

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING/REDEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2020
7:00 P.M.

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

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

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.

ROLL CALL:

JOSH KEENAN, MAYOR – PRESENT
LINDA HALL, COUNCIL PRESIDENT – PRESENT
STEPHEN GANDY, COUNCILMAN – PRESENT
PATRICK GILLIGAN, COUNCILMAN – PRESENT
PATRICK GREEN, COUNCILMAN – PRESENT
TINA LOMANNO, COUNCILWOMAN – PRESENT
MICHAEL TOLOMEO, COUNCILMAN – PRESENT
STUART PLATT, BOROUGH SOLICITOR – PRESENT
STEVEN BACH, BOROUGH ENGINEER – PRESENT
RON MORELLO, POLICE CHIEF – PRESENT
CHRIS CONROY, BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – PRESENT
MICHAELA BOSLER, ACTING BOROUGH CLERK – PRESENT

PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

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

- John Gentless – 111 Union Ave. – In Resolution 2020:105 asked if this project would be a full road reconstruction, the total cost of the project, and if there were any grants associated.

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.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Morello gave the following report:

Borough buildings were closed early in the month in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Occupied buildings were sanitized. Police operations have been modified by erecting two tents outside of the back of the police station to interact with the public outside of the building unless there was a necessary mandatory arrest. Restraining orders and police reports are processed outside when practical. Officers are segregated into two different patrol squads where they have no contact with one another. Off duty officers are not allowed into the building unless they have received prior permission with good reason to do such. Vehicles and equipment are no longer being shared. The public has been mostly compliant with the Governor's orders with the exception of a few isolated incidents of larger gatherings. Officers simply had to educate residents, but there have been no parties or blatant violations of those orders. There have been questions regarding drive by birthday parties, which are allowable so long as no one stops for photos, videos, greetings. The Easter Bunny parade event will be conducted in the same fashion. PPE is a concern for the department - the Police Department has about a one-month supply. Officers will soon be required to be masked up when interacting with the public. Hopefully FEMA will supply with more PPE in the coming month. As of now, there is one officer who is self-quarantined for 14 days due to a high-risk exposure. In the meantime, retired Captain Kelly will be rejoining to fill the immediate vacancy. Other

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municipalities have lost 20-30% of their forces due to exposure or contraction of the virus. Stratford is trying to avoid that at all costs. Traditional crime reports will be reported on in the future.

ENGINEER REPORT: Steven Bach gave the following report:

Camden County CDBG 2020 Program Year Application – Resurfacing of Coolidge Avenue (STRAT2020-0)

Previously Reported:

- CDBG indicated the Program will continue grouping the funding allotments to 5 to 7 larger public infrastructures projects (\$150,000-\$250,000) throughout the County for Program Year 2020 consistent with the Program Year 2019.
- The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program notified the Borough that applications for Year 2020 were due March 2, 2020. Our office recommended the Borough submit for reimbursement for the current project of resurfacing of Coolidge Avenue in addition to any remaining funding required to complete resurfacing Coolidge Avenue from Suburban Terrace to Bishop Terrace (See attached map).
- The application was submitted to Camden County with the approved Borough resolution on March 2.

Camden County CDBG 2020 Program Year Application – ADA Improvements to Municipal Buildings (STRAT2020-0)

Previously Reported:

- Our office prepared an additional application that included ADA accessibility entrance improvements to the Borough Hall, Justice Center, Senior Center, and Library Buildings.
- The application was submitted to Camden County with the approved Borough resolution on March 2.

Buttonwood Road Stormwater Outfall Structure Repair

Previously Reported:

- Our office has completed the existing base survey and will proceed with preparation of bid documents, plans, and specifications for public bidding of this project in 2020.
- Our has provided a cost estimate for the anticipated improvements for this project to the Borough Administrator. Upon Borough authorization, our office expects to publicly bid this project in April for aware of contract at the May Council Meeting condition upon receipt of a favorable low bid.

