

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 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  
ERIC RISO, BOROUGH SOLICITOR – PRESENT  
RON MORELLO, POLICE CHIEF – PRESENT  
MICHAELA BOSLER, ACTING BOROUGH CLERK - PRESENT

**PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:**

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

There were no comments from the public.

Gilligan motioned to close the public portion for agenda items. Lomanno 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:

AUGUST 2020  
Total number of properties inspected: 53  
Total number of violations found: 83  
64 of the issues have been abated  
5 of the issues were not abated  
16 of the issues are pending follow up  
Total number of citations issued: 3

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

BOROUGH FINANCIAL REPORT – AUGUST 2020  
Balance as of 8-1-2020 – \$285,320.54  
Total Receipts – \$3,751,125.97

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Total Disbursements – \$2,232,969.32  
Balance as of 8-31-2020 – \$1,803,477.19  
Total in other Funds - \$1,973,983.13

MUNICIPAL COURT FINANCIAL REPORT – AUGUST 2020

Disbursements this month:  
State of New Jersey: \$7,920.93  
Camden County: \$7,256.03  
Other: \$996.22  
Borough of Stratford: \$19,791.75  
Year to Date Total: \$142,415.96

POLICE

Councilwoman Tina Lomanno read the reports as follows:

AUGUST 2020  
24 Adult arrests,  
0 Juvenile arrests,  
2 assaults to police,  
3 Simple assaults Complaints,  
3 Criminal Mischief Complaints,  
16 Harassment complaints,  
394 Other investigations and complaints,  
0 burglaries,  
0 robberies,  
12 thefts in the amount of \$13,374.00  
\$1,790.00 in stolen property recovered,  
0 motor vehicle thefts,  
6 D.W.I. arrests,  
6 Narcotics arrests,  
413 Traffic summonses issued,  
0 Motor vehicle accidents,  
5 injuries from accidents  
32 Alarm activations,  
  
91 Total crime reports taken  
542 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 42 Alarms 2 Drills in the month AUGUST 2020. The following list is a breakdown of the same:

	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Dwelling Fires	2	5
Building Fires	0	7
Investigations	5	40
Out of Town Assists	10	88
Alarm Systems	2	22
Assist Ambulance, Police, Public	6	61

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Car Fires	2	4
Wires, Trees Down	13	68
Rescues & M.V.A.'s	2	22
Brush Fires	1	2
Drills	2	14

Total man hours on the above alarm drills was 330  
*Submitted by Stephen Gagliardi, Deputy Chief*

Ambulance Association

The Stratford Ambulance Association **Paid Crew** responded to **188 Alarms** in the month of **AUGUST 2020**, the following is a breakdown of the same:

	<b>Paid</b>	
	<u>Month</u>	<u>Y.T.D.</u>
1. Abdominal Pain	1	5
1. Assault	1	8
2. Bleeding	4	16
3. Cardiac	7	60
4. CVA	2	16
5. Diabetic	1	10
6. Fall	13	81
7. Fire Call	2	10
8. Haz-Mat	0	0
9. Maternity	2	5
10. Medical Emergency	24	174
11. Medical Alarm	1	9
12. MVA	4	43
13. Overdose	2	11
14. Ped/MVA	0	7
15. Psych. Emergency	11	68
16. Respiratory	6	64
17. Seizures	0	18
18. Sick Person	2	31
19. Special Assignment	0	0
20. Unconscious Person	8	82
21. Fractures	1	5

Suspected COVID-19 Alarms: 0

Year to Date Calls

**Paid: 735**

*Submitted by Kristine Shafer, Chief-Stratford Ambulance*

The Stratford Ambulance Association **Volunteer Crew** responded to **22 Alarms** in the month of **AUGUST 2020**, the following is a breakdown of the same:

	<b>Volunteer</b>	
	<u>Month</u>	<u>Y.T.D.</u>
1. Assault	0	1
2. Bleeding	0	3
3. Cardiac	1	12
4. CVA	1	4
5. Diabetic	0	0
6. Fall	6	15
7. Fire Call	0	2

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8. Haz-Mat	0	0
9. Maternity	0	1
10. Medical Emergency	4	37
11. Medical Alarm	0	2
12. MVA	1	4
13. Overdose	2	3
14. Ped/MVA	0	0
15. Psych. Emergency	3	15
16. Respiratory	2	9
17. Seizures	0	8
18. Sick Person	0	3
19. Special Assignment	0	0
20. Unconscious Person	1	7

