

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 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 – ARRIVED AT 7:11 PM
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:

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.

- John Gentless – 111 Union Ave. – In regards to Ordinance 2020:05: questioned if the clerk could give details for the infrastructure repairs listed. In regards to Ordinance 2020:07, questioned if the need for the emergency sewer main repair was due to the storms last week. In regards to Ordinance 2020:06, questioned the purpose of the ordinance.

Hall motioned to close the public portion for agenda items. Tolomeo 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:

MAY 2020
Total number of properties inspected: 159
Total number of issues inspected of re-inspected: 184
Total number of violations found: 156
124 of the issues have been abated
32 of the issues are pending follow up
Total number of citations issued: 0

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POLICE

Councilwoman Tina Lomanno read the reports as follows:

MAY 2020
 10 Adult arrests,
 0 Juvenile arrests,
 1 assaults to police,
 2 Simple assaults Complaints,
 4 Criminal Mischief Complaints,
 8 Harassment complaints,
 273 Other investigations and complaints,
 0 burglaries,
 0 robberies,
 11 thefts in the amount of \$6,625.00
 \$575.00 in stolen property recovered,
 0 (recovered) motor vehicle thefts,
 3 D.W.I. arrests,
 3 Narcotics arrests,
 249 Traffic summonses issued,
 10 Motor vehicle accidents,
 5 injuries from accidents, including 1 pedestrian
 23 Alarm activations,

 48 Total crime reports taken
 398 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 30 Alarms 2 Drills in the month MAY 2020. The following list is a breakdown of the same:

	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Dwelling Fires	2	2
Building Fires	3	7
Investigations	3	13
Out of Town Assists	12	54
Alarm Systems	2	13
Assist Ambulance, Police, Public	4	20
Car Fires	1	2
Wires, Trees Down	3	11
Rescues & M.V.A.'s	2	12
Brush Fires	1	1
Drills	2	8

Total man hours on the above alarm drills was 265
Submitted by Stephen Gagliardi, Deputy Chief

Ambulance Association

The Stratford Ambulance Association **Paid Crew** responded to **98 Alarms** in the month of **APRIL 2020**, the following is a breakdown of the same:

Paid

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	<u>Month</u>	<u>Y.T.D.</u>
1. Assault	1	5
2. Bleeding	4	14
3. Cardiac	4	33
4. CVA	3	10
5. Diabetic	0	3
6. Fall	13	36
7. Fire Call	3	7
8. Haz-Mat	0	0
9. Maternity	1	2
10. Medical Emergency	20	73
11. Medical Alarm	0	1
12. MVA	4	14
13. Overdose	4	8
14. Ped/MVA	1	3
15. Psych. Emergency	10	25
16. Respiratory	12	29
17. Seizures	4	9
18. Sick Person	4	16
19. Special Assignment	0	0
20. Unconscious Person	13	29

3 Covid positive transports

Year to Date Calls

Paid: 301

Submitted by Kristine Shafer, Chief-Stratford Ambulance

The Stratford Ambulance Association **Volunteer Crew** responded to **11 Alarms** in the month of **MAY 2020**, the following is a breakdown of the same:

Volunteer

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Y.T.D.</u>
1. Assault	0	1
2. Bleeding	1	1
3. Cardiac	3	8
4. CVA	0	2
5. Diabetic	0	0
6. Fall	1	6
7. Fire Call	0	1
8. Haz-Mat	0	0
9. Maternity	0	1
10. Medical Emergency	4	25
11. Medical Alarm	0	1
12. MVA	0	0
13. Overdose	0	1
14. Ped/MVA	0	0
15. Psych. Emergency	1	8
16. Respiratory	0	6
17. Seizures	0	0
18. Sick Person	0	2
19. Special Assignment	0	0
20. Unconscious Person	0	2

Year to Date Calls

Volunteer 64

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Submitted by Kristine Shafer, Chief-Stratford Ambulance

PUBLIC EVENTS

Councilwoman Hall reported that the Fourth of July festivities are cancelled this year, with hopes of celebrating later on as the Governor's restrictions continue to be lifted. Plans to hold the Miss Stratford and Little Miss Stratford will be next on the public event agenda. Encouraged residents to submit ideas to her through e-mail.