FY 2020 NJDOT Municipal Aid Funding – Evergreen Road – Phase II

Previously Reported:

- The NJDOT announced the department has revised the solicitation and notification schedule for accepting applications for the NJDOT FY 2020 Municipal Aid program with a deadline of July 19, 2019. NJDOT has indicated grant awards are expected to be announced in November.
- A resolution for authorization for our office to submit the application was approved at the July Council Meeting.
- Our office submitted the application on July 18, 2019, for resurfacing the remaining of Evergreen Road from the end of Phase I to Winding Way Road as well as Homestead Road from west of Winding Way Road to Longwood Drive.
- The Borough has been informed that it will be receiving a NJDOT Local Aid grant of \$300,000 towards the construction, inspection, and limited design of this project.
- It is estimated the grant amount will allow for the resurfacing of Evergreen Road from Green Valley Road (end of Phase I) to Winding Way Road and begin resurfacing approximately 500 linear feet of Homestead Road.
- Our office has forwarded a proposal to the Borough for the estimated cost of survey, design, and construction administration associated with the NJDOT FY 2020 Municipal Aid grant.
- Our office has completed the base survey and is proceeding with preparation of bid documents, plans, and specifications for public bidding of the project.
- Our office has forwarded a revised proposal to the Borough for the estimated cost of survey, design, and construction administration associated with the NJDOT FY 2020 Municipal Aid grant to be approved by resolution as required by the NJDOT Municipal Aid agreement.
- Our office as well as representatives of the Borough met with South Jersey Gas regarding upcoming utility work within

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this project's limits. South Jersey Gas indicated construction should start in the middle of March and is expected to be completed by the end of June. South Jersey Gas also indicated they will prioritize the work they have within this project's limits. Our office expects to publicly bid this project in May for award of contract at the June Council Meeting condition upon receipt of a favorable low bid.

FY 2019 NJDOT Municipal Aid Funding – Evergreen Road – Phase I

Update:

- The Contractor has indicated they expect to recommence construction the week of April 13th.

Previously Reported:

- NJDOT has announced the department would be accepting applications for the NJDOT FY 2019 Municipal Aid program with a deadline of October 18, 2018. A resolution for authorizing our office to submit the application was passed at the September 11th Council Meeting.
- Our office submitted an application for resurfacing of Evergreen Road from Longwood Drive to Winding Way Road.
- The Borough has been informed that it will be receiving a NJDOT Local Aid grant of \$225,000 towards the construction and inspection of this project.
- It is estimated the grant amount will allow for the resurfacing of Evergreen Road from Longwood Drive to approximately midblock between Meadowlark Road and Green Valley Road.
- Our office has revised and submitted the Capital Cost Estimate Memorandum incorporating the NJDOT grant award.
- Our office has forwarded a proposal to the Borough for the estimated cost of survey, design, and construction administration associated with the NJDOT FY 2019 Municipal Aid grant.
- Our office has completed the existing base survey and will proceed with preparation of bid documents, plans, and specifications for public bidding of this project.
- This project was publicly advertised on Friday, August 30th and the bid opening was held on Tuesday, September 10th.
- The contract was awarded at the September Council Meeting to Landberg Construction, LLC for the Base Bid, Add Alternate Bid #1, and Add Alternate Bid #2 in the amount of \$196,315.05.
- The Contractor has executed the contracts and our office has forwarded the contracts to the Borough for signatures.
- Preconstruction meeting was held on October 31, 2019, with the Contractor, our office, the Borough Administrator, the Police Chief, and a representative of South Jersey Gas present.
- Notice to Proceed was issued to the Contractor for Monday, November 18, 2019.
- Construction has commenced with the removal of trees completed. Roadway resurfacing is expected to be completed as weather permits.

FY 2018 NJDOT Municipal Aid Funding - Sunnybrook Road and Sunnybrook Court

Previously Reported:

- Our office has submitted for a NJDOT FY 2018 Municipal Aid application for the improvements.
- 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.
- The Borough has been informed by the NJDOT that it will be receiving \$270,000 for construction and inspection of this project. The Borough is moving forward with this project and is supplementing the NJDOT grant award with \$84,220 from the 2017 Borough Bond. Our office has submitted a April 4, 2018 correspondence delineating the costs for the required inspection and construction management. Our office anticipates construction for spring / summer of 2018.

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- The project was publicly advertised for bids.
- The bid opening for this project was held on April 25, 2018. Six (6) bids were received with Arawak Paving Co. with the low bid in the amount of \$221,000.00 for the Base Bid and Add Alternate Bid #1.
- The contract was awarded to Arawak Paving Co. for the Base Bid and Add Alternate Bid #1 contingent upon favorable review by the Borough Solicitor and certification of availability of funds by the Borough CFO.
- A preconstruction meeting was held on Monday, June 4, 2018, at the Borough Municipal Building between Arawak Paving, our office, Stratford Police Chief, Ben Angeli, and a representative of the Stratford Arms Apartments.
- The Notice to Proceed was issued for July 5, 2018.
- Construction is substantially complete.
- Our office has processed Payment Application #1 and submitted to Borough for approval and payment.
- Our office has issued a punchlist to the Contractor.
- The Contractor lowered the speed humps to reflect the construction plans.
- Our office is coordinating with the Contractor regarding Payment Application #2 and Change Order #1.
- The Contractor has addressed all punchlist items.
- Our office is coordinating with the contractor regarding final quantities, final payment, Change Order #1 (final) and closeout documents.
- Our office has solicited quotes from three (3) asphalt testing companies to test the asphalt for this project per NJDOT requirements. Once testing is complete, our office will process closeout documents.
- Asphalt testing has been completed with acceptable results; therefore, our office will process closeout documents.
- Our office has submitted Final Payment and Closeout Documents including Final Change Order to the Borough for processing. Once approved, our office will forward all closeout submittals to NJDOT for project closeout and reimbursement.
- Our office is processing NJDOT project closeout for reimbursement.

