

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
AGENDA MEETING/REDEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP MINUTES  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2020  
7:00 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Keenan called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 – PRESENT  
STEPHEN GANDY, COUNCILMAN – PRESENT  
PATRICK GILLIGAN, COUNCILMAN – PRESENT  
PATRICK GREEN, COUNCILMAN – ABSENT  
TINA LOMANNO, COUNCILWOMAN – PRESENT  
MICHAEL TOLOMEO, COUNCILMAN – PRESENT  
ERIC RISO, BOROUGH SOLICITOR – PRESENT  
STEVEN BACH, BOROUGH ENGINEER – PRESENT  
RON MORELLO, POLICE CHIEF – PRESENT  
MICHAELA BOSLER, ACTING BOROUGH CLERK – PRESENT

**PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:**

Gilligan motioned to open the public portion on agenda items only. Tolomeo seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a voice vote.

- John Gentless – 111 Union Ave – Questioned if redevelopment would be discussed in closed session.

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

**POLICE REPORT:** Chief Morello gave the following report:

10/2	Evening hours. MVA on Winding Way Road. Intoxicated driver destroyed his vehicle and a neighbors' vehicle. Driver arrested for DWI.
10/6	Afternoon hours. Domestic violence call at Bishop Court Apartments. Male strangled a female victim. Arrested for aggravated assault and sent to Camden County Jail.
10/8	Afternoon hours. Intoxicated driver from Hi-Nella picked up his two children from Parkview School. Arrested leaving the school and was charged with DWI with children in the car.
10/9	Evening hours. Sergeant Beasley responded to call in Somerdale at the Green Valley Apartments to assist burglary in progress. Upon arrival, suspect simulated he had a weapon and was holding the officers at bay. Beasley was able to approach from behind and take the suspect down and was exposed to large amount of blood. Treated at hospital for contamination.

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- 10/15 Evening hours. Domestic violence incident on 400 block of White Horse Pike. Suspect arrested for harassment and officers discovered loaded handgun in waistband. Charged with domestic violence and weapons offenses.
- 10/19 Careless driver traveling northbound on Longwood Dr rear ended another vehicle. Jeep overturned. No injuries in this accident. Driver of Jeep was found to have possession of about a half pound of marijuana. Charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute inside of a school zone.
- 10/19 Careless driver travelling down Laurel Road caused accident. Driver was arrested for DWI.
- 10/22 Traffic stop on Berlin Road. Arrested for possession of marijuana with intent to distribute. Arrested and was sent to Camden County Jail.

18% increase in positive cases in COVID in Stratford.  
Increase in shoplifting mostly at CVS  
Mischief night was uneventful this year.  
260 inmates released from prison due to COVID. 8 will be relocated to Stratford.

**ENGINEER REPORT:** Steven Bach gave the following report:

**FY 2021 NJDOT Municipal Aid Funding – Homestead Road – Phase II, North Central Avenue & Kirkwood Avenue**

Previously Reported:

- NJDOT has announced the department would be accepting applications for the NJDOT FY 2021 Municipal Aid program with a deadline of July 1, 2020. A resolution for authorizing our office to submit the application is required for the June Council Meeting.
- As directed by the Borough Administrator, our office has revisited the FY 2019 Capital Road Projects as well as conducted a brief preliminary roadway analysis for the Borough to make a recommendation to Council for the FY 2021 NJDOT Municipal Aid Application. Based on the combination of roadway condition and NJDOT scoring criteria, our office recommends including the remainder of Homestead Road (if necessary), N. Central Avenue and Kirkwood Avenue. We have attached a FY 2020 Road Program Location Map for reference.
- The application for this project was submitted via SAGE on June 30, 2020.

**Camden County CDBG 2020 Program Year Application – Resurfacing of Coolidge Avenue (STRAT2020-0)**

Update

- The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program notified municipalities of the FY 2020 grant awards. Unfortunately, the Borough was not granted CDBG funding for the above project. Apparently, there were only three (3) roadway improvement projects funded this year.

Previously Reported:

- CDBG indicated the Program will continue grouping the funding allotments to 5 to 7 larger public infrastructures projects (\$150,000-\$250,000) throughout the County for Program Year 2020 consistent with the Program Year 2019.
- The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program notified the Borough that applications for Year 2020 were due March 2, 2020. Our office recommended the Borough submit for reimbursement for the current project of resurfacing of Coolidge Avenue in addition to any remaining funding required to complete resurfacing Coolidge Avenue from Suburban Terrace to Bishop Terrace (See attached map).
- The application was submitted to Camden County with the approved Borough resolution on March 2.

