

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2020
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Keenan called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Keenan led the Pledge and said an opening prayer.

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
MICHAEL TOLOMEO, COUNCILMAN – PRESENT
JUSTIN STRAUSSER, BOROUGH SOLICITOR – PRESENT
RON MORELLO, POLICE CHIEF – PRESENT
CHRIS CONROY, BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – PRESENT
MICHAELA BOSLER, ACTING BOROUGH CLERK - PRESENT

PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Gilligan 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.

- John Gentless – 111 Union Ave. – Questioned re-voting on a resolution that was passed at the last meeting after Executive Session. The Solicitor stated the resolution in question is not on this agenda, and the Mayor requested the question be answered during Good and Welfare.

Hall 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.

REPORTS:

ORDINANCE & PROPERTY Councilman Patrick Green read the report as follows:

JUNE 2020
Total number of properties inspected: 50
Total number of issues inspected of re-inspected: 52
Total number of violations found: 52
36 of the issues have been abated
16 of the issues are pending follow up
Total number of citations issued: 0

FINANCE & REVENUE Councilman Patrick Gilligan read the report as follows:

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BOROUGH FINANCIAL REPORT – JUNE 2020

Balance as of 6-1-2020 – \$1,788,841.20
 Total Receipts – \$365,377.79
 Total Disbursements – \$1,248,089.09
 Balance as of 6-30-2020 – \$926,129.90
 Total in other Funds - \$2,191,851.71

MUNICIPAL COURT FINANCIAL REPORT – JUNE 2020

Disbursements this month:
 State of New Jersey: \$9,822.58
 Camden County: \$8,117.08
 Other: \$812.94
 Borough of Stratford: \$19,200.79
 Year to Date Total: \$102,246.12

POLICE

Councilwoman Tina Lomanno read the reports as follows:

JUNE 2020
 21 Adult arrests,
 0 Juvenile arrests,
 0 assaults to police,
 6 Simple assaults Complaints,
 3 Criminal Mischief Complaints,
 22 Harassment complaints,
 296 Other investigations and complaints,
 0 burglaries,
 0 robberies,
 6 thefts in the amount of \$654.00
 \$166.00 in stolen property recovered,
 0 (recovered) motor vehicle thefts,
 3 D.W.I. arrests,
 4 Narcotics arrests,
 411 Traffic summonses issued,
 20 Motor vehicle accidents,
 1 injuries from accidents
 26 Alarm activations,

 69 Total crime reports taken
 482 total calls for police service
Submitted by Ron Morello, Chief of Police

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Councilman Stephen Gandy read portions of the following report.

Fire Department

The Stratford Fire Department responded to 107 Alarms 2 Drills in the month
 JUNE 2020. The following list is a breakdown of the same:

| | MONTH | YEAR TO DATE |
|----------------|-------|--------------|
| Dwelling Fires | 1 | 3 |
| Building Fires | 3 | 7 |

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| Investigations | 18 | 31 |
| Out of Town Assists | 14 | 68 |
| Alarm Systems | 5 | 18 |
| Assist Ambulance, Police, Public | 25 | 45 |
| Car Fires | 1 | 2 |
| Wires, Trees Down | 42 | 53 |
| Rescues & M.V.A.'s | 2 | 14 |
| Brush Fires | 1 | 1 |
| Drills | 2 | 10 |

Total man hours on the above alarm drills was 684

Submitted by Stephen Gagliardi, Deputy Chief

Ambulance Association

The Stratford Ambulance Association **Paid Crew** responded to **88 Alarms** in the month of **JUNE 2020**, the following is a breakdown of the same:

| | <u>Paid</u> | |
|------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| | <u>Month</u> | <u>Y.T.D.</u> |
| 1. Abdominal Pain | 1 | 2 |
| 1. Assault | 0 | 4 |
| 2. Bleeding | 0 | 12 |
| 3. Cardiac | 5 | 41 |
| 4. CVA | 3 | 14 |
| 5. Diabetic | 0 | 7 |
| 6. Fall | 10 | 56 |
| 7. Fire Call | 0 | 8 |
| 8. Haz-Mat | 0 | 0 |
| 9. Maternity | 1 | 2 |
| 10. Medical Emergency | 22 | 121 |
| 11. Medical Alarm | 2 | 5 |
| 12. MVA | 9 | 30 |
| 13. Overdose | 1 | 9 |
| 14. Ped/MVA | 0 | 7 |
| 15. Psych. Emergency | 7 | 52 |
| 16. Respiratory | 8 | 45 |
| 17. Seizures | 2 | 13 |
| 18. Sick Person | 3 | 24 |
| 19. Special Assignment | 0 | 0 |
| 20. Unconscious Person | 13 | 29 |
| 21. Fractures | 1 | 4 |