Suspected COVID-19 Alarms: 0

Year to Date Calls  
**Volunteer 121**

*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: 15
- Performed preemptive checks and required maintenance of all manholes and pump stations
- Work orders:
  - Boarded up hockey rink at Vassar Ave courts
  - Installed CDC guideline signs at all Borough parks and Vassar Ave courts
  - Fixed broken wall and door panels at Vassar Ave hockey rink
  - Assisted Public Works department with green waste collection and chipping
  - 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

- Green waste removal:
  - Chipped approximately 200 to 250 cubic yards of brush
  - Cut or removed hanging branches from various locations
  - Canned yard waste was collected throughout the Borough four times
- Landscaping work:
  - Mowed Saratoga Park, Coolidge Park, Veterans Park, and Hagerty Park once (contracted out one time for mulching, cutting, and complete clean up)
  - Mowed Hagerty/Mancini ballfields, Laureba Park, Quaker Run Trail Park borders, and pump station #2, and Quaker store twice
  - Mowed RR tracks border lawns twice
  - Mowed Municipal Complex (Borough Hall, Justice Center, Library, Senior Center, War Memorial, and Clock Park) three times
  - Mowed Yellin and Parkview school grounds, and Sterling Arms twice
  - Weeded corner gardens at Rite Aid, Saratoga Park, and Clock garden
  - Trimmed bushes at Borough Hall and the Library.

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- General maintenance and work requests:
  - Cleared all storm drains (179 inlets) twice
  - Replaced knocked over Stop sign at corner of Oxford and Atlantic
  - Removed broken pieces of concrete at Mancini Field
  - Filled in sinkhole on curb strip at 43 Temple Ave
  - Dropped off posts to David Gray's house for Parks department
  - Collected metal throughout the Borough one time for Ba
  - Assisted Ba with pulling and unclogging pump #1 from pump station #2, as well as pump #2 from pump station #3
  - Brought up podium and four tables to War Memorial for Miss Stratford Pageant

**PUBLIC EVENTS**

Councilwoman Hall reported that the Miss Stratford Pageant was filmed on August 27<sup>th</sup> and is available to watch on Channel 19 and Youtube. Thanked Tadd Kozeniewski for filming and editing. Thanked Paul McGrority for being the MC. Thanked Councilwoman Lomanno, Lexi Lomanno, Karley Hall, and the Borough Clerk for their help. Announced that Miss Stratford 2020 is Julia Filipkowski, 1<sup>st</sup> Runner up is Angelina Pleis, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner up and Miss Congeniality is Samantha Gibson. Congratulated all the girls that participated.

**OLD BUSINESS:**        NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **ORDINANCE 2020:09 – ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10.44 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD, ENTITLED "TRAFFIC SCHEDULES," TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN TRAFFIC REGULATIONS FOR BLOCK 52, LOT 10.01**

The Clerk announced this is the first reading and introduction; the public hearing for this ordinance will be on October 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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

WHEREAS, Stratford Empire, LLC ("Developer") has received Site Plan approval from the Borough of Stratford Joint Land Use Board for Block 52, Lot 10.01 ("Development"); and,

WHEREAS, the Development plan allows for proposed vehicular access driveways along White Horse Pike (U.S. Route 30), which is under State jurisdiction; and,

WHEREAS, Developer has submitted an application to the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation, which has requested the Borough to adopt an Ordinance prohibiting left turns from the Development driveway onto U.S. Route 30 and from U.S. Route 30 into the Development driveway; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has deemed it in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the Borough to amend Chapter 10.44 of the Code of the Borough of Stratford, entitled "Traffic Schedules" in accordance with the aforesaid;

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:

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SECTION 1. Chapter 10.44 of the Code of the Borough of Stratford is hereby amended, revised, and supplemented to include a new Section 10.44.180 – Schedule XVIII – No Left Turns, which shall provide as follows:

10.44.180 – Schedule XVIII—No Left Turns.

Location	No Left Turns
White Horse Pike (U.S. Route 30)	No left turn onto White Horse Pike (U.S. Route 30) from the driveway(s) located on Block 52, Lot 10.01, and no left turn from eastbound White Horse Pike (U.S. Route 30) onto the driveway(s) located on Block 52, Lot 10.01.

