

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2019
7:00 P.M.

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

STATEMENT OF ADVERTISEMENT: The Mayor read the following statement:

Notice of this meeting has been provided to the Courier Post and The Retrospect and is posted on the Borough Hall Bulletin Board stating the time and the place of the meeting.

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

ROLL CALL:

MAYOR JOSH KEENAN – PRESENT
COUNCIL PRESIDENT TINA LOMANNO – PRESENT
TOM COLLINS, COUNCILMAN – ABSENT
PATRICK GILLIGAN, COUNCILMAN – PRESENT
PATRICK GREEN, COUNCILMAN – PRESENT
LINDA HALL, COUNCILWOMAN – PRESENT
FRANK HARTMAN, COUNCILMAN – PRESENT
CHRIS NORMAN, BOROUGH SOLICITOR – PRESENT
RON MORELLO, POLICE CHIEF – PRESENT
CHRIS CONROY, BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – PRESENT
MICHAELA BOSLER, ACTING BOROUGH CLERK - PRESENT

PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Gilligan 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.

No comments from the public were made.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

- HONORING THE STRATFORD SWIM CLUB – Councilwoman Lomanno read the proclamation for the Stratford Swim Club and their Board of Directors for their success in fundraising enough money to save the organization financially.

REPORTS:

ORDINANCE & PROPERTY Councilman Patrick Green read the report as follows:

Total number of properties inspected: 57
Pending issues from the previous month: 25
 24 of the pending issues abated
Total number of violations found: 26
 5 of the issues have been abated
 18 of the issues are pending follow up
Warning letters issued to property owners: 12
Properties cited: 7

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Citations issued: 19

Submitted by Michaela Bosler, Acting Borough Clerk

FINANCE & REVENUE

Councilman Patrick Gilligan read the report as follows:

Balance as of 6-1-19 – \$1,871,470.92

Total Receipts – \$316,238.89

Total Disbursements – \$1,128,292.33

Balance as of 6-30-19 – \$1,059,417.48

Total in other Funds - \$2,056,693.23

POLICE

Councilwoman Lomanno read the report as follows:

29 Adult arrests,

2 Juvenile arrests,

0 assaults to police,

6 Simple assaults Complaints,

11 Criminal Mischief Complaints,

17 Harassment complaints,

109 Other investigations and complaints,

1 burglaries,

0 robberies,

6 thefts in the amount of \$3,760.00,

\$21,760.00 in stolen property recovered,

1 (recovered) motor vehicle thefts,

8 D.W.I. arrests,

12 Narcotics arrests,

412 Traffic summonses issued,

28 Motor vehicle accidents,

6 injuries from accidents, including 1 bicyclist

31 Alarm activations,

89 Total crime reports taken

119 total calls for police service

42 Properties inspected

84 Warning letters issued

19 Code Summonses Issued

Submitted by Ron Morello, Chief of Police

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Councilman Frank Hartman read portions of the following reports:

Fire Department

The Stratford Fire Department responded to 46 Alarms 2 Drills in the month June 2019. The following list is a breakdown of the same:

Dwelling Fires	1
Building Fires	1
Investigations	2
Out of Town Assists	17
Alarm Systems	8
Assist Ambulance, Police, Public	6
Car Fires	0

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Wires, Trees Down	5
Rescues & M.V.A.'s	7
Brush Fires	2
Drills	2

Total man hours on the above alarm drills was 439

Submitted by Stephen Gagliardi, Deputy Chief

Ambulance Association

The Stratford Ambulance Association **Paid Crew** responded to 134 Alarms in the month of **June 2019**, the following is a breakdown of the same:

	Paid	
	<u>Month</u>	<u>Y.T.D.</u>
1. Assault	5	11
2. Bleeding	9	28
3. Cardiac	8	48
4. CVA	6	20
5. Diabetic	3	10
6. Fall	9	68
7. Fire Call	0	15
8. Haz-Mat	0	0
9. Maternity	0	1
10. Medical Emergency	38	190
11. Medical Alarm	3	14
12. MVA	8	51
13. Overdose	3	10
14. Ped/MVA	1	7
15. Psych. Emergency	6	43
16. Respiratory	15	74
17. Seizures	3	14
18. Sick Person	6	24
19. Special Assignment	0	0
20. Unconscious Person	11	43