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
 - Work orders:
 - Replaced the American flag at the Borough Hall and Quaker Store.
 - Repaired the sinkhole at Washington and Cooper Avenues storm drain inlet.
 - Worked with the Public Works supervisor on the Veterans' Memorial Park refurbishment.
 - Reattached shingles to the OEM shed.
 - Watered the Memorial Park and Borough flower gardens.
 - Fixed the fence at Vassar Courts.
 - Replaced the diesel tank hose.
- 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

- Assisted Ba with metal clean up
- Cut down tree on Pennsylvania Avenue
- Landscaping of War Memorial
- Chipper out two times for the month, yard waste pickup four times
- Cutting grass of parks, playgrounds and other borough properties
- Cutting grass of schools, Sterling Arms and railroad.
- Trimming of bushes on corners and the Borough Hall.
- Cleaning of storm drains.
- Maintenance of trucks and equipment.

Commented that the Veterans Memorial project is coming along fine. Powered Electric donated a lighting for the flag. Ion Electric donated most of the material and manpower to install lights. Benches were donated by DCA Animal Hospital. Ravelli Memorials donated free granite cleaning service to the stones.

FINANCE & REVENUE

Councilman Patrick Gilligan read the report as follows:

BOROUGH FINANCIAL REPORT – MAY 2020
Balance as of 5-1-2020 – \$2,676,183.57
Total Receipts – \$1,378,103.62
Total Disbursements – \$2,266,110.99

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Balance as of 5-31-2020 – \$1,788,176.20
 Total in other Funds - \$2,220,754.45

MUNICIPAL COURT FINANCIAL REPORT – MAY 2020

Disbursements this month:
 State of New Jersey: \$6,984.33
 Camden County: \$5,023.33
 Other: \$752.07
 Borough of Stratford: \$12,824.46
 Year to Date Total: \$83,045.33

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW 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

The Clerk announced this is the first reading and introduction; the public hearing for this ordinance will be on July 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

SECTION 1. The improvements described in Section 3 of this Bond Ordinance are hereby respectively authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Stratford, New Jersey as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriations made for the improvements or purposes, such sums amounting in the aggregate to \$424,665.00 including the aggregate sum of \$21,233.25 as the down payment for the improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law. The down payments have been made available by virtue of provisions for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

SECTION 2. In order to finance the cost of improvement or purpose not covered by application of the several down payments, negotiable Bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$403,431.75 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds, negotiable Bond Anticipation Notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

SECTION 3. The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for which the Bonds are to be issued, the estimated cost for each improvement and the appropriation therefore, the estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness for each improvement are respectively as follows:

PURPOSE	APPROPRIATION & ESTIMATED COST	ESTIMATED MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF BONDS OR NOTES	PERIOD OF AVERAGE USEFULNESS
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SEE SCHEDULE "A" ATTACHED

The excess of the appropriation made for each of the improvements or purposes aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued therefore, as above stated, it is amount of the down payment for each purpose.

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SECTION 4. All Bond Anticipation Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer; provided that no Note shall mature alter than one year from its date. The Notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as many be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this Ordinance, and the Chief Financial Officer's signature upon the Notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8 (a). The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the Notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 5. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and state:

(a) The purposes described in Section 3 of this Bond Ordinance are not current expenses.

They are improvements, and no part of the costs thereof have been or shall be specifically assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of Obligations authorized for each purpose and the reasonable lives thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is five (5) years or more.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly Prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof as been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of the Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the Gross debt of the Borough as defined by the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the Bonds and Notes provided in this Bond Ordinance by \$403,431.75 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) \$75,000.00 of expenses listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 are included in the estimated cost herein for the purposes of improvements.

SECTION 6. Any grant moneys received for the purposes described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the costs of the improvements or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this Ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized by not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such that such funds are so used.

