

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING/REDEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 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 – ARRIVED AT 7:06 PM
PATRICK GREEN, COUNCILMAN – PRESENT
TINA LOMANNO, COUNCILWOMAN – ABSENT
MICHAEL TOLOMEO, COUNCILMAN – PRESENT
JUSTIN STRAUSSER, BOROUGH SOLICITOR – PRESENT
CRAIG REILLY, BOROUGH ENGINEER – PRESENT
RON MORELLO, POLICE CHIEF – ARRIVED AT 7:15 PM
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. Tolomeo 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. Gilligan seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a voice vote.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Morello gave the following report:

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| 7/1 | Afternoon hours. Officers responded to a sudden death at Brookview Manor apartments. 65-year-old male deceased of natural causes and had been deceased for several days. |
| 7/5 | Overnight hours. Intoxicated drive on Winding Way destroyed 2 vehicles of the same homeowner. Individual was arrested and charged with drunk driving. |
| 7/7 | Afternoon hours. Patrol arrested 2 homeless men behind 114 Berlin Road. Individuals were found with narcotic paraphernalia |
| 7/9 | Two more individuals arrested at 116 Berlin Road. Found inside the building. Charged with burglary and drug offenses. |
| 7/11 | Overnight hours. Pick up truck stolen from Pep Boys parking lot. Vehicle is not recovered yet. |

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- 7/18 Day of the Dollar General grand opening. Individual arrested for panhandling outside of the store. Individual complained of chest pains as he was being arrested and was transported to Jefferson Hospital. He was treated and released from the hospital, but refused to leave. He was arrested for trespassing. Upon arrest, caused about \$500 damage to police vehicle. Charged with criminal mischief. He was released and is due in municipal court.
- 7/20 Armed robbery 10 PM upon closing at CVS on the White Horse Pike. Male entered front door with crow bar. Threatened cashier and made off with cash and merchandise. Within 5 minutes, officers responded to another call at a home on Arlington Ave. Same suspect entered home and took property. Minutes later, officers were called to a burglary in progress. Same suspect attempting another burglary. Individual was arrested on scene and was charged with burglary, theft, weapon offenses, and robbery and was sent to Camden County Jail. The chief acknowledged the work done by Sergeant Beasley on this case.
- 7/23 Overnight hours. Vehicle stolen from Cornell Manor apartments. Vehicle was recovered in Burlington County.
- 7/25 Afternoon hours. Received call on Meadow Lark Rd. and Jefferson Ave. regarding 2 missing teenage females. Received call from Philadelphia Police Department that the girls were found on the streets of Kensington. Officers arranged for the juveniles to be picked up by parents.
- 7/26 Two protests on Warwick Road. Full security debriefing will be given on Tuesday's closed session. Lawful assembly by both parties involved.
- 7/29 Suspicious activity on Winding Way near Longwood Dr. Two men involved in ring of purchasing high dollar money orders from post office with stolen credit cards and gift cards. Arrested and charged with fraud offenses.

Gas line project is ahead of schedule and should be completed by September.

COVID Update – 74 residents have been infected; 4 deaths

Additional crossing guards will be needed for upcoming school year.

ENGINEER REPORT: Steven Bach gave the following report:

FY 2021 NJDOT Municipal Aid Funding – Homestead Road – Phase II, North Central Avenue & Kirkwood Avenue

Previously Reported:

- NJDOT has announced the department would be accepting applications for the NJDOT FY 2021 Municipal Aid program with a deadline of July 1, 2020. A resolution for authorizing our office to submit the application is required for the June Council Meeting.
- As directed by the Borough Administrator, our office has revisited the FY 2019 Capital Road Projects as well as conducted a brief preliminary roadway analysis for the Borough to make a recommendation to Council for the FY 2021 NJDOT Municipal Aid Application. Based on the combination of roadway condition and NJDOT scoring criteria, our office recommends including the remainder of Homestead Road (if necessary), N. Central Avenue and Kirkwood Avenue. We have attached a FY 2020 Road Program Location Map for reference.
- The application for this project was submitted via SAGE on June 30, 2020.

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.

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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

Update

- Authorization for design and bidding was approved via Resolution 2020:155 at the July Council Meeting. Our office will proceed with preparation of bid documents, plans, and specifications for public bidding of this project late summer/early fall 2020.

Previously Reported:

- Our office has completed the existing base survey.
- Our has provided a cost estimate for the anticipated improvements for this project to the Borough Administrator.

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

Update

- South Jersey Gas is currently replacing gas main and services along Homestead Road. Our office expects the utility work to be complete prior to roadway resurfacing.
- Due to the South Jersey Gas activities, the project will now be publicly bid this in August for award of contract at the September Council Meeting condition upon receipt of a favorable low bid.

