

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 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 – PRESENT
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:

Green 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.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

- RECOGNITION OF RETIREMENT – CAPTAIN ROBERT J. KELLY – Councilwoman Lomanno read the proclamation for congratulating Captain Robert J. Kelly on his retirement from the Stratford Police Department.
- RES. 2019:140 APPOINTMENT OF A POLICE CAPTAIN – STEPHEN J. MCBRIDE

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 a Police Captain is needed; and

WHEREAS, Stephen J. McBride is one of the top three candidates, who passed the New Jersey Civil Service Examination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor & Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford to appoint:

STEPHEN J. MCBRIDE

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As Police Captain from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission, Certified List # PL190276 dated March 15, 2019 at the salary of \$107,948.02 as contained in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Borough of Stratford and PBA Local 30.

Hartman motioned to approve the resolution. Hall seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

Oath of office to Captain Stephen J. McBride administered by Councilwoman Lomanno.

REPORTS:

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

Total number of properties inspected: 59
Warning letters issued: 56
Total number of violations found: 87
49 of the issues have been abated
13 of the issues were not abated
25 of the issues are pending follow up
Citations issued: 13

Submitted by Michaela Bosler, Acting Borough Clerk

FINANCE & REVENUE Councilman Patrick Gilligan read the report as follows:

Balance as of 5-1-19 – \$2,450,651.46
Total Receipts – \$1,790,653.37
Total Disbursements – \$2,369,833.91
Balance as of 5-31-19 – \$1,871,470.92
Total in other Funds - \$2,124,505.29

POLICE Councilwoman Lomanno read the report as follows:

38 Adult arrests,
8 Juvenile arrests,
1 assaults to police,
9 Simple assaults Complaints,
9 Criminal Mischief Complaints,
18 Harassment complaints,
109 Other investigations and complaints,
1 burglaries,
0 robberies,
11 thefts in the amount of \$83,222.00,
\$1,222.00 in stolen property recovered,
0 motor vehicle thefts,
12 D.W.I. arrests,
8 Narcotics arrests,
545 Traffic summonses issued,
38 Motor vehicle accidents,
8 injuries from accidents, including 3 pedestrians
31 Alarm activations,

96 Total crime reports taken
121 total calls for police service

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111 Properties inspected
 92 Warning letters issued
 22 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
 May 2019. The following list is a breakdown of the same:

Dwelling Fires	1
Building Fires	1
Investigations	4
Out of Town Assists	21
Alarm Systems	4
Assist Ambulance, Police, Public	6
Car Fires	0
Wires, Trees Down	3
Rescues & M.V.A.'s	9
Brush Fires	0
Drills	2

Total man hours on the above alarm drills was 521
Submitted by Stephen Gagliardi, Deputy Chief

Ambulance Association

The Stratford Ambulance Association **Paid Crew** responded to 128 Alarms
 in the month of **May 2019**, the following is a breakdown of the same:

	Paid	
	<u>Month</u>	<u>Y.T.D.</u>
1. Assault	2	6
2. Bleeding	6	19
3. Cardiac	10	40
4. CVA	0	14
5. Diabetic	1	7
6. Fall	18	59
7. Fire Call	3	15
8. Haz-Mat	0	0
9. Maternity	0	1
10. Medical Emergency	43	152
11. Medical Alarm	4	11
12. MVA	9	43
13. Overdose	1	7
14. Ped/MVA	2	6
15. Psych. Emergency	8	37
16. Respiratory	7	59
17. Seizures	2	11
18. Sick Person	2	18
19. Special Assignment	0	0
20. Unconscious Person	10	32

Year to Date Calls

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Paid: 537

Submitted by Lois Tadley, Chief-Stratford Ambulance

The Stratford Ambulance Association **Volunteer Crew** responded to **18 Alarms and 1 Drill** in the month of **May 2019**, the following is a breakdown of the same:

	Volunteer	
	Month	Y.T.D.
1. Assault	0	0
2. Bleeding	2	7
3. Cardiac	1	5
4. CVA	0	0
5. Diabetic	0	0
6. Fall	1	7
7. Fire Call	3	5
8. Haz-Mat	0	0
9. Maternity	0	0
10. Medical Emergency	2	15
11. Medical Alarm	0	2
12. MVA	1	11
13. Overdose	0	2
14. Ped/MVA	0	0
15. Psych. Emergency	4	11
16. Respiratory	4	9
17. Seizures	0	1
18. Sick Person	0	3
19. Special Assignment	0	0
20. Unconscious Person	0	1

Year to Date Calls

Volunteer: 79

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PUBLIC WORKS & LIGHTING Councilman Tom Collins read the reports as follows:

Sewer Utility

- Call outs for emergency service:
- Performed preemptive checks and required maintenance of all manholes and pump stations
- Sewer line maintenance performed: N/A
- Work requests performed:
 - Cleaned Senior Center gutters and replaced burnt out light bulbs
 - Fixed Vassar Ave. tennis net
 - Rearranged Borough Hall office furniture
 - Changed air conditioner filters at Borough Hall and Senior Center
 - Cleaned storm drains throughout the Borough twice on May 29th and May 30th
 - Replaced basketball nets at Vassar Ave.
- 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

- Cutting of Borough properties
- Cutting of railroad, Sterling Arms, Schools, and Quaker Store
- Line striping of police parking lot for additional parking
- Metal pick up

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- Chipping of town three times for the month
- Cleaning of storm drains
- Planting of flowers

PUBLIC EVENTS

Councilwoman Hall thanked the town and businesses for their support with the Miss Stratford Pageant. Announced 2019 Miss Stratford is Jamie Kaufman, 1st Runner Up is Julia Filipkowski, and Miss Congeniality is Genevieve Cline. They the 2019 Court wishes to come to the next meeting of Mayor and Council. Councilwoman Hall announced the next event is the Fourth of July Parade. Stated she is accepting suggestions for activities in addition to what is already planned.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ORDINANCE 2019:11 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 8.40, ENTITLED “SOLID WASTE REMOVAL,” AND CHAPTER 1.12, ENTITLED “FEES,” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD

Hartman motioned to open the public hearing on ordinance 2019:11. Hall seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Voice Vote.

There were no comments from the public.

Gilligan motioned to close the public hearing on ordinance 2019:11. Collins seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Voice Vote.

Hartman motioned to adopt Ordinance 2019:11. Hall seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

- ORDINANCE 2019:12 – AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 2.12, ENTITLED “POLICE DEPARTMENT,” AND APPENDIX TO CHAPTER 2.12 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD WITH A NEW CHAPTER 2.12, ENTITLED “POLICE DEPARTMENT”

Lomanno motioned to open the public hearing on ordinance 2019:12. Green seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Voice Vote.

There were no comments from the public.

Lomanno motioned to close the public hearing on ordinance 2019:12. Collins seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Voice Vote.

Gilligan motioned to adopt Ordinance 2019:12. Hall seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

- ORDINANCE 2019:13 – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT TO THE FINANCIAL AGREEMENT FOR A LONG-TERM TAX EXEMPTION WITH STRATFORD SQUARE URBAN RENEWAL CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION LLC FOR LOT 2 IN BLOCK 62 ON THE OFFICIAL BOROUGH TAX MAP

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Hartman motioned to open the public hearing on ordinance 2019:13. Lomanno seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Voice Vote.

There were no comments from the public.

Collins motioned to close the public hearing on ordinance 2019:13. Green seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Voice Vote.

Hartman motioned to adopt Ordinance 2019:13. Lomanno seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTIONS 2019:141 THROUGH 2019:145 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. 2019:141 – APPOINTMENT OF A PROVISIONAL POLICE OFFICER – BRETT SMALL**

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 a Police Officer is needed to fill an immediate vacancy.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford has exhausted its list of eligible candidates from the New Jersey Civil Service List and

WHEREAS, Officer Brett Small is a fully trained police officer currently employed by the Borough of Stratford.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor & Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford to appoint as a Provisional Police Officer,

BRETT SMALL

effective July 1, 2019 at starting salary (year 1 2019) as contained in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Borough of Stratford and PBA Local 30.