3 Covid positive transports

Year to Date Calls

Paid: 517

Submitted by Kristine Shafer, Chief-Stratford Ambulance

The Stratford Ambulance Association **Volunteer Crew** responded to **16 Alarms** in the month of **JUNE 2020**, the following is a breakdown of the same:

| | <u>Volunteer</u> | |
|-------------|------------------|---------------|
| | <u>Month</u> | <u>Y.T.D.</u> |
| 1. Assault | 0 | 1 |
| 2. Bleeding | 0 | 1 |
| 3. Cardiac | 3 | 11 |
| 4. CVA | 1 | 3 |

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| 5. Diabetic | 0 | 0 |
| 6. Fall | 2 | 8 |
| 7. Fire Call | 0 | 1 |
| 8. Haz-Mat | 0 | 0 |
| 9. Maternity | 0 | 1 |
| 10. Medical Emergency | 2 | 27 |
| 11. Medical Alarm | 0 | 1 |
| 12. MVA | 0 | 0 |
| 13. Overdose | 0 | 1 |
| 14. Ped/MVA | 0 | 0 |
| 15. Psych. Emergency | 3 | 11 |
| 16. Respiratory | 0 | 6 |
| 17. Seizures | 0 | 0 |
| 18. Sick Person | 0 | 2 |
| 19. Special Assignment | 0 | 0 |
| 20. Unconscious Person | 1 | 3 |

Year to Date Calls
Volunteer 80

Submitted by Kristine Shafer, Chief-Stratford Ambulance

PUBLIC WORKS & LIGHTING Councilman Michael Tolomeo read the reports as follows:

Sewer Utility

- Call outs for emergency service: 13
- Performed preemptive checks and required maintenance of all manholes and pump stations
- Oversaw repair of elevated main broken by a falling tree during a storm, including overnight monitoring of bypass pump.
- Work orders:
 - Obtained materials and supplies then performed maintenance required to correct state fire inspection violations at the Borough Hall, Senior Center, and Justice Center.
 - Worked with Public Works department on storm debris removal.
- Regular maintenance activities performed include:
 - Weekly trash pickup and cleanup at Yellin School, Parkview School and Vassar Ave. ball fields
 - Bi weekly town wide metal/appliance collection.

Public Works

- Yard waste pick up weekly
- Cutting of railroad and Quaker store
- Cutting of all Borough properties
- Cutting of schools and Sterling Arms
- Chipper out bi-weekly
- June 3 windstorm hit – trees and branches down throughout the town
- Chipper out daily, backhoes and truck with trailer picking up larger piles.
- Did brush clean up throughout the month.
- 1 laborer on vacation June 15-June 19
- 1 laborer quit on June 18

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PUBLIC EVENTS

Councilwoman Hall reported the Public Events Committee is looking to do a virtual Miss Stratford and Little Miss Stratford Pageant. Thanked the Public Works Department, Magnolia Public Works Department, Police Department, Councilman Tolomeo and Councilman Gandy for their assistance in collecting the storm debris throughout the town.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **ORDINANCE 2020:05 – BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$424,665.00 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$403,431.75 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THERE OF**

Hall motioned to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2020:05. Gandy 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 hearing on Ordinance 2020:05. Tolomeo seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Voice Vote.

Gilligan motioned to adopt Ordinance 2020:05. Tolomeo seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

- **ORDINANCE 2020:06 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1.12, ENTITLED “FEES,” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD WITH RESPECT TO THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC SANITARY SEWER SERVICE**

Green motioned to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2020:06. Tolomeo seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Voice Vote.

- **John Gentless – 111 Union Ave – Questioned what upgrades need to be done to the sanitary sewer system affected by redevelopment projects and how much it would cost.**

Gandy motioned to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2020:06. Hall seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Voice Vote.

Green motioned to adopt Ordinance 2020:06. Gilligan seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

- **ORDINANCE 2020:07 – BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SEWER UTILITY EMERGENCY REPAIRS OF THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$170,000.00 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$170,000.00 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE THE COST THERE OF**

Tolomeo motioned to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2020:07. Gandy seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Voice Vote.