Year to Date Calls

Paid: 671

Submitted by Lois Tadley, Chief-Stratford Ambulance

The Stratford Ambulance Association **Volunteer Crew** responded to 8 Alarms in the month of **June 2019**, the following is a breakdown of the same:

	Volunteer	
	<u>Month</u>	<u>Y.T.D.</u>
1. Assault	0	0
2. Bleeding	0	7
3. Cardiac	2	7
4. CVA	0	0
5. Diabetic	0	0
6. Fall	0	7
7. Fire Call	1	6
8. Haz-Mat	0	0
9. Maternity	0	0
10. Medical Emergency	1	16
11. Medical Alarm	0	2
12. MVA	0	11
13. Overdose	0	2

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14. Ped/MVA	0	0
15. Psych. Emergency	2	13
16. Respiratory	0	9
17. Seizures	0	1
18. Sick Person	0	3
19. Special Assignment	0	0
20. Unconscious Person	2	3

Year to Date Calls

Volunteer: 87

Submitted by Lois Tadley, Chief-Stratford Ambulance

PUBLIC WORKS & LIGHTING Councilwoman Linda Hall read the reports as follows:

Sewer Utility

- Call outs for emergency service: 10
- Performed preemptive checks and required maintenance of all manholes and pump stations
- Sewer line maintenance performed: N/A
- Work requests performed:
 - Worked with Public Works Dept. to install new benches and picnic tables at Vassar/Hagerty playground
 - Repaired broken metal storm drain plate (run over by heavy truck) located at Hunt and Coolidge Ave.
 - Set up courtroom for primary election and restored to courtroom set up
 - Checked 114 and 116 Berlin Rd. for broken windows (follow up on repetitive prior problems)
 - Cleared storm drains throughout the Borough June 18, 19, and 21 on occasions of heavy rain
 - With Borough Administrator, inspected 7 storm drain outfalls in the College Circle, Temple Ave., Beaver Circle, Winding Way Rd. area for condition, illicit connections and scouring
- Regular maintenance activities performed include:
 - Weekly trash pickup and cleanup at Yellin School, Parkview School and Vassar Ave. ball fields
 - Bi-weekly town wide metal/appliance collection

Public Works

- Finished planting of flowers
- Cutting of Borough properties and parks
- Cutting of schools
- Cutting of Sterling Arms
- Chipper out two times for the month
- Maintenance of trucks and lawn equipment
- Cutting of railroad
- Ran town and fixed potholes
- Installed two benches and two picnic tables at playground
- Started yard waste pick up this month, weekly pickup
- Trimming of bushes
- Removal of advertisement signs nailed to poles on corners

PUBLIC EVENTS

Councilwoman Hall thanked all of the participants of the 4th of July Parade and Festivities. Thanked all of the people who volunteered their time: Borough employees, Dan Bove, SAO, Miss Stratford and her court. Thanked Season's Pizza for providing the food at no expense to the Borough. Announced the next event will be Stratford's 1st National Night Out held at Parkview School on Tuesday, August 6th. The event is sponsored by the Stratford Police Department, Fire

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Department, Ambulance Association, Park Commission, and Mayor and Council.
There will be food, games, rides, and a movie held at dusk.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ORDINANCE 2019:14 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO THE FIVE-YEAR EXEMPTION AND ABATEMENT LAW

Hartman motioned to open the public hearing on ordinance 2019:14. Lomanno seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Voice Vote.

- Joe Hahn – Buttonwood Rd. – Questioned the statutes referenced in the ordinance.
- John Gentless – 111 Union Ave. – Questioned if the abatement stays with the property; not the entity. Questioned which use the redeveloper will be building first.
- Joe Hahn – Buttonwood Rd. – Asked for confirmation that commercial will be excluded from the abatement.
- Tom Speer – 8 College Circle – Questioned if this plan sets a standard for the other redevelopment projects going on.