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**Camden County CDBG 2020 Program Year Application – ADA Improvements to Municipal Buildings (STRAT2020-0)**

Update

- The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program notified municipalities of the FY 2020 grant awards. Unfortunately, the Borough was not granted CDBG funding for the above project. Apparently, there were only three (3) municipal building improvement projects funded this year.

Previously Reported:

- Our office prepared an additional application that included ADA accessibility entrance improvements to the Borough Hall, Justice Center, Senior Center, and Library Buildings.
- The application was submitted to Camden County with the approved Borough resolution on March 2.

**Buttonwood Road Stormwater Outfall Structure Repair**

Previously Reported:

- Our office has completed the existing base survey.
- Our office has provided a cost estimate for the anticipated improvements for this project to the Borough Administrator.
- Authorization for design and bidding was approved via Resolution 2020:155 at the July Council Meeting. Our office will proceed with preparation of bid documents, plans, and specifications for public bidding of this project late summer/early fall 2020.

**FY 2020 NJDOT Municipal Aid Funding – Evergreen Road – Phase II & Homestead Road**

Update

- Contracts have been executed by the Contractor and forwarded to the Borough for execution. Our office is coordinating with the Contractor to schedule the onsite preconstruction meeting.

Previously Reported:

- The NJDOT announced the department has revised the solicitation and notification schedule for accepting applications for the NJDOT FY 2020 Municipal Aid program with a deadline of July 19, 2019. NJDOT has indicated grant awards are expected to be announced in November.
- A resolution for authorization for our office to submit the application was approved at the July Council Meeting.
- Our office submitted the application on July 18, 2019, for resurfacing the remaining of Evergreen Road from the end of Phase I to Winding Way Road as well as Homestead Road from west of Winding Way Road to Longwood Drive.
- The Borough has been informed that it will be receiving a NJDOT Local Aid grant of \$300,000 towards the construction, inspection, and limited design of this project.
- It is estimated the grant amount will allow for the resurfacing of Evergreen Road from Green Valley Road (end of Phase I) to Winding Way Road and begin resurfacing approximately 500 linear feet of Homestead Road.
- Our office has forwarded a proposal to the Borough for the estimated cost of survey, design, and construction administration associated with the NJDOT FY 2020 Municipal Aid grant.
- Our office has completed the base survey and is proceeding with preparation of bid documents, plans, and specifications for public bidding of the project.
- Our office has forwarded a revised proposal to the Borough for the estimated cost of survey, design, and construction administration associated with the NJDOT FY 2020 Municipal Aid grant to be approved by resolution as required by the NJDOT Municipal Aid agreement.
- Our office as well as representatives of the Borough met with South Jersey Gas regarding upcoming utility work within this project's limits. South Jersey Gas indicated construction should start in the middle of March and is expected to be completed by the end of June. South Jersey Gas also indicated they will prioritize the work they have within this project's limits.

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- It is the understanding of our office South Jersey Gas has completed replacing gas main and services along Evergreen Road. Our office will verify all work is completed prior to Notice to Proceed issued for this project.
- This project was publicly advertised on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> and the bid opening was held on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Our office has issued a letter recommending the contract be awarded to the lowest apparent bidder being Paving Plus, LLC for the Base Bid and Add Alternate Bid #1 in the amount of \$243,675.90

**FY 2019 NJDOT Municipal Aid Funding – Evergreen Road – Phase I**

Previously Reported:

- NJDOT has announced the department would be accepting applications for the NJDOT FY 2019 Municipal Aid program with a deadline of October 18, 2018. A resolution for authorizing our office to submit the application was passed at the September 11<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.
- Our office submitted an application for resurfacing of Evergreen Road from Longwood Drive to Winding Way Road.
- The Borough has been informed that it will be receiving a NJDOT Local Aid grant of \$225,000 towards the construction and inspection of this project.
- It is estimated the grant amount will allow for the resurfacing of Evergreen Road from Longwood Drive to approximately midblock between Meadowlark Road and Green Valley Road.
- Our office has revised and submitted the Capital Cost Estimate Memorandum incorporating the NJDOT grant award.
- Our office has forwarded a proposal to the Borough for the estimated cost of survey, design, and construction administration associated with the NJDOT FY 2019 Municipal Aid grant.
- Our office has completed the existing base survey and will proceed with preparation of bid documents, plans, and specifications for public bidding of this project.
- This project was publicly advertised on Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup> and the bid opening was held on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The contract was awarded at the September Council Meeting to Landberg Construction, LLC for the Base Bid, Add Alternate Bid #1, and Add Alternate Bid #2 in the amount of \$196,315.05.
- The Contractor has executed the contracts and our office has forwarded the contracts to the Borough for signatures.
- Preconstruction meeting was held on October 31, 2019, with the Contractor, our office, the Borough Administrator, the Police Chief, and a representative of South Jersey Gas present.
- Notice to Proceed was issued to the Contractor for Monday, November 18, 2019.
- Construction has commenced with the removal of trees completed. Roadway resurfacing is expected to be completed as weather permits.
- The project is substantially complete. Our office is preparing a punchlist and coordinating with the Contractor to complete all outstanding items.
- Our office has processed Payment Application #2 and submitted to the Borough for payment.
- Our office has prepared a punchlist and is coordinating with the Contractor to complete all outstanding items.
- Contractor has commenced completing outstanding items on punchlist.