SECTION 7. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough is obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

SECTION 8. This Bond Ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Green motioned to approve the introduction of Ordinance 2020:05. Gilligan seconded the motion and 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**
The Clerk announced this is the first reading and introduction; the public hearing for this ordinance will be on July 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford is a municipal corporation organized and operating under the laws of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the recommendation has been made to the Governing Body to establish consumer units for various uses of properties for the purpose of billing the annual municipal sewer bills; and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2 the Mayor and Borough Council may make, amend, repeal and enforce such other ordinances, regulations, rules and by-laws not contrary to the laws of this state or of the United States, as it may deem necessary and proper for the good government, order and protection of persons and property, and for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the Borough and its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council deem it in the best interest of the Borough to amend Chapter 1.12, entitled "Fees".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that the Code of the Borough of Stratford is hereby amended, revised and/or supplemented as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 1.12 of the Code of the Borough of Stratford, entitled "Fees," is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

1.12.040 Annual Sewer Rate Fees

A. The unit rate effective April 1, 2016 will be set at \$100 per residential unit, and \$147 per non-residential unit, based on the consumer units set forth in Subsection E below.

B. [No change].

C. [No change].

D. For any new multi-family residential development, the following fees shall be imposed for each residential unit connecting to the Borough sewer system:

Connection Fee: \$600.00

Application Fee: \$10.00

Inspection Fee: \$20.00

In addition, the following deposit fees shall be required: \$1,000 per residential unit to be held for payment of repairs for any damage to sewer mains and 125% of the Borough Engineer's estimate of fees to review plans for the sewer system connection and to evaluate capacity and potential necessary upgrades to the relevant area pump station.

Further, as a matter of policy, the expense of any potential upgrade to a pump station necessitated for development or redevelopment of any area of Stratford Borough shall be responsibility of the developer and that the Borough's agreements with developers incorporate such provisions through implementation of sewer recapture fees.

E. The following Consumer Units shall apply in assessing annual sewer fees:

Type of Property (Residential)	Consumer Units
Single family dwelling	1.0
Apartments:	
Per living unit	1.0
Type of Property (Non-residential)	
Consumer Units	
Non-specified retail or commercial establishment:	
0-3 employees	0.7
Each additional employee	0.2
Professional office building:	
Per professional office building, including one professional	0.7
Each additional professional using an office	0.5
Professional office in home:	
In addition to the residence charge, per professional using office	0.5

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Schools, preschools, elementary, secondary, post-secondary, daycare:		
Non-boarding, per 28 students and faculty or part thereof	0.7	
Boarding, per 8 students and faculty or part thereof	0.7	
Cafeteria without on-site food preparation	0.5	
Cafeteria with on-site food preparation	See restaurant	
Non-municipal government office not used for medical or educational purposes:		
0-3 employees		0.7
Each additional employee	0.2	
Libraries		0.7
Industrial Plant, excluding industrial waste:		
0-5 employees		3.0
Each additional 4 employees or part thereof	1.0	
Restaurants:		
Seating capacity 1-30		3.0
Seating capacity 31-60	4.5	
Seating capacity 61-75	5.0	
Seating capacity 76-90	6.0	
Seating capacity 91-100	7.0	
Each additional 10 seats or part thereof	1.0	
Bar		5.0
Drive-in, fast food without seating		
0-5 employees		3.0
Each additional employee	0.2	
Drive-in, fast food with seating		
0-5 employees		1.5
Each additional employee	0.2	
Medical or dental office:		
Each doctor using office	1.0	
Pharmacy:		
With 1 pharmacist		0.7
Each additional pharmacist		0.5
0-3 employees		0.7
Each additional employee	0.2	
Churches and non-profit clubs		0.7
Service or gas station		
Each additional washing facility, per bay	0.7	1.5
Each additional retail store		0.7
Each additional servicing bay		0.4
Retail establishment with auto servicing bays in addition to retail charges:		
Each servicing bay		0.4
Each washing bay	0.7	