There were no comments from the public.

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Hall motioned to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2020:07. Green seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Voice Vote.

Tolomeo motioned to adopt Ordinance 2020:07. Green seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 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

The Clerk announced this is the first reading and introduction; the public hearing for this ordinance will be on August 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford:

SECTION 1: The salaries and salary ranges of the officers and employees commencing as of January 01, 2020 are established as follows:

Borough Administration

| TITLE | ANNUAL COMPENSATION | |
|---|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Mayor | \$5,253.15 | P/T |
| Mayor performs marriage or civil union ceremony | 100.00 per ceremony | P/T |
| Council Members (each) | 4,253.91P/T | |
| Borough Clerk | 70,000.00 – 90,000.00 | |
| Borough Administrator | 70,000.00 – 90,000.00 | |
| Deputy Borough Clerk | 30,000.00 – 60,000.00 | |
| Tax Collector | 70,122.89 – 80,000.00 | |
| Certified Municipal Finance Officer | 47,745.84 – 55,000.00 | |
| Tax Assessor | 10,000.00 – 13,000.00 | P/T |
| Deputy Tax Assessor | 10,000.00 – 13,000.00 | P/T |
| Tax Searcher | 663.87 – 800.00 | P/T |
| Registrar | 5,000 stipend | |
| Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics | 4,000 stipend | |
| Clerk Typist/Construction Clerk | 21,000.00 – 40,000.00 | |
| Clerk 1 | 30,000.00 – 45,000.00 | |
| Emergency Program Manager | 2,500.00 | P/T |
| Secretary to Joint Land Use Board | 1650.04 – 3,000.00 | P/T |
| Secretary/Administrator to Park Commission | 1,200.00 – 1,500.00 | P/T |
| Zoning Administrative Officer | 1,266.06 – 3,000.00 | P/T |
| Zoning Officer | 2,600.00 – 4,500.00 | P/T |
| Construction Clerk | State minimum wage – 16.00 per hour | P/T |
| Site Plan Inspector | 12.00 – 15.00 per hour | P/T |
| Construction Code Official | 4,500.00 – 20,000.00 | P/T |
| Housing Inspector | 12.00 – 15.00 per hour | P/T |
| Plumbing Inspector | 8,000.00 – 10,000.00 | P/T |
| Electrical Inspector | 10,000.00 – 37,000.00 | P/T |
| Accounting Clerk | 30,000.00 – 50,000.00 | P/T |
| Account Clerk | 15.00 – 25.00 per hour | P/T |
| Code Enforcement Official | 12.00 - 15.00 per hour | P/T |
| Site Plan Inspector | 12.00 - 15.00 per hour | P/T |

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Public Works/Sewer Department

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| Public Works Supervisor | 55,000.00 – 75,000.00 | |
| Public Works Assistant Supervisor | 45,000.00 – 55,000.00 | |
| Public Works Laborer 1 | 30,000.00 – 34,500.00 | |
| Public Works Laborer 2 | 34,500.00 – 39,500.00 | |
| Public Works Laborer 3 | 39,500.00 – 50,000.00 | |
| Public Works Temporary | State minimum wage – 18.00 per hour | P/T |
| Commercial Driver’s License Compensation | 1,500 stipend | |
| Licensed Operator | 50,000.00 – 75,000.00 | |
| License Compensation | 6,500.00 stipend | P/T |

Municipal Court

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Municipal Magistrate | 517.05 per session | P/T |
| Court Administrator | 59,160.00 – 75,000.00 | |
| Municipal Prosecutor | 408.00 per session | P/T |
| Municipal Public Defender | 227.49 per session | P/T |
| Court Sound Recorder Operator | 51.765 per session | P/T |
| Deputy Court Administrator | 30,000.00 – 45,000.00 | |
| Court Clerk | 30,000.00 – 45,000.00 | |
| Court Temporary | State minimum wage – 18.00 per hour | P/T |
| Certified Court Temporary | 75.00 per session | P/T |
| Transcript Service | .15 per line | P/T |

Special DWI Court Rates

| | | |
|---------------------|---------------------------|-----|
| Judge | 517.05 per session | P/T |
| Prosecutor | 408.00 per session | P/T |
| Public Defender | 227.49 per session | P/T |
| Court Administrator | 100.00 per session | P/T |
| Court Secretary | 65.00 – 75.00 per session | P/T |
| Sound Recorder | 51.765 per session | P/T |

