

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 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
STUART PLATT, BOROUGH SOLICITOR – PRESENT
FRANK GAGLIARDI, POLICE SERGEANT – PRESENT
CHRIS CONROY, BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – PRESENT
MICHAELA BOSLER, ACTING 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.

No comments from the public were made.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

- HONORING STRATFORD OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Councilwoman Lomanno read the proclamation honoring Stratford Office of Emergency Management for their continued service and dedication to ensuring resident safety during catastrophic events.

REPORTS:

ORDINANCE & PROPERTY Councilman Frank Hartman read the report as follows:

Total number of issues inspected or re-inspected: 39
Pending issues from the previous month: 35
23 of the pending issues abated
Total number of violations found: 4
Warning letters issued to property owners: 4
Citations issued: 11
Submitted by Michaela Bosler, Acting Borough Clerk

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FINANCE & REVENUE

Councilman Patrick Gilligan read the report as follows:

Balance as of 9-1-19 – \$1,980,092.13
Total Receipts – \$555,258.32
Total Disbursements – \$1,378,075.33
Balance as of 9-30-19 – \$1,157,275.12
Total in other Funds - \$2,254,368.88

POLICE

Councilwoman Tina Lomanno read the report as follows:

35 Adult arrests,
1 Juvenile arrests,
0 assaults to police,
3 Simple assaults Complaints,
6 Criminal Mischief Complaints,
11 Harassment complaints,
103 Other investigations and complaints,
0 burglaries,
0 robberies,
9 thefts in the amount of \$1,975.00,
\$675.00 in stolen property recovered,
0 motor vehicle thefts,
9 D.W.I. arrests,
13 Narcotics arrests,
459 Traffic summonses issued,
29 Motor vehicle accidents,
6 injuries from accidents, including 1 pedestrian and 1 fatal crash
31 Alarm activations,

79 Total crime reports taken
669 total calls for police service
Submitted by Ron Morello, Chief of Police

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Councilman Frank Hartman read portions of the following report. Ambulance Association reports for the month of September will be tabled until next meeting:

Fire Department

The Stratford Fire Department responded to 40 Alarms 2 Drills in the month September 2019. The following list is a breakdown of the same:

Dwelling Fires	0
Building Fires	0
Investigations	3
Out of Town Assists	18
Alarm Systems	7
Assist Ambulance, Police, Public	4
Car Fires	1
Wires, Trees Down	1
Rescues & M.V.A.'s	7
Brush Fires	1

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Drills 2

Total man hours on the above alarm drills was 481
Submitted by Stephen Gagliardi, Deputy Chief

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

Sewer Utility

- Call outs for emergency service: 7
- Performed preemptive checks and required maintenance of all manholes and pump stations
- Sewer line maintenance performed: 6,442 linear feet or root control application
- Work requests performed:
 - With the Public Works Supervisor, complete survey of the storm sewer system to check inlets for need to clean the catch basins or repair the inlets September 10-11
 - Drop off and pick up of train show signs
 - Painted Temple Ave. to Warwick burb area yellow for No Parking
 - Assisted the Public Works Supervisor in yard waste collection
 - Cleared storm drains throughout the Borough on September 13
 - Removed the broken accessible swing at Vassar Park
- 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

- Weekly yard waste pick up
- Cleaning of storm drains
- Did inspection list on all storm drains for repair work and which ones need to be vacuumed out
- Call out – tree down on Warwick Rd.
- Chipper out two times for the month
- Ran whole town and repaired potholes
- Planting of new bushes and mums at borough
- Cutting of schools and Sterling Arms
- Cutting of Parks and all Borough properties
- Did yearly maintenance on leaf machines
- Removal of advertisement signs nailed to poles and corners

PUBLIC EVENTS Councilwoman Hall announced there are many events taking place this month. Little Miss Stratford is going to be held at Yellin School on Saturday, October 19th starting at 3:00 pm. The Halloween Parade is being held on Saturday, October 26th at 4:00 pm, starting at the Laurel Mills lot and ending with activities on Vassar field. Scarecrow contest for businesses is also taking place this month.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

RESOLUTIONS:
RESOLUTIONS 2019:217 THROUGH 2019:221 WILL BE DONE AS A CONSENT AGENDA

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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. 2019:217 – APPROVING AMENDMENT TO BINGO LICENSE BL687 FOR OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PARISH

WHEREAS, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish has applied for and received an identification number 256-1-38846 allowing Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish the ability to conduct games of bingo with proper approval; and

WHEREAS, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish applied for and received a bingo license numbered BL687; and

WHEREAS, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish has submitted an application to amend their bingo license BL687; 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 Parish's application to amend BL687 to the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission.

