

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 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  
STUART PLATT, BOROUGH SOLICITOR – PRESENT  
RON MORELLO, POLICE CHIEF – PRESENT  
CHRIS CONROY, BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – PRESENT  
JOHN FABRITIIS, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER – PRESENT  
MICHAELA BOSLER, ACTING BOROUGH CLERK – PRESENT

**PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:**

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

- John Gentless – 111 Union Ave. – In regards to Report #1, explained he and another resident have started a curb tree planting program in honor of the former chairman of the Shade Tree Commission.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:** NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**REPORT #1 – PLANTING OF CURB TREES**

- Councilman Gilligan stated his concerns regarding the Borough's liability to the Mr. Gentless' curb tree planting program. Councilman Gilligan asked Mr. Gentless if he could supply the Borough with the addresses of homes that have received curb trees. The Solicitor commented there are legal real estate concerns that homeowners' should be aware of before planting trees on the easement.

**REPORT #2 – DUMPING OF WASTE BEHIND SUNNYBROOK RD., SUNNYBROOK CT., AND PARKVIEW RD.**

- Councilman Tolomeo indicated that he received an concerning email regarding residents disposing of waste in the ravines, specifically along Sunnybrook Rd., Sunnybrook Ct., and Parkview Rd.. Councilman

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Tolomeo further requested a mailer be sent to residents encouraging proper disposal methods and the waste disposition services that are available to Stratford residents. Councilman Gandy stated he was concerned about an old utility pole transformer that was found in the ravine behind the Sterling Arms Condominium Association. Councilman Green commented that residents who contract with landscapers should have landscapers take their yard waste as part of their service.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- RESOLUTION 2020:110 – 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

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Session Resolution for matter relating to litigation, contract negotiations, or the Attorney-Client Privilege. re: Stratford Square

\_\_\_\_\_ (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 27, 2020 that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on April 27, 2020 at approximately 7:00 p.m via telecommunications 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.

Green motioned to approve Resolution 2020:110. Lomanno seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

**GOOD AND WELFARE:**

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

- John Gentless – 111 Union Ave. – Questioned if the Borough would put a dumpster in the Borough Hall parking lot for their yard waste. Questioned the date of budget introduction and whether Council plans to hold a budget workshop meeting prior to the introduction.

Hall 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.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- Councilman Green – None
- Councilman Gilligan – None
- Councilwoman Hall – Thanked all of the local law enforcement officers and emergency vehicles for putting together the first responders drive by parade which drove through the local hospitals, including Jefferson Stratford, in appreciation for the healthcare workers.
- Councilwoman Lomanno – None
- Councilman Gandy – None
- Councilman Tolomeo – None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

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Hall motioned to reopen the meeting to the public. Tolomeo 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 with the exception of Councilwoman Lomanno who was unable to reconnect to the electronic meeting.

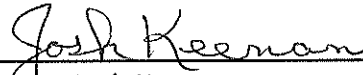
**ADJOURN:**

Tolomeo motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m.. Green seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:



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Michaela Bosler, Acting Borough Clerk



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Mayor Josh Keenan