

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
 TUESDAY JANUARY 8, 2019
 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER:

STATEMENT OF ADVERTISEMENT:

ROLL CALL:

PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

REPORTS:

ORDINANCE & PROPERTY	Councilman Patrick Green
FINANCE & REVENUE	Councilman Patrick Gilligan
EMERGENCY SERVICES	Councilwoman Frank Hartman
PUBLIC WORKS & LIGHTING	Councilman Tom Collins
PUBLIC EVENTS	Councilwoman Linda Hall
POLICE	Councilwoman Tina Lomanno

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE 2019:01 BOND ORDINANCE

This is the first reading and introduction, the public hearing for this ordinance will be on February 12, 2019 at 7:00.

RES. 2019:27 SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM GRANT (\$30,000.00)

RES. 2019:28 VETERAN'S TAX CANCELLATION AND EXEMPTION

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Animal checks		through		
Manual checks		through		
Payroll checks		through		and
Payroll checks		through		
Automated checks		through		
Various electronic transfers and potential interim payments				

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

GOOD AND WELFARE:

ADJOURN:

ORDINANCE 2019-01

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE
BOROUGH OF STRATFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY,
APROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$30,000.00 THEREFORE AND
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$28,500.00 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH
TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THERE OF

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

SECTION 1. The improvements described in Section 3 of this Bond Ordinance are hereby respectively authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Stratford, New Jersey as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriations made for the improvements or purposes, such sums amounting in the aggregate to \$30,000.00 including the aggregate sum of \$1,500.00 as the down payment for the improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law. The down payments have been made available by virtue of provisions for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

SECTION 2. In order to finance the cost of improvement or purpose not covered by application of the several down payments, negotiable Bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$28,500.00 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds, negotiable Bond Anticipation Notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

SECTION 3. The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for which the Bonds are to be issued, the estimated cost for each improvement and the appropriation therefore, the estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness for each improvement are respectively as follows:

PURPOSE	APPROPRIATION & ESTIMATED COST	ESTIMATED MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF BONDS OR NOTES	PERIOD OF AVERAGE USEFULNESS
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SEE SCHEDULE "A" ATTACHED

The excess of the appropriation made for each of the improvements or purposes aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued therefore, as above stated, is amount of the down payment for each purpose.

SECTION 4. All Bond Anticipation Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer; provided that no Note shall mature alter than one year from its date. The Notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as many be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this Ordinance, and the Chief Financial Officer's signature upon the Notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8 (a). The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the Notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 5. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and state:

- (a) The purposes described in Section 3 of this Bond Ordinance are not current expenses. They are improvements, and no part of the costs thereof have been or shall be specifically assessed on property specially benefited thereby.
- (b) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of Obligations authorized for each purpose and the reasonable lives thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is five (5) years or more.
- (c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly Prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof as been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of the Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the Gross debt of the Borough as defined by the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the Bonds and Notes provided in this Bond Ordinance by \$28,500.00 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.
- (d) \$3,000.00 of expenses listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 are included in the estimated cost herein for the purposes of improvements.

SECTION 6. Any grant moneys received for the purposes described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the costs of the improvements or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this Ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized by not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such that such funds are so used.

SECTION 7. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough is obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

SECTION 8. This Bond Ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Mayor Josh Keenan

ATTEST:

Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION 2019:27

SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM (\$30,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford wishes to apply for funding of approximately \$30,000 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 19-0432; and

WHEREAS, the Subaward period is between April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020; 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 19-0432.

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 8th day of January, 2019.

Ben Angeli, Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION 2019:28

VETERAN'S TAX CANCELLATION AND EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, an application has been received from Robert J Parker at 13 Meadow Lark Road, Block 97, Lot 8, for an exemption from the payment of property taxes; and

WHEREAS, Robert J Parker suffered from a service-connected disability and has been declared 100% permanently and totally disabled by the U.S. Veterans Administration; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has determined that Robert J Parker has submitted the required documentation and is entitled to an exemption from property taxes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford to place Mr. Parker's property on the Exempt Property List effective November 1, 2018.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that property taxes billed for the 4th quarter 2018 in the amount of \$1,230.71 be canceled and the amount of \$1,230.71 refunded to Robert J Parker.

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 held on January 8, 2019

Ben Angeli, R.M.C.