SECTION 2. Except as set forth in Section 1 above, the balance of the Code of the Borough of Stratford shall not be affected by this Ordinance.

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, and final passage in the manner prescribed by law.

Hall motioned to approve the introduction of Ordinance 2020:09. Lomanno seconded the motion and all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTIONS 2020:187 THROUGH 2020:190 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. 2020:187 – AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO RECEIVE TOWING SERVICE APPLICATIONS FOR THE YEARS 2021-2022**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford adopted Ordinance 2014:20 entitled “Orderly System of Towing Services”; and

WHEREAS, the current towing service is to expire on 12/31/2020; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford will need to seek out applications for towing services for the year 2021-2022; and

WHEREAS, applications will need to be turned in no later than November 15, 2020, and the Borough will award no later than December 31, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford to authorize the acceptance of towing service applications for the years 2021-2022.

- **RES. 2020:188 – APPROVING NEW BUSINESS LICENSE FOR THE HAIRAPY LOUNGE**

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WHEREAS, Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford have passed an ordinance establishing Chapter 5.04 of the code of the Borough of Stratford, known as "Business Licenses Generally".

WHEREAS, a license is required to operate or conduct any business establishment in the Borough of Stratford.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that the proper investigations have been made and the following applicant has complied with the ordinance of the Borough of Stratford.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that approval of the following business' licenses has been granted by Mayor and Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the license may be issued upon receipt of State office approvals:

The Hairapy Lounge  
904 N. White Horse Pike  
Mercantile, Sign

- **RES. 2020:189 – AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE UPDATED STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN**

WHEREAS, in 2005, the Borough of Stratford created a Municipal Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan as required by the New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination Authorization to Discharge (NJPDES) #NJG0152960 (Category R9- Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit) issued under the authority of Stormwater NJPDES Master General Permit #NJ0141852 (Tier A Permit); and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Tier A Permit requires the annual updating of the Municipal Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan, and the Plan has been updated to meet the current content and format requirements; and

WHEREAS, the updated Plan will be posted and available for public inquiry and review on the Stormwater Information page of the Borough website;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that the 2020 update of the Municipal Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan is approved.

- **RES. 2020:190 – 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.

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\_\_\_\_\_ (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.

\_\_\_\_\_ (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. Re: Gentless vs. Borough of Stratford (Berlin Road Redevelopment Litigation)

  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 September 8, 2020 that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on September 8, 2020 at approximately 7:00 p.m. in the Justice Facility, 315 Union Avenue, Stratford, NJ or through telecommunications for the discussion of matters relating to the specified items designated above. It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in Closed Session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Governing Body that public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

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

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

Animal checks	1877	through	1880		
Manual checks	19968	through	19970		
Payroll checks	52914	through	52917	and	52980



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Automated checks	34615	through	34688		
Various electronic transfers and potential interim payments to Atlantic City Electric, South Jersey Gas, and Constellation Energy					

Councilwoman Hall recused herself from voting on check number 34643.

Gilligan 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 – None
- Councilman Gandy – None
- Councilman Green – None
- Councilman Gilligan – Thanked Councilwoman Hall for keeping the tradition of Miss Stratford Pageant alive during the pandemic.
- Councilwoman Lomanno – Thanked Councilwoman Hall for her hard work with the Miss Stratford Pageant. Congratulated all of the participants of the pageant. Announced the Police Department diaper drive.
- Councilman Tolomeo – None

**GOOD AND WELFARE:**

Green 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.

- Adin Mickle – Gloucester Township resident – Commented on the preservation of the Tomlinson Mansion at the Stratford Christian Academy site.
- Jennifer Lynch – Gloucester Township resident – Commented on the preservation of the Tomlinson Mansion at the Stratford Christian Academy site.

Hall 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:**

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

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

No action was taken in Executive session.

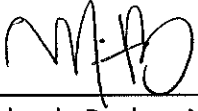
All members that were present before the executive session were present upon return to open session.

**ADJOURN:**

Lomanno motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 PM. Gandy seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

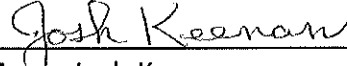
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Minutes respectfully submitted by:



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Michaela Bosler, Acting Borough Clerk



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Mayor Josh Keenan