

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2020
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:

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
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:

Hall 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.

There were no comments from the public.

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

REPORTS:

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

MARCH 2020
Total number of properties inspected: 11
Total number of issues inspected of re-inspected: 15
Total number of violations found: 15
9 of the issues have been abated
6 of the issues are pending follow up
Total number of citations issued: 0

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

MARCH 2020
Balance as of 3-1-2020 – \$2,513,012.78
Total Receipts – \$306,322.19
Total Disbursements – \$1,316,258.54
Balance as of 3-31-2020 – \$1,503,076.43

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 Total in other Funds - \$2,223,836.83

POLICE

Councilwoman Tina Lomanno read the reports as follows:

MARCH 2020
 11 Adult arrests,
 0 Juvenile arrests,
 0 assaults to police,
 4 Simple assaults Complaints,
 5 Criminal Mischief Complaints,
 15 Harassment complaints,
 66 Other investigations and complaints,
 1 burglaries,
 0 robberies,
 20 thefts in the amount of \$5,725.00
 \$3,025 in stolen property recovered,
 1 (recovered) motor vehicle thefts,
 0 D.W.I. arrests,
 4 Narcotics arrests,
 212 Traffic summonses issued,
 21 Motor vehicle accidents,
 5 injuries from accidents,
 33 Alarm activations,

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

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Councilman Stephen Gandy read portions of the following report.

Fire Department

The Stratford Fire Department responded to 30 Alarms 1 Drills in the month
 MARCH 2020. The following list is a breakdown of the same:

	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Dwelling Fires	2	2
Building Fires	1	2
Investigations	3	9
Out of Town Assists	11	32
Alarm Systems	3	5
Assist Ambulance, Police, Public	7	12
Car Fires	0	0
Wires, Trees Down	1	4
Rescues & M.V.A.'s	4	8
Brush Fires	0	0
Drills	1	5

Total man hours on the above alarm drills was 280
Submitted by Stephen Gagliardi, Deputy Chief

Ambulance Association

The Stratford Ambulance Association **Paid Crew** responded to **101 Alarms**
 in the month of **MARCH 2020**, the following is a breakdown of the same:

Paid

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	<u>Month</u>	<u>Y.T.D.</u>
1. Assault	3	4
2. Bleeding	2	10
3. Cardiac	8	27
4. CVA	3	10
5. Diabetic	3	6
6. Fall	8	31
7. Fire Call	1	5
8. Haz-Mat	0	0
9. Maternity	0	1
10. Medical Emergency	22	75
11. Medical Alarm	1	2
12. MVA	3	13
13. Overdose	4	7
14. Ped/MVA	2	4
15. Psych. Emergency	14	29
16. Respiratory	13	30
17. Seizures	0	5
18. Sick Person	4	16
19. Special Assignment	0	0
20. Unconscious Person	10	26

Year to Date Calls

Paid: 304

Submitted by Kristine Shafer, Chief-Stratford Ambulance

The Stratford Ambulance Association **Volunteer Crew** responded to **15 Alarms** in the month of **MARCH 2020**, the following is a breakdown of the same:

Volunteer

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Y.T.D.</u>
1. Assault	0	1
2. Bleeding	0	0
3. Cardiac	4	5
4. CVA	1	2
5. Diabetic	0	0
6. Fall	1	5
7. Fire Call	0	1
8. Haz-Mat	0	0
9. Maternity	0	1
10. Medical Emergency	6	21
11. Medical Alarm	1	1
12. MVA	0	0
13. Overdose	1	1
14. Ped/MVA	0	0
15. Psych. Emergency	2	7
16. Respiratory	0	6
17. Seizures	0	0
18. Sick Person	0	2
19. Special Assignment	0	0
20. Unconscious Person	1	2

Year to Date Calls

Volunteer: 54

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PUBLIC WORKS & LIGHTING Councilman Michael Tolomeo read the reports as follows:

Sewer Utility

- Call outs for emergency service: 18
- Performed preemptive checks and required maintenance of all manholes and pump stations
- Work orders:
 - Repaired sign post at the railroad tracks
 - Reset the light timers at the parks and borough buildings for the change to daylight savings time
 - Installed a dog waste station at Coolidge Ave.
 - Assisted the public works supervisor repair the fence at the courts and playgrounds
- 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