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Car wash	11.0
Barber or beauty shop:	
0-4 employees	1.5
Each additional employee	0.2
Swimming pool club	3.0
Theater	
Per 100 seats or part thereof	1.0
Laundromat:	
Each normal capacity machine	0.5
Each double capacity machine	0.7
Each self-servicing dry cleaning machine	0.2
Dry cleaner:	
Without plant on premises	0.7
With plant on premises:	
0-5 employees	3.0
Each additional employee	0.2
Post office:	
0-3 employees, including mail carriers	0.7
Each additional employee	0.2
Food store:	
0-10 employees	2.0
Each additional employee	0.2
Baking or food preparation on premises	0.8
Deli area	0.8
Bakery:	
Without baking on premises:	
0-3 employees	0.7
Each additional employee	0.2
With baking on premises:	
0-3 employees	1.5
Each additional employee	0.2
Pet shop or animal grooming, separate or as a concession within another establishment:	
0-3 employees	1.5
Each additional employee	0.2
Bowling alley:	
1-25 lanes	3.0
26-50 lanes	4.5
51-75 lanes	6.0
76-100 lanes	7.0
Utility company garage	3.0

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Public fitness center or gymnasium:		
0-3 employees		1.0
Each additional employee	0.2	
Each locker room shower head	1.0	
Laboratory, research, scanning, or testing, separate or as part of another establishment, excluding hazardous waste:		
0-5 employees		3.0
Each additional 4 employees or part thereof	1.0	
Each additional live animal facility	1.0	
Each locker room shower head	1.0	
Billiard parlor or pool hall, separate or as a concession within another business establishment:		
1-10 tables		1.0
11-20 tables		1.5
21-30 tables		2.0
Funeral parlor:		
0-2 employees		1.5
Each additional employee	0.2	
Dance hall		4.0
Veterinarian office:		
Each doctor using office	1.0	
With kenneling facility	1.0	
Conference center:		
Per 50-person capacity or part thereof	1.0	
Hospital, excluding hazardous waste:		
Each 28 employees or part thereof	1.0	
Each inpatient bed		1.0
Each outpatient surgery recovery room	1.0	
Each locker room shower head	1.0	
Each laundry facility machine	0.7	
Outpatient/inpatient laboratory facility	See laboratory	
Cafeteria		See restaurant
Nursing home		
Per bed	0.35	

F. Annual service charges for the discharge of industrial waste or wastes other than sanitary sewage into the sewerage system, and annual service charge with respect to types of property not included in the above schedule may be established by contract between the Borough and the owner of such property on the basis of the quantity of such discharge or use of the sewerage system and the character of such sewage and the cost of treatment and disposal thereof, or may be established by amendment of the above schedule

G. All charges in addition to resident unit charge if the establishment is part of the residence.

H. All persons employed full or part time are considered and counted as an employee.

I. "Professional" refers to persons licensed, chartered, or certified to practice in a given profession.

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SECTION 2. Chapter 2.36, entitled "Municipal Sewer Utility Department", Section 2.36.020 entitled "Fees and charges." is hereby repealed and replaced by the following:

2.36.020 – Fees and Charges.

Fees and charges for the provision of public sanitary sewer service shall be as set forth Chapter 1.02, entitled "Fees", Section 1.12.040 "Annual Sewer Rate Fees".

SECTION 3. All Ordinances contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are inconsistent herewith.

SECTION 4. 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 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon posting, publication, final passage in the manner prescribed by law.

Tolomeo motioned to approve the introduction of Ordinance 2020:06. Gilligan seconded the motion and all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

- RES. 2020:127 – RESOLUTION FOR EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR EMERGENCY SANITARY SEWER REPAIRS (\$170,000.00)

WHEREAS, an emergency has arisen with respect to emergency repairs of sanitary sewer systems and, no adequate provision was made in the 2020 budget for the aforesaid purpose, and NJS 40A:4-46 provides for the creation on an emergency appropriation for the purpose mentioned above; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of the emergency appropriations created, including the appropriation to be created by this resolution is \$170,000.00 and three (3) percent of the total operating appropriations in the budget for 2020 is \$172,831.09; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing appropriation together with prior appropriations does not exceed three (3) percent of the total operating appropriations (including utility operation appropriations) in the budget for 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, (by not less than 2/3 of all governing body members affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with NJS 40A:4-48:

1. An emergency appropriation is hereby made for emergency repairs of the sanitary sewer system in the amount of \$170,000.00
2. That said emergency appropriation shall be provided for in full in Bond Ordinance 2020:07,
3. That an Emergency Note not in excess of the above amount be authorized pursuant to NJS 40A:4-51
4. That such note shall be executed by John Fabritiis Chief Financial Officer
5. That such note shall be date June 9, 2020, may be renewed from time to time, and such note and any renewals shall be payable on or before December 31, 2020. That two (2) certified copies of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services

Hall motioned to approve Resolution 2020:127. Tolomeo seconded the motion and all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

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- **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**

The Clerk announced this is the first reading and introduction; the public hearing for this ordinance will be on July 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

SECTION 1. The several improvements described in Section 3 of this Bond Ordinance are hereby respectively authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Stratford, New Jersey as general improvements. For several improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriations made for the improvements or purposes, such sums amounting in the aggregate to \$170,000.00 including the aggregate sum of \$0.00 as the down payment for the improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law. The down payments have been made available by virtue of provisions for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

SECTION 2. In order to finance the cost of several improvements or purposes not covered by application of the several down payments, negotiable Bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$0.00 to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds, negotiable Bond Anticipation Notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

SECTION 3. The several improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for which the Bonds are to be issued, the estimated cost for each improvement and the appropriation therefore, the estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness for each improvement are respectively as follows:

PURPOSE	APPROPRIATION & ESTIMATED COST	ESTIMATED MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF BONDS OR NOTES	PERIOD OF AVERAGE PERIOD OF USEFULNESS
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SEE SCHEDULE "A" ATTACHED

The excess of the appropriation made for each of the improvements or purposes aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued therefore, as above stated, it is amount of the down payment for each purpose.

SECTION 4. All Bond Anticipation Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer; provided that no Note shall mature alter than one year from its date. The Notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as many be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this Ordinance, and the Chief Financial Officer's signature upon the Notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8 (a). The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the Notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 5. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and state:

- (a) The purposes described in Section 3 of this Bond Ordinance are not current expenses. They are improvements, and no part of the costs thereof have been or shall be specifically assessed on property specially benefited thereby.
- (b) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of

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Obligations authorized for each purpose and the reasonable lives thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is five (5) years or more.

(c) The Supplemental Debate Statement require by the Local Bond Law has been duly Prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of the Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the Gross debt of the Borough as defined by the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the Bonds and Notes provided in this Bond Ordinance by \$170,000.00 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) \$34,000.00 of expenses listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 are included in the estimated cost herein for the purposes of improvements.

SECTION 6. Any grant moneys received for the purposes described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the costs of the improvements or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this Ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized by not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such that such funds are so used.

SECTION 7. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough is obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

SECTION 8. This Bond Ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Gandy motioned to approve the introduction of Ordinance 2020:07. Tolomeo seconded the motion and all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTIONS 2020:128 THROUGH 2020:136 WILL BE DONE AS A CONSENT AGENDA

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

• **RES. 2020:128 – RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL S-2475 AND ASSEMBLY BILL A-3971 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE “CORONAVIRUS RELIEF BONDS” BY MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES**

WHEREAS, A-3971, which authorizes the issuance of “coronavirus relief bonds” by municipalities and counties and is sponsored by Assemblyman Dan Benson, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin and Assemblyman Wayne DeAngelo, was approved by the New Jersey General Assembly on May 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Senate companion, S-2475, sponsored by Senators Troy Singleton and Vin Gopal was introduced on May 11 and awaits Senate committee action; and

WHEREAS, municipalities and counties are experiencing unprecedented financial challenges, including significant loss of and unanticipated expenses because of the on-going COVID-19 global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, these fiscal consequences of the pandemic and the ongoing COVID-19 State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency, are likely to continue and further impact the Borough of Stratford; and

WHEREAS, the current public health emergency led to shuttering of businesses, construction, courts, and schools; and

WHEREAS, local governments are experiencing a record decline in revenue from permitting fees, licensing fees, parking revenue, hotel/motel occupancy taxes, and court fines at the same time experiencing income losses due to declining returns on investments with the uncertainty of property tax collection and state aid revenues in the horizon; and