○ **RES. 2019:142 – AUTHORIZING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH STRATFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER**

WHEREAS, the Stratford School Board desires to have the services of school resource officers; and

WHEREAS, Stratford Police Department has the ability and resources to provide school resource officers at the Yellin and Parkview Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford desires to provide the services of school resource officers for a period beginning on September 1, 2019, and expiring on June 30, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, the parties desire to continue in a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Stratford providing School Resource Officers, and

WHEREAS, this agreement promotes the health and safety of the people of Stratford;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council to authorize the execution of the Memorandum of Understanding (EXHIBIT A) between Stratford Board of Education and the Borough of Stratford.

○ RES. 2019:143 – AUTHORIZING BOROUGH ENGINEER TO DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS AND RECEIVE BIDS FOR EVERGREEN ROAD

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford has budgeted capital funding for improvements to Evergreen Road for 2019; and

WHEREAS, the design, plans, specifications, advertisement for bids is required for this capital improvement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford to authorize the Borough Engineer to begin the design, plans, specifications, and to advertise and receive bids for the Evergreen Road capital improvement for 2019.

○ RES. 2019:144 – APPROVING REPAIRS OF FIRE DOORS AT JUSTICE FACILITY (\$4,200.00)

WHEREAS, the Borough needs to repair the fire doors at the Justice Facility; and

WHEREAS, the Borough obtained two quotes for the repair services, one of which was in the amount of \$4,200.00 from House Medics, LLC at 127 Vassar Ave., Stratford, NJ 08084; and

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

WHEREAS, the repair 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 repairs to be performed by House Medics, LLC at 127 Vassar Ave., Stratford, NJ 08084 are approved.

○ RES. 2019:145 – AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLES – REVISED SPECIFICATIONS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford has adopted Resolution 2019:121 – authorize purchase of two police vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of these vehicles is under New Jersey State Contract #88728 with Winner Ford of Cherry Hill, NJ; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department submitted revised specifications after Resolution 2019:121 had been adopted; and

WHEREAS, the revised specifications increased the total amount of the vehicles to \$43,200.00 per vehicle;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford to authorize the purchase of two police vehicles under New Jersey State Contract #88728 in the amount of \$43,200.00 per vehicle.

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

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APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Animal checks	1812	through	1814	
Manual checks	19900	through	19901	
Payroll checks	50672	through	50759	and
Payroll check	50762	through	50843	
Automated checks	33176	through	33297	
Various electronic transfers and potential interim payments to ACE, SJG, UGI, and Constellation				

Councilwoman Hall abstained from the approval of check 33230.

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilman Collins – Thanked the contestants of the Miss Stratford Pageant as well as the Pageant Director and rest of the Committee.
- Councilwoman Hall – Thanked the contestants of the Miss Stratford Pageant.
- Councilman Hartman – Congratulated Captain Kelly on his retirement. Congratulated Captain McBride on his promotion.
- Councilwoman Lomanno – Thanked the contestants of the Miss Stratford Pageant. Commended Councilwoman Hall for her hard work in putting the event together. Thanked all the organizations that participated in the Memorial Day Ceremony.
- Councilman Gilligan – Announced the Green Waste Pick Up will begin on June 17th
- Councilman Green – Thanked the Miss Stratford Pageant Committee for a successful event. Congratulated Kelly and McBride.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

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

- Pat Walsh – 107 Meadow Lark Rd. – Concerned about South Jersey Gas working on Borough roads and on residents' properties without the Borough's permission or knowledge. Upset about Borough buildings not being fully handicapped accessible.
- John Gentless – 111 Union Ave. – Continued on the other comment about South Jersey Gas. Questioned the reasoning for the Redevelopment Workshop at the last agenda meeting.
- Rob Stone – 205 Vassar Ave. – Addressed concerns about Fourth of July activities. Questioned if the Borough pays for the Stratford Ambulance's workman's compensation. Questioned how code enforcement matters are currently being handled.
- Greg Mirinda – 96 Saratoga Rd. – Thanked the Acting Clerk's assistance with putting together the Memorial Day Ceremony.
- Donna Tomkinson – Wellington Ave. – Thanked Officer McBride for his assistance with a code enforcement issue with her neighbor.

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Gilligan 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

ADJOURN:

Collins motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.. Lomanno 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