**FY 2018 NJDOT Municipal Aid Funding - Sunnybrook Road and Sunnybrook Court**

Previously Reported:

- Our office has submitted for a NJDOT FY 2018 Municipal Aid application for the improvements.
- Application (MA-2018-Resurfacing of Sunnybrook Road & Sun-00413) including the cost estimate, location map, and scope of work description to reflect up to date unit costs was submitted on October 6, 2017 and three (3) certified resolutions were forwarded to NJDOT Local Aid.
- Improvements for these roadways include milling the existing roadway 2" deep with isolated areas of base repair as needed. The entire roadway will be overlaid with 2" Hot Mix Asphalt 9.5M64 Surface Course. Existing concrete curb, driveway aprons, and handicap ramps will be replaced, as needed.

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- The Borough has been informed by the NJDOT that it will be receiving \$270,000 for construction and inspection of this project. The Borough is moving forward with this project and is supplementing the NJDOT grant award with \$84,220 from the 2017 Borough Bond. Our office has submitted a April 4, 2018 correspondence delineating the costs for the required inspection and construction management. Our office anticipates construction for spring / summer of 2018.
- The project was publicly advertised for bids.
- The bid opening for this project was held on April 25, 2018. Six (6) bids were received with Arawak Paving Co. with the low bid in the amount of \$221,000.00 for the Base Bid and Add Alternate Bid #1.
- The contract was awarded to Arawak Paving Co. for the Base Bid and Add Alternate Bid #1 contingent upon favorable review by the Borough Solicitor and certification of availability of funds by the Borough CFO.
- A preconstruction meeting was held on Monday, June 4, 2018, at the Borough Municipal Building between Arawak Paving, our office, Stratford Police Chief, Ben Angeli, and a representative of the Stratford Arms Apartments.
- The Notice to Proceed was issued for July 5, 2018.
- Construction is substantially complete.
- Our office has processed Payment Application #1 and submitted to Borough for approval and payment.
- Our office has issued a punchlist to the Contractor.
- The Contractor lowered the speed humps to reflect the construction plans.
- Our office is coordinating with the Contractor regarding Payment Application #2 and Change Order #1.
- The Contractor has addressed all punchlist items.
- Our office is coordinating with the contractor regarding final quantities, final payment, Change Order #1 (final) and closeout documents.
- Our office has solicited quotes from three (3) asphalt testing companies to test the asphalt for this project per NJDOT requirements. Once testing is complete, our office will process closeout documents.
- Asphalt testing has been completed with acceptable results; therefore, our office will process closeout documents.
- Our office has submitted Final Payment and Closeout Documents including Final Change Order to the Borough for processing. Once approved, our office will forward all closeout submittals to NJDOT for project closeout and reimbursement.
- Our office is processing NJDOT project closeout for reimbursement.

**CDBG 2019 Program Year Application – Resurfacing of Hunt Avenue and Bishop Terrace (STRAT2019-0)**

Update:

- Our office has prepared the punchlist for any outstanding construction items and is coordinating with the Contractor regarding completion schedule.

Previously Reported:

- The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program has notified participating Camden County municipalities of new allocation procedures which include funding projects of larger scale (as high as \$250,000). In addition, not all municipalities will be allocated each year (estimated at 5 to 7 projects).
- The Borough of Stratford has two (2) areas consisting of Qualified Census Tracts.
- Both Hunt Ave and Bishop Terrace are on the Borough's 2019 road priority listing and are within the Borough's Qualified Census Tracts. Therefore, our office recommended applying to the CDBG program for \$225,900 to resurface these roadways. It is noted that the Borough would be responsible to fund approximately \$7,500 of design costs if successful in obtaining the grant.
- The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program notified the Borough that applications for Year 2019 were originally due March 1, 2019; however, the deadline was extended to March 11, 2019. Our office submitted the application on Friday, March 8, 2019.
- A Borough resolution was approved and was submitted with this application.
- The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program has informed the Borough that it will be receiving a 2019 CDBG Grant Award of \$250,000 towards this project.

