

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
AUGUST 11, 2020
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: THE STRATFORD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FOR AUGUST 11, 2020

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER:

STATEMENT OF ADVERTISEMENT:

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:

MAYOR JOSH KEENAN
COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINDA HALL
COUNCILMAN STEPHEN GANDY
COUNCILMAN PATRICK GILLIGAN
COUNCILMAN PATRICK GREEN
COUNCILWOMAN TINA LOMANNO
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL TOLOMEO

STUART PLATT, BOROUGH SOLICITOR
RON MORELLO, POLICE CHIEF
CHRIS CONROY, BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR
MICHAELA BOSLER, ACTING BOROUGH CLERK

PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Motion to go to open public portion on agenda items only:

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote: _____

Motion to close public portion on agenda items:

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote: _____

REPORTS:

ORDINANCE & PROPERTY	Councilman Patrick Green
FINANCE & REVENUE	Councilman Patrick Gilligan
POLICE	Councilwoman Tina Lomanno
EMERGENCY SERVICES	Councilman Stephen Gandy
PUBLIC WORKS & LIGHTING	Councilman Michael Tolomeo
PUBLIC EVENTS	Councilwoman Linda Hall

OLD BUSINESS:

ORD. 2020:08 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND SALARY RANGES FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD, CAMDEN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Motion to open the public hearing on ORD. 2020:08: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote: _____

Motion to close the public hearing on ORD. 2020:08: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote: _____

Motion to adopt ORD 2020:08: _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

This agenda is subject to change

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTIONS 2020:169 THROUGH 2020:174 WILL BE DONE AS A CONSENT AGENDA

Council can at this time request to remove any of the resolutions from the consent agenda and they can be voted on separately.

- RES. 2020:169 REFUND OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES – BL 87.01, LOT 28
- RES. 2020:170 REFUND OVERPAYMENT OF PET LICENSE REGISTRATION FEES
- RES. 2020:171 AUTHORIZE ONLINE TAX AND SEWER PAYMENT SERVICE WITH EDMUNDS GOVTECH
- RES. 2020:172 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
The matter for executive session will pertain to matters relating to public safety and property
- RES. 2020:173 APPOINTING FUND COMMISSIONER FOR REMAINDER OF FUND YEAR 2020
- RES. 2020:174 AUTHORIZING TREE REMOVAL SERVICES WITH CANNINGS TREE SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,800.00

Motion: _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Animal checks		through		
Manual checks		through		
Payroll checks		through		and
Payroll checks		through		
Automated checks		through		
Various electronic transfers and potential interim payments to				

Motion: _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Motion to open the meeting to the public for Good and Welfare:

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote: _____

Motion to close the public portion for Good and Welfare:

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote: _____

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to go into Executive Session:

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Voice Vote _____

Motion to leave Executive Session:

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Voice Vote _____

ADJOURN:

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Voice Vote: _____

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RESOLUTION 2020:169
REFUND OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES – BL 87.01, LOT 28

WHEREAS, an overpayment was received in the Tax Collector's office for Block 87.01, Lot 28 - 48 Saratoga Road;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford the amount of \$1,886.80 be disbursed to Corelogic Tax Services for the overpayment.

BY: _____
JOSH KEENAN, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
MICHAELA BOSLER,
ACTING BOROUGH CLERK

I, Michaela Bosler, Acting Borough Clerk, do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and complete copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a public meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford held on August 11, 2020.

MICHAELA BOSLER,
ACTING BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 2020:170
REFUND OVERPAYMENT OF PET LICENSE REGISTRATION FEES

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford has received overpayments for pet license registration fees from Neil Neri in the amount of \$5.00; 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 Neil Neri in the amount of \$5.00.

BY: _____
JOSH KEENAN, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
MICHAELA BOSLER,
ACTING BOROUGH CLERK

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MICHAELA BOSLER,
ACTING BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 2020:171
AUTHORIZE ONLINE TAX AND SEWER PAYMENT SERVICE WITH EDMUNDS GOVTECH

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford currently uses Edmunds GovTech municipal accounting software for property tax and sewer records; and

WHEREAS, Edmunds GovTech offers an online bill payment service; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council wish to offer the online bill payment service for the convenience of residents; and

WHEREAS, the initial set up cost for this service will be \$1,200.00 and there is an annual maintenance fee in the amount of \$1,280.00 beginning after the first year; and

WHEREAS, the monetary amount for the software is below the bid threshold, thus exempting from formal bidding under the Local Public Contracts Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to authorize online tax and sewer payment service with Edmunds GovTech.

BY: _____
JOSH KEENAN, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
MICHAELA BOSLER,
ACTING BOROUGH CLERK

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MICHAELA BOSLER,
ACTING BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 2020:172
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.

 X (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.

_____ (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.

_____ (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 August 11, 2020 that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on August 11, 2020 at approximately 7:00 p.m. in the Justice Facility, 315 Union Avenue, Stratford, NJ or through 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.

BY: _____
JOSH KEENAN, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
MICHAELA BOSLER,
ACTING BOROUGH CLERK

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MICHAELA BOSLER,
ACTING BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 2020:173
APPOINTING FUND COMMISSIONER FOR REMAINDER OF FUND YEAR 2020

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford (hereinafter "Local Unit" is a member of the Statewide Insurance Fund (hereinafter "Fund"), a joint insurance fund as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Fund's Bylaws require participating members to appoint a Fund Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Chris Conroy had been named Fund Commissioner for Fund Year 2020, and has submitted a letter of resignation effective August 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford must designate a new Fund Commissioner for the remainder of Fund Year 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of Stratford (Local Unit) that Michaela Bosler (entity's elected official or employee) is hereby appointed as the Fund Commissioner for the Local Unit for the remainder of Fund Year 2020 effective September 1, 2020.

BY: _____
JOSH KEENAN, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
MICHAELA BOSLER,
ACTING BOROUGH CLERK

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MICHAELA BOSLER,
ACTING BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 2020:174
AUTHORIZING TREE REMOVAL SERVICES WITH CANNINGS TREE SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$1,800.00

WHEREAS, the Borough is in need of removing a fallen and dangerous tree blocking Bryant Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Borough obtained a quote which was in the amount of \$1,800.00 from Cannings Tree Service of 76 Haddock Dr., Sewell, NJ 08080; and

WHEREAS, the monetary amount for the services is below the bid threshold, thus exempting them from formal bidding under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the services are necessary to promote the public health, safety and welfare in the Borough of Stratford.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden and State of New Jersey that the tree removal services performed by Cannings Tree Service, 76 Haddock Dr., Sewell, NJ 08080 is hereby authorized.

BY: _____
JOSH KEENAN, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
MICHAELA BOSLER,
ACTING BOROUGH CLERK

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