Police Department

| | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Police Chief | 112,001.00 – 155,000.00 | |
| Police Captain | 99,000.00 – 112,000.00 | |
| Police Lieutenant | 98,000.00 – 111,000.00 | |
| Police Sergeant | 95,000.00 – 107,000.00 | |
| Police Patrolman | 49,000.00 – 103,000.00 | |
| Police Director | 35.00 – 55.00 per hour | P/T |
| School Traffic Guards | 16.50 – 17.50 per shift | P/T |
| Special Class II Police Officers | State minimum wage – 35.00 per hour | P/T |
| Special Class I Police Officer | State minimum wage – 18.00 per hour | P/T |
| Part time Police Officer/Bailiff/Security | State minimum wage – 18.00 per hour | P/T |
| Police Officer Seat Belt | 55.00 per hour | P/T |
| Police Officer DWI | 75.00 per hour | P/T |
| Confidential Assistant | 30,000.00 – 55,000.00 | |
| Police P/T Secretary | State minimum wage – 18.00 per hour | P/T |

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SECTION 2: This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

Hall motioned to approve the introduction of Ordinance 2020:08. Green seconded the motion and all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

- RES. 2020:150 – AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD AND THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD COUNCIL (“BOROUGH”) AND STRATWIN, LLC AND APPOINTING STRATWIN, LLC AS REDEVELOPER FOR THE BERLIN ROAD REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT (“REDEVELOPER”)

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. as amended and supplemented, (the “Act”) the Borough has undertaken a program for the redevelopment of certain property identified as Block 53, Lots 2, 3 and 6 located along Berlin Road in Stratford Borough (the “Project Site” or “Property”). The Project Site is currently owned by the Redeveloper. The Redeveloper intends to construct 49 single-family residential dwellings consisting of 41 market rate units and 8 family affordable units on approximately 4.14 acres at the Project Site in a time frame that is practicable and commercially reasonable; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough has determined that the redevelopment of the Project Site will promote job creation and economic redevelopment within the municipality and the County of Camden, as well as an attractive project. The Borough duly adopted Resolution 2018-174 on September 11, 2018, which designated the Project Site as an area in need of Non-Condemnation redevelopment in accordance with the Act. The Borough further duly adopted Ordinance 2019:20 on December 17, 2019, adopting the Redevelopment Plan in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has been authorized to act as a Redevelopment Entity to oversee the implementation of such Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, Stratwin, LLC, a New Jersey limited liability company has applied to the Mayor and Borough Council to be appointed as the Redeveloper for the Subject Property; and

WHEREAS, Stratwin, LLC has an ownership and/or other beneficial interest in the Subject Property; and

WHEREAS, Redeveloper maintains that it is in the business of owning, maintaining, and enhancing real property for commercial and other purposes and that it has the financial ability, experience and expertise to redevelop the Property within a reasonable time through its team, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. The Borough and Redeveloper both desire and anticipate that the Project will consist of the renovation of the existing warehouse located thereon and modernize it with a high quality, cost-efficient warehouse distribution facility; and

WHEREAS, as a material inducement to the Borough, the Redeveloper has agreed, among other things, to: (i) create a project at the Property that is both aesthetically pleasing and will spark revitalization and substantial investment in this area of the Borough; (ii) redevelop the Property in accordance with the Concept Plan attached to the Redevelopment Agreement (as may be modified by the Parties, in writing, from time to time, pursuant to the Project Milestones/Timeline set forth herein); (iii) reimburse the Borough for costs and fees incurred as set forth in the Redevelopment Agreement; (iv) make certain representations and warranties as set forth therein; and (v) tender payment of such escrow, deposits and payments as set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, to effectuate the purposes of the Act, the Borough and Redeveloper agree to enter into a Redevelopment Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit “A” in order to further the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council finds it beneficial and in the best interest of the Borough and its residents to appoint Stratwin, LLC as Redeveloper for the Subject Property, subject to a Redevelopment Agreement between the parties.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that it hereby authorizes and approves the Redevelopment Agreement between Stratwin, LLC, the Redeveloper and the Borough, attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that Stratwin, LLC is hereby appointed Redeveloper for the Subject Property, subject to the parties entering into a Redevelopment Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the Borough is authorized to execute the Redevelopment Agreement on behalf of the Borough and the appropriate Borough officials are hereby authorized to take the necessary action in furtherance of the Redevelopment Agreement.