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 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.

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

Update:

- Contractor has commenced completing outstanding items on punchlist.

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.
- The project is substantially complete. Our office is preparing a punchlist and coordinating with the Contractor to complete all outstanding items.
- Our office has processed Payment Application #2 and submitted to the Borough for payment.
- Our office has prepared a punchlist and is coordinating with the Contractor to complete all outstanding items.

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

Update:

- Construction is substantially complete. Our office is completing a punchlist with all outstanding items and will coordinate with the contractor to complete in a timely manner.

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 publicly 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.
- The preconstruction meeting was held on May 14th. Notice to Proceed was issued for May 26th.
- The Contractor has indicated construction will commence on Friday, June 5th with concrete work along Hunt Avenue

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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| • JULY 9, 2020 | AGENDA MEETING/REDEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP |
| • JULY 9, 2020 | EXECUTIVE SESSION |
| • JULY 14, 2020 | REGULAR MEETING |
| • JULY 14, 2020 | EXECUTIVE SESSION |

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

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

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NEW BUSINESS:

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

- The Clerk reported there is one public hearing for an ordinance on Tuesday's Meeting:
 - Ordinance 2020:08 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND SALARY RANGES FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD, CAMDEN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

REPORT #2 – UPCOMING INTRODUCTIONS/FIRST READINGS OF ORDINANCES

- The Clerk reported there are no upcoming introductions of any ordinances.

REPORT #3 – ROLLING ROAD SEWER MAIN REPAIR

- The Administrator reported there is a collapsed sewer main on Rolling Road at the Parkview end. Engineers have looked at it, and currently it is being bypassed. Engineers have made recommendation to repair collapsed section and inclusion of another manhole. The main is 8-14 feet deep underground. Newly paved road will have to be dug up. Another section with break will have to be repaired as well. Initial repair will be done on an emergency basis, estimates about \$72,000. Additional repair is estimated to be about \$89,000. Funds are available.

REPORT #4 – ONLINE TAX PAYMENTS

- The Clerk reported that included in the budget was an appropriation to add online tax and sewer payments onto the website for residents to pay those bills online. The annual cost for this service is \$1,200.00 from our municipal accounting system, Edmunds GovTech. There is an annual maintenance cost each year in the amount of \$1,280.00 moving forward after the initial year.

RESOLUTIONS:

- **RES. 2020:141 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH STRATFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR LAWN MAINTENANCE**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford offers the service of lawn maintenance to the Stratford Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Stratford Department of Public Works cuts the grass at Yellin and Parkview Schools; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford to authorize the execution of the Shared Service Agreement between the Stratford Board of Education and the Borough of Stratford.

Gandy motioned to approve Resolution 2020:141. Tolomeo seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

RESOLUTIONS 2020:161 THROUGH 2020:168 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. 2020:161 – APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE RL700 FOR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOLY FAMILY COUNCIL #7800**

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus Holy Family Council #7800 has applied for and received an identification number 483-6-30939 allowing the Knights of Columbus Holy Family Council #7800 the ability to apply for a raffle license requesting proper approval; and

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WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus Holy Family Council #7800 has properly completed the raffle license application and at least 7 days have elapsed between the time the application was filed and the time that the application was submitted to the Governing Body for approval and for the Governing Body to issue their Findings and Determination; and

WHEREAS, the application, Findings and Determination form and a check payable to the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission (LGCCC) in the amount of \$60.00 will be forwarded to the LGCCC within three days of the Governing Body's action; and

WHEREAS, that 15 days will elapse between the time the municipality forwards the application to the LGCCC and the date the license is issued to the applicant; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk has reported that the legal preliminaries have been strictly complied with; and

WHEREAS, the issuing of such licenses is contingent on the LGCCC not returning the application for any reason;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council be and is hereby authorized to issue a Raffle license numbered RL700 to the Knights of Columbus Holy Family Council #7800 for the raffle taking place on December 20, 2020.

● RES. 2020:162 – ALLOW VETERANS TAX DEDUCTIONS

WHEREAS, all the eligibility requirements for a 2020 VETERAN or WIDOW OF A VETERAN property tax deduction have been met by the following residents:

BLOCK	LOT	NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT
112	13	Christopher Basciano	13 Hillside Road	250.00

WHEREAS, the deduction has been approved by the Borough Tax Assessor and Tax Collector;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council that a tax deduction be granted to the above-mentioned residents and these deductions be placed on the 2020 tax list.