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

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.
- Construction has been substantially complete with only punchlist items remaining to be completed. Our office has prepared a punchlist and is coordinating with the Contractor to address all outstanding items.
- Payment Application #2 and Change Order #1 have been processed by the Borough. Change Order #1 incorporated additional quantities and supplemental items previously approved by Resolutions 2017:218 and 2018:81.
- Change Order #2 (Final) has been forwarded to the Borough for approval by resolution. The final contract value is \$202,477.80.
- Our office has issued a punchlist to the Contractor and is coordinating schedule to complete outstanding items.
- All punchlist items have been addressed. Our office is processing closeout documents.
- Our office is processing closeout documents and will submit to the Borough.

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FY 2018 Road Program – Resurfacing of Winding Way & Coolidge Avenue (STRAT2018-1)

Update:

- Our office has submitted to the Borough a Draft Change Order #2 (Final) illustrating final contract amount. Change Order #2 (Final) should be executed by the Mayor and approved via Council resolution. Please note that Change Order #2 (Final) results in a decrease in final contract amount of \$30,563.73 from contract amount approved via Resolution 2019:161 (Change Order #1).

Previously Reported:

- The Borough is moving forward with this project and has allocated \$250,000 for the roadway improvements.
- Our office has submitted an April 4, 2018 correspondence delineating the costs of the required survey, design, and inspection / construction management.
- Our office has completed the survey of and anticipates public bid and construction for late summer of 2018.
- It the understanding of our office the Borough is considering reallocating the remaining funds (\$92,842.20) from the 2017 Borough Bond towards this project. It is noted that the remaining funds were previously allocated to the Sunnybrook Road and Sunnybrook Court project.
- Our office has submitted a May 8, 2018 correspondence delineating the costs of the required survey, design, and inspection / construction management for included the resurfacing of a section of Coolidge Avenue with this project.
- Our office met with New Jersey American Water (NJAW) regarding pavement restoration repairs along Winding Way from Longwood Drive to Green Valley Road and Winding Way from Hillside Road to Longwood Drive (inclusive of this project limits). We will continue to coordinate with NJAW regarding a solution pavement restoration for all NJAW trenched areas of Winding Way.
- New Jersey American Water (NJAW) requested the Borough provide correspondence regarding the Borough's intention to resurface Winding Way from Hillside Road to Buttonwood Drive and waive NJAW from any further pavement restoration in this section of Winding Way. As part of this agreement, NJAW would provide trench restoration and repave (curb to curb) on Winding Way from Longwood Drive to Green Valley Road.
- The Bid Opening was held on September 6, 2018. There were two (2) bidders, with the low bidder being Charles Marandino, LLC, P.O. Box 20, Milmay, New Jersey, in the amount of \$279,538.82 for the Base Bid.
- Our office has submitted a recommendation letter (see attached) including the Bid Tabulation and Memorandum.
- Our office has prepared contracts and forwarded to the Contractor and the Borough.
- A preconstruction meeting was held on October 26th. Notice to Proceed was issued the week of November 12th.
- Performance Bond and Insurance Certificate have been forwarded to the Borough Solicitor for review.
- Construction has commenced with all concrete work, including aprons and curb, complete. Our office is coordinating with the Contractor regarding scheduling of asphalt paving as weather permits.
- Our office is also coordinating with the Contractor regarding additional concrete work, including aprons and curb along the section of Winding Way from Longwood Drive to Green Valley Road prior to NJAW resurfacing this section of Winding Way.
- Our office has processed Payment Application #1 and submitted to the Borough for approval and payment.
- A resolution was approved at the March Council meeting for the additional concrete apron and curb work associated with the NJ American Water paving to be included in this contract not to exceed 20% of the original contract value.
- The contractor (Charles Marandino, LLC) has completed additional concrete improvements along the area to be paved by New Jersey American Water.
- The paving subcontractor for New Jersey American Water (NJAW) has completed paving of Winding Way between Longwood Drive and Green Valley Road. Our office is preparing a punchlist of remaining items in need of being addressed as a result of paving operations by the NJAW paving subcontractor. Our office will coordinate with NJAW until all punchlist items have been addressed.
- The paving for the section of Winding Way under this contract has commenced and is anticipated to be completed the week of June 10th.
- The paving for the section of Winding Way under this contract has been completed.