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- Our office has submitted a proposal to Borough Council for this project.
- Our office will proceed with preparation of bid documents, plans, and specifications for public bidding of this project in 2020.
- South Jersey Gas has indicated they would like to replace a main along Bishop Terrace prior to the Borough's resurfacing project. The expected completion date for South Jersey Gas main replacement is anticipated to be February 1, 2020.
- This project will be publicly advertised the week of February 10<sup>th</sup> and the bid opening will be scheduled for the week of March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The project can then be awarded at the March Council Meeting condition upon receipt of a favorable low bid.
- This project was publicly advertised February 14<sup>th</sup> and the Bid Opening was held on February 27<sup>th</sup>. There were three (3) bidders, with the low bidder being American Asphalt Company, Inc., W. Collingswood Heights, New Jersey in the amount of \$357,602.10 for the Base Bid, \$30,143.50 for Add Alternate No. 1, and \$25,436.80 for Add Alternate No. 2.
- We have confirmed with the Borough Administration that funding is available to award the Base Bid and Add Alternate 1 as well as Add Alternate No. 2.
- The preconstruction meeting was held on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Notice to Proceed was issued for May 26<sup>th</sup>.
- The Contractor has indicated construction will commence on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> with concrete work along Hunt Avenue
- Construction is substantially complete. Our office is completing a punchlist with all outstanding items and will coordinate with the contractor to complete in a timely manner.
- Our office has processed Payment Application #2 and submitted to Borough for approval and payment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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| • OCTOBER 8, 2020  | AGENDA MEETING/REDEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP |
| • OCTOBER 8, 2020  | EXECUTIVE SESSION                     |
| • OCTOBER 13, 2020 | REGULAR MEETING                       |
| • OCTOBER 13, 2020 | EXECUTIVE SESSION                     |

Tolomeo abstained from the approval of the Agenda Meeting/Redevelopment Workshop and Executive Session of October 8, 2020.

Lomanno motioned the approval of minutes. Gandy seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

**OLD BUSINESS:**           NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**REPORT #1 – UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS/SECOND READINGS OF ORDINANCES**

- The Clerk reported there are no ordinances for public hearing/second reading at the Regular Meeting of November 10, 2020.

**REPORT #2 – UPCOMING INTRODUCTIONS/FIRST READINGS OF ORDINANCES**

- The Clerk reported there are no ordinances scheduled at this time to be introduced at the Regular Meeting of November 10, 2020.

**REPORT #3 – REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR 2021 PROFESSIONALS**

- The Clerk reported that there will be a resolution to authorize request for qualifications for Borough professionals for the year 2021. Upon approval, the clerk will advertise the RFQs and to be due sometime during the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of December.

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REPORT #4 – COVID-19 POLICIES

- Councilman Gilligan reported that employees should only be staying home from work as per the CDC guidelines.

REPORT #5 – CODE ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE

- Councilwoman Lomanno reported that an idle fire vehicle will be repurposed for the code enforcement officer.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTIONS 2020:204 THROUGH 2020:211 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.

- **RES. 2020:204 – CANCELLATION OF UNEXPENDED BALANCES IN SPECIAL EMERGENCIES**

WHEREAS, there are two small balances remaining in the Reserve for Revaluation and Reserve for Tax Map; and

WHEREAS, all purchases and agreements have been completed for both projects;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that the unexpended balances be canceled to surplus:

Reserve for Tax Revaluation	\$4,711.00
Reserve for Tax Map	\$ 25.43

- **RES. 2020:205 – DISALLOW UNQUALIFIED SENIOR CITIZEN TAX DEDUCTIONS**

WHEREAS, all eligibility requirements for a SENIOR CITIZEN tax deduction for the year 2020 have not been met due to the sale of the property by the following residents:

BLOCK	LOT	NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT
12	15	Nancy Eckert	16 Whitman Ave	\$250.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that this tax deduction be removed from the tax duplicate.

- **RES. 2020:206 – AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Stratford Borough Governing Body further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

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WHEREAS, each year the Stratford Borough Governing Body has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Camden; and

WHEREAS, a shared service agreement with the Borough of Stratford, the Borough of Laurel Springs, the Borough of Somerdale, the Borough of Hi-Nella and the County of Camden has been provided,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign the agreement

- **RES. 2020:207 – APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #2 (FINAL) FOR RESURFACING ROLLING ROAD AND SLEEPY HOLLOW ROAD**

WHEREAS, it was necessary to make changes to the contract amount to reflect adjustments to final contract value based on final quantities; and

WHEREAS, Change Order #2 (Final) was developed to itemize and authorize those changes.