○ RES. 2019:218 – EXTEND TOWING SERVICES

WHEREAS, the extension of licensed towing services application is permissible under Chapter 10.42 entitled "Towing Services" of the Stratford Borough Code; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford currently has one application for licensed towing services from Tomkinson's Auto Repair and Towing, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief recommends extending the current licensed towing service for an additional one-year period to expire on December 31, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to extend the licensed towing services application for Tomkinson's Auto Repair and Towing, Inc. for an additional one-year period to expire on December 31, 2020.

○ RES. 2019:219 – AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT TO LANDBERG CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR RESURFACING OF EVERGREEN ROAD

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford has received bids for the resurfacing of Evergreen Road; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2019:199 of the Borough of Stratford has awarded the bid to Landberg Construction, LLC for the resurfacing of Evergreen Rd.; and

WHEREAS, the contract for the resurfacing of Evergreen Road have been submitted to Borough Hall and has been reviewed by the Borough Engineer; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford to authorize the execution of contract between the Borough of Stratford and Landberg Construction, LLC for the resurfacing of Evergreen Road.

○ RES. 2019:220 – SUBMISSION OF BEST PRACTICES QUESTIONNAIRE

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs requires municipalities to complete a Best Practices submission; and

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WHEREAS, the 2019 submission is required to be submitted by Wednesday, October 30, 2019; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford to authorize the Borough Administrator, Borough Clerk, and CFO to complete, submit, and sign the NJ DCA Best Practices for the Borough of Stratford for 2019.

o RES. 2019:221 – REFUND OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES – BLOCK 96, LOT 27

WHEREAS, an overpayment was received in the Tax Collector's office for Block 96, Lot 27 - 22 Winding Way;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford the the amount of \$2,500.00 be disbursed to Elizabeth Ellis for the overpayment.

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

o RES. 2019:222 – AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH KENNEDY UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL, INC. T/A JEFFERSON HEALTH TO PROVIDE FOR A CONTRIBUTION TO STRATFORD BOROUGH FOR BENEFITS RECEIVED BY HOSPITAL AND TO AFFIRM THE TAX-EXEMPT STATUS OF THE HOSPITAL PROPERTIES

WHEREAS, the Kennedy University Hospital, Inc. t/a Jefferson Health and the Borough of Stratford have previously entered into an agreement whereby the Kennedy University Hospital t/a Jefferson Health agreed to make a payment to the Borough in lieu of taxes ["PILOT"],

WHEREAS, the PILOT agreement is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Kennedy University Hospital, Inc. t/a Jefferson Health and the Borough wish to enter into another PILOT agreement with a three (3) year term agreement to expire on December 31, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford to authorize the execution of PILOT agreement with Kennedy University Hospital, Inc. t/a Jefferson Health.

Hartman motioned to approve the Resolution 2019:222. Hall seconded the motion with Lomanno, Collins, Green, Hall and Hartman in favor and Gilligan abstaining in a Roll Call Vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Animal checks	1825	through	1828		
Manual checks	19918	through	19922		
Payroll checks	51293	through	51296	and	51379
Automated checks	33579	through	33668		
Various electronic transfers and potential interim payments to Atlantic City Electric, South Jersey Gas, UGI, Constellation Energy, and Purchase Power					

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

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COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilwoman Hall – Hopes to see everyone attend the groundbreaking event for Brandywine.
- Councilman Collins – None
- Councilman Hartman – Excited to have progress on the Brandywine redevelopment site, but will not be able to attend the event
- Councilwoman Lomanno – Stated the time of the groundbreaking event will be 11:00 am on Saturday, October 12th. Hopes to see a good turnout for the event.
- Councilman Gilligan – None
- Councilman Green – None

GOOD AND WELFARE:

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

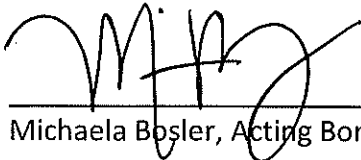
- John Gentless – 111 Union Ave. – Congratulated Council for the groundbreaking of Brandywine and questioned when construction will begin on the site. Questioned if any decisions were made after executive session on Thursday; the Solicitor replied there was no decisions made. Questioned if the lots referenced in Resolution 2019:222 include all of the hospital property. Suggested to Council starting a committee consisting of residents that live nearby areas in need of redevelopment to submit their opinions on said projects. Questioned how many executive sessions will be held for redevelopment. Discussion ensued between Mr. Gentless and Councilman Hartman.
- John Dudley – 13 N. Atlantic Ave. – Asked Councilman Hartman if Councilmembers received pay raises in the last five years; Councilman Hartman replied they have not.

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

ADJOURN:

Hartman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 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