Hartman motioned to close the public hearing on ordinance 2019:14. Hall seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Voice Vote.

Gilligan motioned to adopt Ordinance 2019:14. Lomanno seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ORDINANCE 2019:15 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND SALARY RANGES FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD, CAMDEN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This is the first reading and introduction, the public hearing for this ordinance will be on August 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m..

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford:

SECTION 1: The salaries and salary ranges of the officers and employees commencing as of January 01, 2019 are established as follows:

TITLE	ANNUAL COMPLENSATION	
Mayor	\$5,253.15	P/T
Mayor performs marriage or civil union ceremony	100.00 per	P/T
Council Members (each)	4,253.91	P/T
Borough Clerk	70,000.00 – 90,000.00	
Borough Administrator	70,000.00 – 90,000.00	
Deputy Borough Clerk	30,000.00 – 60,000.00	
Tax Collector	70,122.89 – 80,000.00	
Certified Municipal Finance Officer	47,745.84 – 55,000.00	
Public Works Supervisor	56,515.40 – 65,000.00	

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Public Works Assistant Supervisor		48,865.16 – 50,000.00	
Public Works Laborer 1		30,600.00 – 40,000.00	
Public Works Laborer 2		35,190.00 – 37,000.00	
Public Works Laborer 3		39,780.00 – 41,000.00	
Public Works Temporary		10.00-18.00 hour	P/T
Tax Assessor		10,000.00 – 13,000.00 P/T	P/T
Deputy Tax Assessor		10,000.00 – 13,000.00 P/T	P/T
Tax Searcher		663.87 – 800.00 P/T	P/T
Registrar		4,500.00 – 9,000.00	
Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics		3,326.43 – 9,000.00	
Clerk Typist/Construction Clerk		21,000.00 – 40,000.00	
Clerk 1		30,000.00 – 45,000.00	
Emergency Program Manager		2,500.00	P/T
Secretary to Joint Land Use Board		1650.04 – 3,000.00	P/T
Secretary/Administrator to Park Commission		1,200.00 – 1,500.00	P/T
Zoning Administrative Officer		1266.06 – 3,000.00	P/T
Zoning Officer		2,600.00 – 4,500.00	P/T
Municipal Magistrate		517.05 per session	P/T
Construction Clerk		7.50-16.00 hour	P/T
Municipal Prosecutor		408.00 per session	P/T
Municipal Public Defender		2,729.89 + 227.49 per 4th session	P/T
Court Sound Recorder Operator		51.765 per session	P/T
Court Secretary		34,612.17 – 41,000.00	
Court Temporary		6.00 to 16.00 hour	P/T
Certified Court Temporary		75.00 per session	P/T
Site Plan Inspector		12.00 – 15.00 per hour	P/T
Police Chief		150,000.00 – 155,000.00	
Police Captain		96,672.24 – 107,948.02	
Police Lieutenant		95,967.51 – 107,194.07	
Police Sergeant		92,856.10 – 103,864.86	
Patrolman Starting Salary		48,713.99	
Patrolman Starting Salary 2nd Year		58,486.67	
Patrolman Starting Salary 3rd Year		74,049.31	
Patrolman Starting Salary 4th Year		80,603.15	
Patrolman Starting Salary 5th Year		88,794.67 – 99,519.14	
School Traffic Guards		31.55 – 35.00 a day	P/T
Special Class II Police Officers		8.50 – 35.00 per hour	P/T
Special Class I Police Officer		8.00 – 18.00 per hour	P/T
Court Administrator		59,160.00 – 75,000.00	
Construction Code Official		4,500.00 – 20,000.00	P/T
Housing Inspector		12.00 – 15.00 per hour	P/T
Plumbing Inspector		8,000.00 – 10,000.00	P/T
Electrical Inspector		10,000.00 – 37,000.00	P/T