- Yearly maintenance of lawn equipment
- Cut bushes at War Memorial preparing for new landscaping
- Edging of township gardens and re-mulching
- Clean up, edging and mulching of Library
- Cleaning of storm drains, 2 men – 1 day
- Ran town for pothole repair, 2 men – 1 day
- Chipper out 2 X's for the month, 2 men – 3 days
- Mulching of three playgrounds
- Also sewer calls – loss of a man for hours

PUBLIC EVENTS

Councilwoman Hall reported the Easter Bunny parade went well, and thanked the Police Department for their participation. Additionally, thanked Sal Papa for driving a second bunny through town which made a second route possible. Announced that pictures of the door decorating contest winners will be on the website.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **ORDINANCE 2020:04 – SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR RESERVE FOR MASTER PLAN**
Gilligan motioned to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2020:04. Tolomeo seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Voice Vote.
- Mike Mancini – 3 Winding Way Rd. – Questioned if this appropriation is in the budget, and what the purpose and use for the appropriation. Questioned if any legal expenses are charged to the reserve for master plan account.
- John Gentless – 111 Union Ave. – Questioned if there is any specific redevelopment project this appropriation is going to be used for.

Hall motioned to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2020:04. Lomanno seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Voice Vote.

Tolomeo motioned to adopt Ordinance 2020:04. Lomanno seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

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RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTIONS 2020:108 THROUGH 2020:109 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.

• **RES. 2020:108 – REMOVE SENIOR CITIZEN TAX DEDUCTIONS**

WHEREAS, all eligibility requirements for a SENIOR CITIZEN tax deduction for the year 2019 have not been met by the following residents due to their exceeding the statutory limitations in income and age or sale of the property or failure to file the annual Post Year Tax Statement:

BLOCK	LOT	NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT
3	7	John & Lois Soteris	29 Cooper Ave	250.00
12	15	Nancy Eckert	16 Whitman Ave	250.00
18	7	Fred Rossi	104 Columbia Ave	250.00
66	9	Joyce Delaney	15 Almond Ave	250.00
98	18	Anthony Magana	4 Meadow Lark Road	250.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that the above deductions be removed from the tax records for the year 2019.

• **RES. 2020:109 – APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #2 (FINAL) FOR RESURFACING WINDING WAY AND COOLIDGE AVE.**

WHEREAS, it was necessary to make changes to the contract amount to reflect adjustments to final contract value based on final quantities; and

WHEREAS, Change Order #2 (Final) was developed to itemize and authorize those changes.

WHEREAS, Change Order #1 increased the total contract amount to #335,446.58 and the final quantities did not require full amount of the change; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, that the following Change Order #2 (Final) documenting an increase in the sum of \$25,344.03 (9.1%) from the original contract amount for a new total contract cost of \$304,882.85 is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above referenced Change Order is the second Change Order for the Resurfacing of Winding Way and Coolidge Ave.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Animal checks	1847	through	1849		
Manual checks	19952	through	19954		
Payroll checks	52260	through	52263	and	52326
Automated checks	34200	through	34292		

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Various electronic transfers and potential interim payments to
Atlantic City Electric and South Jersey 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:

- Councilwoman Hall – Thanked the Public Events Committee for their assistance with the Easter bunny parade. Thanked Jayme Meyers of the Stratford Ambulance Association for participating.
- Councilman Green – Thanked the Police, Fire, and EMS for their service and wished them luck and good health.
- Councilman Gandy – Thanked the Police, Fire, and EMS for their service. Commented the Office of Emergency Management is working double time to ensure information is staying up to date. Thanked the Public Events Committee for putting together the Easter Bunny parade.
- Councilwoman Lomanno – Complimented the Public Events Committee on the successful event. Thanked the firefighters, police officers, and ambulance squad for their service.
- Councilman Gilligan – Stated how much his family appreciated the Easter Bunny parade. Wished the residents and first responders good health.
- Councilman Tolomeo – Thanked the Police Department and Ambulance Squad for their help on Saturday.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

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

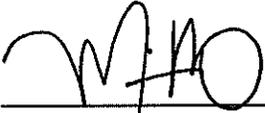
- John Gentless – 111 Union Ave. – Questioned if Council would consider livestreaming meetings in the future after the pandemic. Questioned the details covered in the change order for Resolution 2020:109.
- Mike Mancini – 3 Winding Way Rd. – Questioned various budget matters.
- John Gentless – 111 Union Ave. – Commented that it was a good idea to prepare a budget that accounts for if the collection rate decreases.

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

ADJOURN:

Green motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m.. Gilligan 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