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

RESOLUTIONS 2020:151 THROUGH 2020:158 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. 2020:151 – APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – CLASS III – STEPHEN MCBRIDE**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford finds that for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Municipality, that the appointment of Special Law Enforcement Officers are required to assist the regular police force of the Borough of Stratford; and

WHEREAS, a Special Law Enforcement Officer – Class III is required to serve the Stratford School District as a School Resource Officer on the days and hours to be determined by operational needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford to appoint as Special Law Enforcement Officer – Class III in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.14:

STEPHEN J. MCBRIDE

- **RES. 2020:152 – AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE STRATFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT’S APPLICATION AND PARTICIPATION FOR ENROLLMENT IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE (LESO) 1033 PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 1997, the Department of Defense is authorized to transfer excess property under its jurisdiction that might otherwise be destroyed to law enforcement agencies across the United States and its territories; and

WHEREAS, this program is administered by the Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) a division of the Department of Defense’s Logistics Agency; and

WHEREAS, this initiative, known as the “1033 Program” allows local law enforcement agencies to obtain, at little or no costs surplus federal property, originally intended for use by the United States Armed Forces, and;

WHEREAS, although equipment is provided through the 1033 Program at no costs to the receiving law enforcement agency, these entities are responsible for costs associated with maintenance, fuel, insurances upkeep, training for the equipment use or operation.

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WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-30.2 requires that the governing body of the municipality or county approve, by a majority of the full membership, both enrollment in, and the acquisition of any property through, the 1033 Program; and

WHEREAS, the Stratford Police Department is hereby authorized to enroll in the 1033 Program for no more than a one-year period, with authorization to participate terminating on December 31, 2020 ; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the residents of the Borough of Stratford that the Stratford Police Department apply for surplus equipment to outfit or equipment our police officers to protect and serve the residents of Stratford New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The Stratford Police Department is seeking surplus equipment granted at an estimated value of \$500,000.00.

WHEREAS, The Stratford Police Department us hereby authorized to acquire items of non-controlled property designated "DEMIL A," which may include office supplies, office furniture, computers, electronic equipment, generators, field packs, non-military vehicles, clothing, traffic and transit signal systems, exercise equipment, farming and moving equipment, storage devices and containers, tools, medical and first aid equipment and supplies, personal protection equipment and supplies, construction materials, lighting supplies, beds and sleeping mats, wet and cold weather equipment and supplies, respirators, binoculars, and any other supplies or equipment of a non-military nature identified by the LEA, if it shall become available in the period of time for which this resolution authorizes, based on the needs of the Stratford Police Department without restriction; and

WHEREAS, the Stratford Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire the following "DEMIL B through Q" property, if it shall become available in the period of time. SEE THE ATTACHED LISTS

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford authorizing the Chief of Police to participate in, apply for, and take receipt of various law enforcement equipment, vehicles and safety equipment for the Stratford Police Department under the Law Enforcement Support Office's 1033 Program, subject to all local, state and federal regulations.

- **RES. 2020:153 – AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR 2020 BULLET PROOF VEST GRANT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Police Department will apply for the 2020 Bullet Proof Vest Grant with the New Jersey Department of Justice; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council is supportive of the Stratford Police Department's application for the 2020 Bullet Proof Vest Grant with the New Jersey Department of Justice.

- **RES. 2020:154 – PROMOTING LABORER III TO ACTING ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR – ADAM KAY**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford has determined that they are in need of an Acting Assistant Supervisor for the Public Works Department and the Sewer Department; and

WHEREAS, the recommendation has been submitted to the Governing Body to promote Adam Kay to the position of Acting Assistant Supervisor position,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to promote Adam Kay to the position of Acting Assistant Supervisor effective July 15, 2020 through October 15, 2020.

- **RES. 2020:155 – AUTHORIZING BACH ENGINEER TO DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS AND PUBLICLY BID BUTTONWOOD ROAD STORMWATER OUTFALL STRUCTURE REPAIR**

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WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford has budgeted capital funding for stormwater outfall structure repairs at Buttonwood Road; and

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

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 Buttonwood Road Stormwater Outfall Structure Repairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED said authorization is contingent upon the passage and estoppel period of Bond Ordinance 2020:05.