WHEREAS, Change Order #1 increased the total contract amount to \$205,960.70 and the final quantities did not require full amount of the change; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, that the following Change Order #2 (Final) documenting an increase in the sum of \$22,588.50 (12.6%) from the original contract amount for a new total contract cost of \$202,477.80 is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above referenced Change Order is the second Change Order for the Resurfacing of Rolling Road and Sleepy Hollow Road.

- **RES. 2020:208 – AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH PAVING PLUS, LLC FOR RESURFACING OF EVERGREEN ROAD PHASE II AND HOMESTEAD ROAD**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford has received bids for the resurfacing of Evergreen Road Phase II and Homestead Road; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2020:200 of the Borough of Stratford has awarded the bid to Paving Plus, LLC for the resurfacing of Evergreen Road Phase II and Homestead Road; and

WHEREAS, the contract for the resurfacing of Evergreen Road Phase II and Homestead Road have been submitted to Borough Hall and has been reviewed by the Borough Engineer; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford to authorize the execution of contract between the Borough of Stratford and Paving Plus, LLC for the resurfacing of Evergreen Road Phase II and Homestead Road.

- **RES. 2020:209 – GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF ANNUAL MUNICIPAL AUDIT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and



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WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2019 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Borough of Stratford pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall be resolution, certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled "Findings and Questioned Costs" or "Findings and Recommendations"; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled "Findings and Questioned Costs" or "Findings and Recommendations", as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the governing body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52 – to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52 – A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his/her office."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

● **RES. 2020:210 – RATIFY READVERTISING BIDS FOR SEWER CHEMICAL ROOT CONTROL**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford advertised to have a bid opening on October 13, 2020 for Sewer Chemical Root Control; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11:23(a) indicates that dates fixed for receiving bids shall not fall on any day directly following a State or Federal Holiday; and

WHEREAS, no bids were opened and all sealed bids were returned to the persons who submitted a bid; and

WHEREAS, a new date of November 4, 2020 was selected to accept bids for the Sewer Chemical Root Control project; and

WHEREAS, all people who submitted a bid received notification of the new date;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford hereby ratifies the readvertisement of bids for Sewer Root Control Project

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- RES. 2020:211 – RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, NJSA 10:4-12

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

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-12, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by NJSA 10:4-12b and designated below:

\_\_\_\_\_ (1) Matters required by Law to be Confidential: Any matter which, by express provision of Federal law or State statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

\_\_\_\_\_ (2) Matters Where the Release of Information Would Impair the Right to Receive Funds: Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.

\_\_\_\_\_ (3) Matters Involving Individual Privacy: Any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendations, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including, but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly.

\_\_\_\_\_ (4) Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements: Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body.

\_\_\_\_\_ (5) Matters Relating to the Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property or the Investment of Public Funds: Any matter involving the purchase, lease, or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.

\_\_\_\_\_ (6) Matters Relating to Public Safety and Property: Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that their disclosure could impair such protection. Any investigations of violations of possible violations of the law.

  X   (7) Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney-Client Privilege: The topic of discussion is related to Attorney/Client Privilege. These items are for #7 of the Executive Session Resolution for matter relating to litigation, contract negotiations, or the Attorney-Client Privilege.

  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.

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\_\_\_\_\_ (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 November 5, 2020 that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on November 5, 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.

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

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- Councilwoman Hall – Had 17 participants in the Halloween House Decorating Contest. Commented that it was a successful event and will announce winners on Tuesday.
- Councilman Gandy – Thanked Craig Martin and Stratford OEM for everything he has done through COVID-19. Additionally thanked the Fire Department, Ambulance Squad and Police Department. Reminded everyone to wear a mask and remain socially distant. Commented that Halloween was a success in Stratford.
- Councilman Gilligan – Commented on how successful Halloween was this year.
- Councilwoman Lomanno – Thanked Council President Hall and the Chief ensuring Halloween was celebrated appropriately
- Councilman Tolomeo – Thanked residents for exercising their right to vote on Election Day.

**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:**

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

Gilligan motioned to reopen the meeting to the public. Hall seconded the motion and all members present voting in favor in a voice vote.

No action was taken in Executive session.

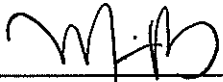
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All members that were present before the executive session, except Mayor Keenan, were present upon return to open session.

**ADJOURN:**

Lomanno motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m.. Hall seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:



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Michaela Bosler, Acting Borough Clerk



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Mayor Josh Keenan