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- Our office has submitted Payment Application #2 to the Borough for approval and payment.
- Our office has prepared a punchlist of all outstanding items to be completed for this project and will coordinate with the contractor regarding completion of outstanding items.
- The pump station quick connect has been installed and all punchlist items have been addressed. Our office is coordinating with contractor regarding final payment and closeout document submission.

CDBG 2019 Program Year Application – Resurfacing of Hunt Avenue and Bishop Terrace (STRAT2019-0)

Update:

- Our office is coordinating with the Contractor regarding scheduling an onsite preconstruction meeting.

Previously Reported:

- The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program has notified participating Camden County municipalities of new allocation procedures which include funding projects of larger scale (as high as \$250,000). In addition, not all municipalities will be allocated each year (estimated at 5 to 7 projects).
- The Borough of Stratford has two (2) areas consisting of Qualified Census Tracts.
- Both Hunt Ave and Bishop Terrace are on the Borough's 2019 road priority listing and are within the Borough's Qualified Census Tracts. Therefore, our office recommended applying to the CDBG program for \$225,900 to resurface these roadways. It is noted that the Borough would be responsible to fund approximately \$7,500 of design costs if successful in obtaining the grant.
- The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program notified the Borough that applications for Year 2019 were originally due March 1, 2019; however, the deadline was extended to March 11, 2019. Our office submitted the application on Friday, March 8, 2019.
- A Borough resolution was approved and was submitted with this application.
- The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program has informed the Borough that it will be receiving a 2019 CDBG Grant Award of \$250,000 towards this project.
- Our office has submitted a proposal to Borough Council for this project.
- Our office will proceed with preparation of bid documents, plans, and specifications for public bidding of this project in 2020.
- South Jersey Gas has indicated they would like to replace a main along Bishop Terrace prior to the Borough's resurfacing project. The expected completion date for South Jersey Gas main replacement is anticipated to be February 1, 2020.
- This project will be publicly advertised the week of February 10th and the bid opening will be scheduled for the week of March 2nd. The project can then be awarded at the March Council Meeting condition upon receipt of a favorable low bid.
- This project was publically advertised February 14th and the Bid Opening was held on February 27th. There were three (3) bidders, with the low bidder being American Asphalt Company, Inc., W. Collingswood Heights, New Jersey in the amount of \$357,602.10 for the Base Bid, \$30,143.50 for Add Alternate No. 1, and \$25,436.80 for Add Alternate No. 2.
- We have confirmed with the Borough Administration that funding is available to award the Base Bid and Add Alternate 1 as well as Add Alternate No. 2.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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Tolomeo motioned the approval of minutes. Lomanno seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

REPORT #1 – UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS/SECOND READINGS OF ORDINANCES

- The Clerk reported there will be a public hearing for Ordinance 2020:04 – Special Emergency Appropriation for Reserve for Master Plan which will be held during the Regular Meeting of April 14, 2020.

REPORT #2 – UPCOMING INTRODUCTIONS/FIRST READINGS OF ORDINANCES

- The Clerk reported there are no upcoming introductions of ordinances for the Regular Meeting of April 14, 2020.

REPORT #3 – NJAW HYDRANT FLUSHING

- New Jersey American Water will be performing their flushing schedule in Stratford starting April 13 through April 27. Residents may experience water discoloration when they are performing the work, which is normal and temporary.

REPORT #4 – GREEN WASTE COLLECTION

- The Clerk reported that Public Works has began their green waste collection this week. Each Monday from now until the end of October, Public Works will be picking up residential green waste including grass clippings, garden pruning clippings, small branches, leaves, weeds, and discarded flowers. Waste must be put in open cans of 30 gallons or less at the curb by Sunday night. You may use the red recycling cans for collection. Please remember landscapers and lawn services should take your clippings as a part of their service. Please do not put plastic, paper, string, animal waste, loose soil or dirt, or bags. Please do not use a can that is bigger than 30 gallons. Please do not put green waste in plastic bags.