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Part time Police Officer/Bailiff/Security		7.00 – 18.00 per hour	P/T
Police Officer Seat Belt		55.00 per hour	P/T
Police Officer DWI		75.00 per hour	P/T
Police Secretary		34,673.04 – 38,000.00	
Police P/T Secretary		11.00-15.00 per hour	P/T
Transcript Service		.15 per line	P/T
Special DWI Court Per Session:			
Judge		517.05	P/T
Prosecutor		408.00	P/T
Public Defender		227.49	P/T
Court Administrator		100.00	P/T
Court Secretary		65.00	P/T
Sound Recorder		51.765	P/T
UTILITY			
Accounting Clerk		30,000.00 – 50,000.00	P/T
Licensed Operator		66,369.27 – 75,000.00	
License Compensation		6,500.00	P/T
Repairman		56,972.00 - 65,000.00	
Account Clerk		15.00 – 25.00 per hour	P/T
Code Enforcement Official		12.00 - 15.00 per hour	P/T
Site Plan Inspector		12.00 - 15.00 per hour	P/T

SECTION 2: This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

Green motioned to approve the introduction of Ordinance 2019:15. Hall seconded the motion and all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

- ORDINANCE 2019:16 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 8.56, ENTITLED “BOARD OF HEALTH REGULATIONS,” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD

This is the first reading and introduction, the public hearing for this ordinance will be on August 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m..

WHEREAS, Article 3, entitled “Smoke Control,” of Chapter 8.56, entitled “Board of Health Regulations,” of the Code of the Borough of Stratford adopts a code regulating the emission of smoke from fuel-burning equipment, internal-combustion engines, open fires, stacks or chimneys, and provides for the inspection of fuel-burning equipment, pursuant to the Public Health and Sanitation Codes Adoption by Reference Act; and

WHEREAS, upon recommendation of the Borough Fire Chief, Chapter 8.56 has been determined by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford to be in need of revision and modification to include additional safety regulations pertaining to open burning within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2 the Mayor and Borough Council may make, amend, repeal and enforce such other ordinances, regulations, rules and by-laws not contrary to the laws of this state or of the United States, as it may deem

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necessary and proper for the good government, order and protection of persons and property, and for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the Borough and its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council deem it in the best interest of public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Borough to amend Article 3 of Chapter 8.56 to include the additional safety regulations recommended by the Borough Fire Chief pertaining to open burning within the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that the Code of the Borough of Stratford is hereby amended, revised and/or supplemented as follows:

SECTION 1. Article 3, entitled "Smoke Control," of Chapter 8.56, entitled "Board of Health Regulations," of the Code of the Borough of Stratford is hereby amended, modified and/or supplemented to read as follows:

"Article 3 - Smoke Control

8.56.090 - Acceptance of standards.

- A. A code regulating the emission of smoke from fuel-burning equipment, internal-combustion engines, open fires, stacks or chimneys, and providing for the inspection of fuel-burning equipment, is established pursuant to the Public Health and Sanitation Codes Adoption by Reference Act (L. 1950, Chapter 188). A copy of said code is annexed hereto and made a part hereof without the inclusion of the text thereof herein.
- B. Stratford Borough hereby further adopts the following regulations concerning open burning within Borough limits as follows:
 - 1. Definitions.
 - (a) "Open burning" the kindling of a fire in the open air without containment or in outdoor structures that permit products of combustion to be emitted directly into the ambient air space, excluding gas or charcoal grill barbecues.
 - (b) "Approved outdoor structures" noncombustible containers which include but may not be limited to outdoor fireplaces, fire pits, receptacles, chimeneas, patio warmers, portable woodburning devices or other devices which meet the minimum standards set forth in this article that permit products of combustion to be emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber and which do not provide effective control of the air pollutants generated and are used for outdoor recreation and/or heating.
 - 2. Regulations. Open burning shall be permitted in approved outdoor structures subject to the following requirements:
 - (a) Open burning shall be conducted 25 feet from dwelling (15 feet if in approved outdoor structure with spark arrestor);
 - (b) Open burning shall be conducted 25 feet from any structure, combustible exterior wall, or other combustibles that may ignite and permit the spread of a fire. Examples include but are not limited to shrubs, trees, fences, wood piles, leaf piles, etc. (15 feet if in approved outdoor structure with spark arrestor);
 - (c) While open burning is being conducted, it shall be attended by a competent person of at least 18 years of age at all times until fully extinguished;