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WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford's budget has significant fixed statutory expenses and provides essential public services; and

WHEREAS, the cost of providing many essential services is likely to increase as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic for an extended period afterwards; and

WHEREAS, A-3971 and S-2475 would allow counties and municipalities to borrow moneys through the issuance of bonds and notes to cover the revenue shortfalls and additional costs that are directly attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic and pay that money back over a ten year period; and

WHEREAS, the A-3971 and S-2475 would also require a local government to thoroughly investigate and apply for financial assistance that may be available to it from the federal government, the State and other sources due to revenue shortfalls and expenditures because of the pandemic, prior to authorizing the issuance of the "coronavirus relief bonds"; and

WHEREAS, under A-3971 and S-2475 a municipality may use the proceeds from the sale and issuance of the coronavirus relief bonds to address a revenue shortfall experienced by the municipality and cover the cost of unanticipated expenses that are directly attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic and which occurred within 24 months after the end of the Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, A-3971 and S-2475 is not a one size fits all solution that provides the appropriate financial assistance to the Borough of Stratford to help address all revenue shortfalls and expenditures directly attributable to this pandemic; and

WHEREAS, without this legislation, to address the revenue shortfall some municipalities would be required to take extreme measures that would gut local government eliminating critical public service. Local governments need the flexibility that A-3971 and S-2575 provides to limit the impact on property taxpayers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Stratford that:

1. Strongly supports the swift passage and signing into law A-3971 and S-2475, which will provide flexibility and offer relief to municipalities and counties to address their revenue shortfalls and expenditures directly attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic; and
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Office of the Governor, the President of the New Jersey State Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly, the Sponsors of the Legislation, the Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee, the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee, our State Legislators, and the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

● **RES. 2020:129 – ADOPTING THE 3-YEAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford and the County of Camden wish to establish a cooperative means of conducting certain eligible community development and affordable housing activities; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4 et seq.) permits local units such as counties and municipalities to enter into agreements for the provision of joint services; and

WHEREAS, Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, the Housing and Urban-Rural Recovery Act of 1983, the HOME Program Act of 1991, and the Emergency Solutions Grant, as amended, provides federal funds being made available to Camden County for use to carry out eligible Community Development Activities therein; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford will propose certain activities to be carried out under the 2021, 2022 and 2023 Community Development, HOME Programs and Emergency Solutions Grant programs; and

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WHEREAS, the aforesaid activities are in the best interest of the Borough of Stratford and the County of Camden;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that the 2021 to 2023 Cooperation Agreement be adopted;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its enactment.

- **RES. 2020:130 – AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD TO ENTER INTO AN EXTENDED CAMDEN COUNTY COOPERATION PRICING SYSTEM FOR THE MARKETING OF SINGLE STREAM RECYCLABLE MATERIALS**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford is a participating member of the Camden County Cooperative Pricing System ID#57-CCCPS for the marketing of single stream recyclable materials; and

WHEREAS, the county authorized an agreement with FRC Camden, LLC, 2201 Mt. Ephraim Ave., Camden, NJ 08104 for a three-year term on May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS; said bid provided for a first-year option renewal from FCR Camden, LLC; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Chosen freeholders to authorize and award the first-year renewal for the needs of the County at the prices provided in the proposal to the Cooperative Purchasing Members; and

WHEREAS, in past years Stratford has utilized the County Purchasing cooperative for the marketing of single stream recyclable materials successfully,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to authorize the first-year renewal extension with the Camden County Cooperative Pricing System ID#57-CCCPS for the marketing of single stream recyclable materials.

- **RES. 2020:131 – AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD FOR UNEXPIRED TERM – FRANCIS J. FALKENSTEIN**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford ("Borough") appointed Kristina M. Bryant, Esquire, as its Municipal Court Public Defender for the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford has received a letter of resignation from Kristina M. Bryant, Esquire effective July 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as a result of said resignation, the Borough needs to fill the vacancy in accordance with P.L. 1997, c.256; and

WHEREAS, it has been recommended to the governing body to appoint Francis J. Falkenstein, Esquire to fill the unexpired term as Municipal Court Public Defender; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Falkenstein has the necessary experience and qualifications to perform the duties of Municipal Court Public Defender;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford as follows:

1. Francis J. Falkenstein, Esquire is hereby appointed Public Defender for the remainder of 2020 effective immediately.
2. The appointment is made without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a), because it is for services performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
3. A copy of this Resolution shall be placed on file with the Clerk of the Borough of Stratford.