REPORT #5 – UPDATE STORMWATER CONTROL ORDINANCE

- The Administrator reported that the governing body will need to pass an ordinance updating stormwater control code as per DEP regulations. The ordinance will need to be adopted by March-April 2021. A draft ordinance should be prepared and sent to the Ordinance and Property committee for their review.

REPORT #6 – FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

- The Clerk reported that Local Government Officers have been sent their financial disclosure statements for 2020, which are due April 30th.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTIONS 2020:105 THROUGH 2020:107 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.

- **RES. 2020:105 – AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN ASPHALT, INC FOR RESURFACING OF BISHOP TERRACE, HUNT AVENUE, AND COOLIDGE AVENUE**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford has received bids for the resurfacing of Bishop Terrace, Hunt Ave., and Coolidge Ave.; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2020:099 of the Borough of Stratford has awarded the bid to American Asphalt Company, Inc. for the resurfacing of Bishop Terrace, Hunt Ave., and Coolidge Ave.; and

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WHEREAS, the contract for the resurfacing of Bishop Terrace, Hunt Ave., and Coolidge Ave. 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 American Asphalt Company, Inc., for the resurfacing of Bishop Terrace, Hunt Ave., and Coolidge Ave.

● RES. 2020:106 – 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

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-6 et seq., and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-12, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by NJSA 10:4-12b and designated below:

_____ (1) Matters required by Law to be Confidential: Any matter which, by express provision of Federal law or State statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

_____ (2) Matters Where the Release of Information Would Impair the Right to Receive Funds: Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.

_____ (3) Matters Involving Individual Privacy: Any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendations, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including, but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly.

_____ (4) Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements: Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body.

_____ (5) Matters Relating to the Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property or the Investment of Public Funds: Any matter involving the purchase, lease, or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.

_____ (6) Matters Relating to Public Safety and Property: Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that their disclosure could impair such protection. Any investigations of violations of possible violations of the law.

 X (7) Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney-Client Privilege:
The topic of discussion is related to Attorney/Client Privilege. These items are for #7 of the Executive Session Resolution for matter relating to litigation, contract negotiations, or the Attorney-Client Privilege. (Re: Stratford Square Redevelopment)

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_____ (8) Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship: Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting.

_____ (9) Matters Relating to the Potential Imposition of a Penalty: Any deliberations of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party bears responsibility.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford, assembled in public session on April 9, 2020 that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on April 9, 2020 at approximately 7:00 p.m. in the Justice Facility, 315 Union Avenue, Stratford, NJ for the discussion of matters relating to the specified items designated above. It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in Closed Session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Governing Body that public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

- **RES. 2020:107 – SAFE AND SECURE GRANT PARTICIPATION**

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 20-0432; and

WHEREAS, the Subaward period is between April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021; 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; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford authorizes that fringe benefits will be provided as matching funds to the grant;

NOW 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Borough of Stratford is authorized to accept the Subaward 20-0432.

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilman Gandy – Thanked the police officers, fire department, EMS squads, and the office of emergency management for the job they are doing during this pandemic.
- Councilman Gilligan – None
- Councilman Green – None
- Councilman Tolomeo – None
- Councilwoman Lomanno – None

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- Councilwoman Hall – Announced in lieu of the annual Easter Egg Hunt, the Easter Bunny will be escorted through town by the Police Department. The Public Events Committee will also be doing a door decoration contest during the parade.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Lomanno 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.

- John Gentless – 111 Union Ave. – Questioned if there was any update on the sewer analysis and the costs of the upgrades. Questioned the status of the sewer connection ordinance. Questioned the reason for adopting Ordinance 2020:04.
- Mike Mancini – Winding Way Rd. – Questioned the possibility of freezing all spending. Questioned if there is a financial plan in the event the State decides not to provide aid to municipalities. Questioned holding off on paying stipends to Borough employees to save money.
- John Gentless – 111 Union Ave. – Questioned how much of the capital improvements this year is being bonded.
- Frank Hartman – 8 Green Tree Rd. – Commented that the Public Events Committee is providing a nice service to the residents regarding the Easter Bunny parade. Commented on budget items and suggested not cutting employees or services. Gave an update regarding his personal health.

Green 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Hall motioned to go into executive session. Tolomeo seconded the motion and all members present voting in favor in a voice vote.

Tolomeo motioned to close executive session. Green seconded the motion and all members present voting in favor in a voice vote.

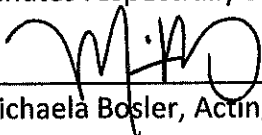
No action was taken in Executive session.

All members that were present before the executive session were present upon return to open session.


ADJOURN:

Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 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