● **RES. 2020:156 – AUTHORIZE TAX COLLECTOR TO CONDUCT ELECTRONIC TAX SALE**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.1 authorizes electronic tax sales pursuant to rules and regulations to be promulgated by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services has approved NJ Tax Lien Investors/RealAcution.com to conduct electronic tax sales; and

WHEREAS, an electronic tax sale is innovative and provides a greater pool of potential lien buyers, thus creating the environment for a more complete tax sale process; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford wishes to participate in an electronic tax sale.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to participate in an electronic tax sale and submit same to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

● **RES. 2020:157 – 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

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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.

 X (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 July 14, 2020 that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on July 14, 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.

- **RES. 2020:158 – AUTHORIZING SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA FOR PUBLIC WORKS RELATED GOODS AND SERVICES.**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford is occasionally in need of additional public works goods and services, including but not limited to equipment and labor; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Magnolia has offered these goods and services to the Borough of Stratford through a shared service agreement;

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 Borough of Magnolia and the Borough of Stratford for public works goods and services.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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| Animal checks | 1860 | through | 1862 | | | |
| Manual checks | 19961 | through | 19964 | | | |
| Payroll checks | 52627 | 52688 | through | 52691 | and | 52741 |
| Automated checks | 34455 | through | 34545 | | | |
| Various electronic transfers and potential interim payments to Atlantic City Electric | | | | | | |

Tolomeo motioned to approve the payment of the bills. Green seconded the motion, with all members present voted in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilwoman Hall – Wish all residents well and to stay safe during the trying times.
- Councilman Tolomeo – Thanked the Public Works and Police Officers for their hard work.
- Councilman Gandy – Thanked the emergency services organizations for their work during these trying times. Thanked the residents for their patience with the chipping delays.
- Councilwoman Lomanno – Thanked the residents for their patience with chipping delays, and all of the individuals who assisted over the weekend to help clean up the town.
- Councilman Gilligan – Thanked Stratford Public Works, and Magnolia Public Works and the Police Department for working over the weekend to collect the storm debris.
- Councilman Green – Thanked the Police Department for directing traffic with the work performed at Longwood Dr.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

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

- Jamie Kaufman – 18C Webster Ave. – Commented on the community formed rallies in support for the police. Commented on black lives matter movement and requested a statement from the town on support for the movement.
- John Gentless – 111 Union Ave. – Question about a resolution that was passed at the last meeting after executive session, and whether or not it was in proper order to do so.
- Tom Speer – 8 College Circle – Questioned if there was any update on the Brandywine Redevelopment. The Solicitor answered there is no update aside from the receipt of a Joint Land Use Board Application.
- John Gentless – 111 Union Ave. – Questioned exactly what application has been filed with the Joint Land Use Board. The Solicitor answered the JLUB application received for courtesy review was made by the County of Camden for a subdivision and site plan for the County Board of Social Services building.

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Tolomeo 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Gandy 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.

Councilwoman Lomanno presented two resolutions to vote upon.

- RES. 2020:159 - ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR EFFECTIVE AUGUST 31, 2020

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford has received a letter of resignation from Chris Conroy from her position as Borough Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the effective date of her resignation will be August 31, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford to accept the resignation of Chris Conroy from her position as Borough Administrator, and relieves her from all duties and responsibilities held with the Borough of Stratford effective August 31, 2020.

Green motioned to approve Resolution 2020:159. Hall seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

- RES. 2020:160 - AUTHORIZE JOB ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE POSITION OF BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR AND AUTHORIZE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR A SHARED SERVICE FOR THE POSITION OF BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford will have a vacancy for the position of Borough Administrator effective August 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council has determined it is necessary to fill this vacancy; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Mayor and Council to post a job advertisement for the vacant position; and

WHEREAS, it is also the desire of Mayor and Council to seek out a shared service with another municipality to provide an individual to perform the required duties of the Borough Administrator;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford to authorize posting a job advertisement for the position of Borough Administrator and authorize request for proposals for a shared service with another municipality to provide an individual to perform the required duties of the Borough Administrator.


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Hall motioned to approve Resolution 2020:160. Tolomeo seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

ADJOURN:

Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM. Tolomeo seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:



Michaela Bdsler, Acting Borough Clerk



Mayor Josh Keenan