mayor Josh Keenan