

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2020
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Keenan called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 – ABSENT
STEPHEN GANDY, COUNCILMAN – PRESENT
PATRICK GILLIGAN, COUNCILMAN – PRESENT
PATRICK GREEN, COUNCILMAN – PRESENT
TINA LOMANNO, COUNCILWOMAN – PRESENT
MICHAEL TOLOMEO, COUNCILMAN - PRESENT
STUART PLATT, BOROUGH SOLICITOR – PRESENT
RON MORELLO, POLICE CHIEF – PRESENT
JOHN D. KEENAN, JR., ACTING 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. Lomanno seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a voice vote.

- There were no comments from the public.

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

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTIONS 2020:232 THROUGH 2020:233 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 and the Clerk read the resolutions by title.

- RESOLUTION 2020:232 – 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

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WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 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 N.J.S.A. 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 17, 2020 that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on December 17, 2020 at approximately 6:00

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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.

● **RESOLUTION 2020:233 – BUDGET TRANSFERS**

FROM:

Insurance & Surety	1,700.00
A & E OE	300.00
Finance OE	200.00
Tax Collector OE	200.00
Tax Assessor OE	300.00
Public Works OE	1,000.00
Property OE	1,000.00
Environmental OE	362.69
Gasoline OE	800.00

TO:

Group Insurance OE	5,862.69
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Tolomeo motioned to approve the consent agenda. Green seconded the motion with all present members in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilman Gandy – Wished everyone a happy holiday and happy new year.
- Councilman Gilligan – Wished everyone a happy holiday and happy new year.
- Councilman Green – Wished everyone a happy holiday and happy new year.
- Councilwoman Lomanno – Wished everyone a happy holiday and happy new year. Thanked the residents for their perseverance throughout the year.
- Councilman Tolomeo – Wished everyone a happy holiday and happy new year. Announced that Mr. Santoro donated a solar light for the flag pole at the Veterans Memorial.
- Solicitor Stuart Platt – Wished everyone a happy holiday and happy new year. Thanked Mayor, Council, the Acting Administrator, the Police Chief and the Clerk for their hard work.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Gandy 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.

- There were no comments from the public.

Lomanno 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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Gandy motioned to close executive session. Lomanno 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.

- **RESOLUTION 2020:232 – RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD APPOINTING SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR PENDING LITIGATION THROUGH AN AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford is in need of Special Counsel legal services related to a pending Condemnation lawsuit filed by the County of Camden regarding the former Bradlees Site known as Block 62 Lot 2 on State Route 30 (“Litigation”); and

WHEREAS, Anthony Dellapelle, Esq. of McKirdy, Riskin, Olson, & Dellapelle, PC is able to provide said legal services; and

WHEREAS it is expected that the value of the legal services will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has the need to acquire the professional services from Anthony Dellapelle, Esq. of McKirdy, Riskin, Olson, & Dellapelle, PC to be provided hereunder as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Dellapelle, Esq. of McKirdy, Riskin, Olson, & Dellapelle, PC has certified that it did not make a reportable campaign contribution during the one-year preceding the award of the contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Dellapelle, Esq. of McKirdy, Riskin, Olson, & Dellapelle, PC has completed a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that it has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Stratford in the previous one (1) year and that the contract will prohibit Anthony Dellapelle, Esq. of McKirdy, Riskin, Olson, & Dellapelle, PC from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden and State of New Jersey, that the Borough hereby appoints Anthony Dellapelle, Esq. of McKirdy, Riskin, Olson, & Dellapelle, PC as Special Counsel to represent the Borough in the Litigation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to sign a professional services agreement for the service to be provided herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Entity Disclosure Certification be placed on file with the Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk shall publish such notice, if any, as required under the law.

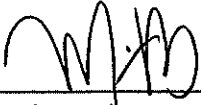
Tolomeo motioned to approve Resolution 2020:234. Lomanno seconded the motion with all present members in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

ADJOURN:

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Gilligan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m.. Green 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