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- (d) Any person conducting open burning shall have at least one (1) form of extinguishment or fire-suppression readily available;
- (e) No person shall cause an open fire or outdoor fire to be used or maintained in such a manner as to cause a nuisance to neighbors; and
- (f) The Code Enforcement Officer or police officer may order an outdoor burning activity to cease if conditions are such or the activity is so situated as to endanger the health or safety of persons or property located in the general area of the activity. If the party responsible for outdoor burning activity does not immediately comply with an order to cease given pursuant to this subsection, the party responsible shall be subject to the penalties set forth below. Any open fire or open burning or use of a chimenea, outdoor fireplace, or fire pit which creates a nuisance or is deemed to be a hazard is to be extinguished.

8.56.100 - Title. [No Changes.]

8.56.110 - Copies on file. [No Changes.]

8.56.120 - Violations and penalties. [No Changes.]”

SECTION 2. Except as set forth in Section 1 above, the balance of the Code of the Borough of Stratford shall not be affected by this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. All Ordinances contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are inconsistent herewith.

SECTION 4. If the provisions of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order of judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon posting, publication, final passage in the manner prescribed by law.

Hartman motioned to approve the introduction of Ordinance 2019:16. Lomanno seconded the motion and all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTIONS 2019:162 THROUGH 2019:163 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 were no requests to remove any of the resolutions from the consent agenda and the Clerk read the resolutions by title.

○ RES. 2019:162 – AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

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WHEREAS, The Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Stratford Borough Governing Body further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, each year the Stratford Borough Governing Body has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Camden; and

WHEREAS, a shared service agreement with the Borough of Stratford, the Borough of Laurel Springs, the Borough of Somerdale, the Borough of Hi-Nella and the County of Camden has been provided,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign the agreement

o RES. 2019:163 – APPROVING AMENDMENT TO BINGO LICENSE BL673 FOR OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PTA

WHEREAS, Our Lady of Guadalupe PTA has applied for and received an identification number 483-5-38843 allowing Our Lady of Guadalupe PTA the ability to conduct games of bingo with proper approval; and

WHEREAS, Our Lady of Guadalupe PTA applied for and received a bingo license numbered BL673; and

WHEREAS, Our Lady of Guadalupe PTA has submitted an application to amend their bingo license BL673; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk has reported that the legal preliminaries have been strictly complied with; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council submits Our Lady of Guadalupe PTA’s application to amend BL673 to the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Animal checks	1815	through	1817	
Manual checks	19902	through	19905	
Payroll checks	50922	through	50925	
Automated checks	33298	through	33400	
Various electronic transfers and potential interim payments to R. Volpe Construction, Constellation Energy, ACE, UGI, and SJ Gas				

Gilligan motioned to approve the payment of the bills. Hall seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- o Councilwoman Hall – None
- o Councilman Hartman – None

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- Councilwoman Lomanno – Thanked Councilwoman Hall for all her hard work during the 4th of July parade. Encouraged residents to come to National Night Out.
- Councilman Gilligan – Stated he is looking forward to Stratford’s 1st National Night Out.
- Councilman Green – None

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Hall 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.

- Joe Hahn – Buttonwood Rd. – Suggested combining the 4th of July parade with run with Stratford Swim Club collaboration. Asked if anyone could follow up with the County to put curbs in on Atlantic Ave. Questioned if police officers received a comp day for the 5th of July since the rest of the Borough employees received off. Questioned the Jefferson financial agreement and members of Council who participated in the negotiations.
- Tom Speer – 8 College Circle – Questioned the purpose of the Sterling Municipal Alliance Agreement. Questioned if it would be more cost effective to participate in the county library program.
- John Gentless – 111 Union Ave. – Questioned if any action was taken after executive session last night. Asked for the status on having the Veteran’s Memorial updated.
- Eileen Rueter – 102 Winding Way Rd. – Commended the Stratford Swim Club.

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


ADJOURN:

Green motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.. Hall seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:



Michaela Bosler, Acting Borough Clerk



Mayor Josh Keenan