

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
DECEMBER 8, 2020
7:00 P.M.

C CALL TO ORDER: THE STRATFORD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FOR DECEMBER 8, 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

JOHN D. KEENAN JR., ACTING 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. 2020:10 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2020:08 ESTABLISHING SALARIES

Motion to open the public hearing on ORD. 2020:10: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote: _____

Motion to close the public hearing on ORD. 2020:10: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote: _____

Motion to adopt ORD 2020:10: _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTIONS 2020:225 THROUGH 2020:228 WILL BE DONE AS A CONSENT AGENDA

This agenda is subject to change

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

RES. 2020:225 AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICER OF ATTORNEY GENERAL, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,200.00, UNDER THE FY2020 SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM, SUBAWARD GRANT NUMBER 21-0432, AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION TO ATTEST TO A SUBGRANT AWARD AND AN ALL DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS GRANT

RES. 2020:226 AUTHORIZING BOROUGH ENGINEER TO DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS AND RECEIVE BIDS FOR HOMESTEAD ROAD (PHASE II) AND N. CENTRAL AVENUE

RES. 2020:227 CHAPTER 159 – HOLIDAY DWI CRACKDOWN (\$6,000.00)

RES. 2020:228 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 litigation, contract negotiations, or the Attorney-Client Privilege re: Stratford Square Redevelopment

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: _____

ADJOURN:

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote: _____

ORDINANCE 2020:10

AMENDING ORDINANCE 2020:08 ESTABLISHING SALARIES

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to amend certain salaries set forth in ordinance 2020:08

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey that Ordinance 2020:08 is amended to include the salary range for the following positions as follows:

Section 1:

Business Administrator – Part Time	\$55.00-\$65.00 per hour
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Section 2. All Ordinances contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are inconsistent herewith.

Section 3. If the provisions of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order of judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon posting, publication and final passage in the manner prescribed by law.

Mayor Josh Keenan

Adopted:

ATTEST:

Michaela Bosler, Acting Borough Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and passed on the first reading at a meeting of the Governing Body held on the 10th day of November, 2020 and will be considered for final passage on the 8th of December, 2020 at a meeting to be held at the Stratford Justice Facility, 315 Union Avenue, Stratford, NJ.

Michaela Bosler, Acting Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION 2020:225

AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICER OF ATTORNEY GENERAL, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,200.00, UNDER THE FY2020 SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM, SUBAWARD GRANT NUMBER 21-0432, AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION TO ATTEST TO A SUBGRANT AWARD AND AN ALL DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS GRANT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford, in the County of Camden, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Borough of Stratford is authorized to accept a subaward grant from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General, in the amount of \$16,200.00, under the Safe and Secure Communities Program, Grant No. 21-0432, with a Match – Fringe Benefits, for a total project cost of \$16,200.00
2. Mayor Josh Keenan and Chief Ronald Morello are authorized to execute and the Municipal Clerk to attest to a Subgrant Award in connection with this grant, and any and all documents in connection with this grant.
3. The Borough of Stratford is accepting this grant of funds for the purpose described in the application.
4. Subaward Period: April 1, 2021, and March 31, 2022
5. A certified copy of this resolutions shall be provided by the Office of the Municipal Clerk to each of the following:
 - a. Mayor
 - b. Borough Council
 - c. Business Administrator
 - d. Borough Solicitor
 - e. Chief Financial Officer
 - f. Chief of Police
 - g. State of New Jersey
Officer of Attorney General
Department of Law and Public Safety
P.O. Box 080
Trenton, NJ 08625
 - h. Office of Attorney General
Department of Law and Public Safety
P.O. Box 080
Trenton, NJ 08625

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 December 8, 2020.

MICHAELA BOSLER,
ACTING BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 2020:226
**AUTHORIZING BOROUGH ENGINEER TO DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS AND RECEIVE BIDS FOR
HOMESTEAD ROAD (PHASE II) AND N. CENTRAL AVENUE**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford has budgeted capital funding and has been awarded a FY2021 NJDOT Grant in the amount of \$260,000.00 for road improvements to Homestead Road (Phase II) and N. Central Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the design of plans and specifications, and advertisement for bids is required for this road improvement; and

WHEREAS, Bach Associates has provided two options to the governing body regarding fees, with option 1 leaving the Borough responsible for funding \$12,300.00 of the total project costs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford to authorize the Borough Engineer to begin the design plans and specifications, and to advertise and receive bids for the Homestead Road (Phase II) and N. Central Avenue road improvements as per Option 1.

BY: _____
JOSH KEENAN, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
MICHAELA BOSLER,
ACTING BOROUGH CLERK

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MICHAELA BOSLER,
ACTING BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 2020:227
CHAPTER 159 – HOLIDAY DWI CHECKPOINT GRANT
(\$6,000.00)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:40-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Finance may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Stratford hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Finance to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget for the year 2020 in the amount of six thousand dollars and no cents (\$6,000.00) Holiday DWI Checkpoint Grant which item is now available pursuant to the provision of statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of six thousand dollars and no cents (\$6,000.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

HOLIDAY DWI CHECKPOINT GRANT

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is the result of monies received from the State of New Jersey and was deposited into the proper account.

BY: _____
JOSH KEENAN, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
MICHAELA BOSLER,
ACTING BOROUGH CLERK

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ACTING BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 2020:228
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.

 (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 December 8, 2020 that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on December 8, 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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