● RES. 2020:163 – ALLOW TOTALLY DISABLED VETERANS TAX EXEMPTION – 7 HILLCREST ROAD

WHEREAS, an application has been received from Martin L Keck at 7 Hillcrest Road, Block 105, Lot 5, for an exemption from the payment of property taxes; and

WHEREAS, Martin L Keck suffered from a service-connected disability and has been declared 100% permanently and totally disabled by the U.S. Veterans Administration; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has determined that Martin L Keck. has submitted the required documentation and is entitled to an exemption from property taxes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford to place Mr. Keck's property on the Exempt Property List effective October 11, 2019.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that property taxes billed for the year 2020 in the amount of \$7,355.59 be canceled.

● RES. 2020:164 – SUBMISSION OF STRATEGIC PLAN FOR MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT

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WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The Stratford Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore, has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Stratford Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Stratford Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Camden;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Stratford Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Sterling Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year FY21 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$9,186.648
Cash Match	\$2,296.662
In-Kind	\$6,889.986

2. The Stratford Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

- **RES. 2020:165 – APPOINT LABORER I – TYLER GRANT**

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough of Stratford is in need of hiring for the position of Laborer I within the Public Works and Sewer Department; and

WHEREAS, the recommendation of Tyler Grant has been made to the governing body; and

WHEREAS, said employment shall have be considered temporary for 60 days;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford to appoint Tyler Grant as a Laborer I effective July 27, 2020.

- **RES. 2020:166 – REFUND PET LICENSE OVERPAYMENT**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford has received overpayments for pet license registration fees from Eileen Krowicki in the amount of \$20.00; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council wish to refund the overpayments paid to said individual;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to authorize refunds for overpayments of pet license registration fees to Eileen Krowicki in the amount of \$20.00.

- **RES. 2020:167 – MAINTENANCE LIENS**

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WHEREAS, there exists vacant property in the Borough of Stratford; and

WHEREAS, the last known record owner has been duly notified to maintain the property; and

WHEREAS, Stratford contracted services or instructed employees to maintain or secure the property; and

WHEREAS, the following amount is due for services rendered:

Address	Block/lot	description of svc	date of svc	cost of svc	Total to be liened
115 Wellington Ave	55/2	Lawn maintenance	7/25/2020	45.00	45.00
100 Harvard Ave	37/8	Excessive trash pick up	7/9/2020	558.80	558.80
TOTAL					603.80

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council to authorize a lien on the above noted properties for the work completed by the Borough on behalf of the property owner.

● RES. 2020:168 – AUTHORIZE RENEWAL OF THE ABC LICENSE FOR RIDHIR, INC.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford has received the NJ Tax Clearance Certificate for an active liquor license; and

WHEREAS, the annual permit for the active license is due for renewal for the period of 2020-2021; and

WHEREAS, all required fees have been paid,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford to authorize the renewal of the ABC License for the following:

0432-44-003-001 Ridhir, Inc.

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilwoman Hall – Announced the Public Events Committee will be putting together a virtual Miss Stratford
- Councilman Gandy – Thanked Public Works for their work cleaning up storm debris. Thanked residents for patience. Thanked Emergency Services for their work during these trying times.
- Councilman Gilligan – None
- Councilman Green – None
- Councilman Tolomeo – Thanked Police, Fire, and Public Works for their work during the storms.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

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

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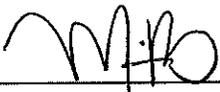
- John Gentless – 111 Union Ave. – Questioned if PNC Bank is required to come into the JLUB for all the repairs they are making to the site. Questioned what the scope of work was for tree work done at 46 Saratoga Rd. Questioned if the governing body plans to respond to Miss Stratford’s comments made at the last meeting.
- Meredith Meisenheimer – Cornell Ave. – Questioned if Council had plans to respond to Miss Stratford’s comments given the protests that occurred late last month.
- Kathryn Decker – Warwick Road – Questioned if a committee could be formed to encourage dialogue between both sides of the police and racial justice matters. Questioned if the security debriefing of the protests would be made available to the public.
- Jamie Kaufman – 18C Webster Ave. – Followed up with her request for a statement supporting black lives and commitment to support racial justice from last month. Councilman Green responded that Council supports everyone’s right to support whichever cause or issue they please, so long as the support is displayed peacefully and respectfully.
- Frank Hartman – 18 Green Tree Road – Commented that he agreed with Councilman Green.
- Councilman Gandy – commented that he appreciated Ms. Kaufman coming forward and voicing her concerns. Commented that they are not looking to support one cause over the other. Thanked Ms. Kaufman for her comments and for standing up for what she believes in.

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

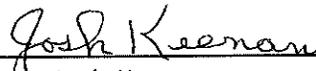
ADJOURN:

Green motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.. Gandy 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