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4. The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to publish a public notice of this award as required by law.

● **RES. 2020:132 – ALLOW SENIOR CITIZEN/DISABLED PERSON PROPERTY TAX DEDUCTION**

WHEREAS, all the eligibility requirements for a 2020 SENIOR CITIZEN/DISABLED PERSON property tax deduction have been met by the following residents:

BLOCK	LOT	NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT
20	7	Robert Moffett	321 Cornell Ave	250.00

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

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

● **RES. 2020:133 – REMOVE SENIOR TAX DEDUCTIONS**

WHEREAS, all eligibility requirements for a SENIOR CITIZEN tax deduction for the year 2020 have not been met by the following residents due to their exceeding the statutory limitations in income and age or sale of the property or failure to file the annual Post Year Tax Statement:

BLOCK	LOT	NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT
66	6	Otterbranch Holding	12 Hazel Ave	250.00
66	9	Joyce Delaney	15 Almond Ave	250.00
84	20	SNM 5 LLC	17 Temple Ave	250.00
109	33	Rose Monaco	4 Sleepy Hollow Rd	250.00
114	1.02 C0040	Elaine Elder	21B Sunnybrook Rd	250.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that the above deductions be removed from the tax records for the year 2020.

● **RES. 2020:134 – ALLOW VETERAN 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
56	18	Robert Wilsey	131 Suburban Terr	250.00
71	35	Matthew McClellan	24 Elinor Ave	250.00
83	12	John Brennan	10 Bucknell Ave	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. 2020:135 – AUTHORIZING ENGINEER TO FILE NJDOT FY 2021 GRANT APPLICATION FOR HOMESTEAD ROAD, N. CENTRAL AVENUE, AND KIRKWOOD AVENUE**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation offers municipal aid grants to assist in funding municipal road reconstruction projects; and

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WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford finds the need for funding to repair, reconstruct and resurface Homestead Road, N. Central Avenue, and Kirkwood Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Engineer is capable in making the said application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council to authorize the Borough Engineer, Bach Associates, to make the 2021 New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant application for the resurfacing of Homestead Road, N. Central Avenue, and Kirkwood Avenue.

• **RES. 2020:136 – MAINTENANCE LIENS**

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 (1 st cut)	5/9/2020	60.00	60.00
115 Wellington Ave	55/2	Lawn maintenance	5/30/2020	45.00	45.00
109 Cornell Ave	18/11	Lawn maintenance (1 st cut)	5/9/2020	60.00	60.00
109 Cornell Ave	18/11	Lawn maintenance	5/30/2020	45.00	45.00
16 Temple Ave	86/38	Lawn maintenance (1 st cut)	5/9/2020	60.00	60.00
TOTAL					270.00

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.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Animal checks	1856	through	1859		
Manual checks	19958	through	19960		
Payroll checks	52556	through	52559	and	52504
Automated checks	34364	through	34454		
Various electronic transfers and potential interim payments to Atlantic City Electric, Caliber Auto Glass, South Jersey Gas, and Constellation Energy					

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

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COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilwoman Hall – None
- Councilman Gandy – None
- Councilman Gilligan – None
- Councilman Green – None
- Councilwoman Lomanno – None
- Councilman Tolomeo – None

GOOD AND WELFARE:

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

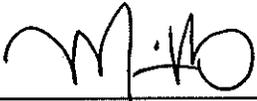
- John Gentless – 111 Union Ave. – Stated there is an electric conduit that runs near the Veterans Memorial for the flag. Questioned if there is any thought to relocating the “Welcome to Stratford” sign. Commented that Council may want to reach out to other municipalities that were not hit as hard with the storm for assistance with storm clean up.

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

ADJOURN:

Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. 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