

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
AUGUST 10, 2021
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: THE STRATFORD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FOR AUGUST 10 2021

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER:

STATEMENT OF ADVERTISEMENT:

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:

MAYOR JOSH KEENAN	STUART PLATT, BOROUGH SOLICITOR
COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINDA HALL	RON MORELLO, POLICE CHIEF
COUNCILMAN STEPHEN GANDY	JOHN D. KEENAN JR, ACTING BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR
COUNCILMAN PATRICK GILLIGAN	BILL BRAY, BOROUGH CLERK
COUNCILWOMAN TINA LOMANNO	
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL TOLOMEO	
COUNCILMAN JAMES KELLY	

PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Motion to go to open public portion on agenda items only:

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote: _____

Motion to close public portion on agenda items:

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote: _____

REPORTS:

ORDINANCE & PROPERTY	Councilman James Kelly
FINANCE & REVENUE	Councilwoman Tina Lomanno
POLICE	Councilman Patrick Gilligan
EMERGENCY SERVICES	Councilman Stephen Gandy
PUBLIC WORKS & LIGHTING	Councilman Michael Tolomeo
PUBLIC EVENTS	Councilwoman Linda Hall

OLD BUSINESS:

ORD. 2021:15 AMEND 2.16 FIRE DEPARTMENT

Motion to open the public hearing on ORD. 2021:15: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote: _____

Motion to close the public hearing on ORD. 2021:15: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote: _____

Motion to adopt ORD 2021:15 _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

NEW BUSINESS:

ORD. 2021:16 AMEND YARD REQUIREMENTS

Motion to Introduce Ord. 2021:16 on First Reading by Title Only

_____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

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ORD. 2021:17 ORD.2021:13 AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF \$500,000 IN BONDS/NOTES
 Motion to Introduce Ord. 2021:17 on First Reading by Title Only

_____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTIONS 2021:116 THROUGH 2021:118 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. 2021:116 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT, NJSA 10:4-12
The matters for executive session will pertain to matters relating to Personnel, Contract Negotiations-Trash Collection, Litigation- Camden County Vs Stratford Borough

RES. 2021:117 APPOINTING A POLICE OFFICER

RES. 2021:118 APPOINTING A POLICE OFFICER

Motion: _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

BUSINESS LICENSES:

APPROVE BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATION – None

Motion: _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Animal checks		through		
Manual checks		through		
Payroll checks		through		and
Payroll checks		through		
Automated checks		through		
Various electronic transfers and potential interim payments to				

Motion: _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

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GOOD AND WELFARE:

Motion to open the meeting to the public for Good and Welfare:

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote: _____

Motion to close the public portion for Good and Welfare:

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote: _____

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to go into Executive Session:

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote _____

Motion to leave Executive Session:

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote _____

ADJOURN:

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote: _____

ORDINANCE 2021:15

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2.16, ENTITLED “FIRE DEPARTMENT,” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD

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 amend and clarify terminology stated in the Fire Department Code Section, known as the “Fire Ordinance of the Borough of Stratford”; and

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 2.16, entitled “Fire Department”.

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 2.16 of the Code of the Borough of Stratford, entitled “Fire Department,” is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

2.16.20 Definitions.

Remove in whole the definition for “Fire company”.

2.16.030 Fire committee – Membership, appointment.

There shall be a fire committee composed of the council director of fire and two (2) other council members, all of which shall be appointed by the Mayor of the Borough of Stratford.

2.16.040 Director of fire.

The director of fire shall be the councilperson appointed by the Mayor of the Borough of Stratford charged with the supervision, responsibility of maintaining and controlling the Stratford Fire Department.

2.16.050 Appointment of fire chief and officers of fire department.

The fire chief and all of the other officers of the line of the Stratford Fire Department shall be appointed by the mayor of the borough at the annual reorganization meeting. Members of the Stratford Fire Department shall be appointed by the mayor and council of the borough upon recommendation of the fire chief.

2.16.060 Duties of the fire chief.

In addition to the usual administrative and procedural duties of the chief, he or she shall prepare and submit to the mayor and council, via the director of fire, a monthly report of all fires, calls, services, conditions and actions of the Stratford Fire Department on or before the fifth day of each month for the period of the preceding calendar month.

2.16.070 Funding of fire department.

The governing body shall provide in its annual budget such sums as are needed, in its direction, for the maintenance, equipment and supplies necessary to provide for the efficient operation of the fire department.

2.16.090 Insurance.

The mayor and council may maintain and continue any forms of insurance covering the members of Stratford Fire Department which it, the governing body, may determine to be necessary or desirable for the protection, safety and welfare of the members and for the protection and safety of the equipment and apparatus of said fire department, and are authorized by resolution to appropriate, from time to time, such sums of money as may be required to cover the premiums and costs of said insurance, or such portion of the same as the governing body, in its discretion, may consider proper and advisable.

2.16.100 Exempt firefighter’s certificate.

Any member or officer of the fire department shall be entitled to an exempt firefighter’s certificate; provided, however, that he or she qualifies for said certificate by virtue of the eligibility requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-56 of the revised statutes of New Jersey and any amendment thereto.

SECTION 2. All Ordinances contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are inconsistent herewith.

SECTION 3. 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 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon posting, publication, final passage in the manner prescribed by law.

_____/_____/2021
Mayor Josh Keenan Date

ATTEST:

Bill Bray, Borough Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

The ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at the Regular Meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, held on the 13th day of July, 2021. It will be further considered for final passage after public hearing thereon, at the meeting of the Governing Body to be held in the Borough Hall, in the Borough of Stratford on the 10th day of August, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Copies of the ordinance will be made available during the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting at the Clerk’s Office in the Borough Hall to the members of the general public who shall request the same.

Bill Bray, Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION 2021:116
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. Re: Magnolia Shared Service – Solid Waste, Camden County Vs. Stratford Borough

 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. Re: Trash Collection

_____ (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 via electronic video conference in public session on August 10, 2021 that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on August 10, 2021 at approximately 7:00 p.m. 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.

CERTIFICATION

I, Bill Bray, Borough Clerk, do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and complete copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a public meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford held on August 10, 2021.

BILL BRAY, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

**RESOLUTION 2021:117
APPOINTMENT OF A POLICE OFFICER**

WHEREAS, the Mayor & Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford finds that for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Municipality, that the appointment of Police Officer is immediately needed to fill positions created by retirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor & Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford to appoint:

Patrick Brunett

as Full Time POLICE OFFICER under the regulations promulgated under N.J.S.A 11A:4-1.3 of the New Jersey Civil Service Commission effective November 1, 2021, at the starting salary of \$49,693.14.

CERTIFICATION

I, Bill Bray, Borough Clerk, do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and complete copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a public meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford held on August 10, 2021.

BILL BRAY, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

**RESOLUTION 2021:118
APPOINTMENT OF A POLICE OFFICER**

WHEREAS, the Mayor & Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford finds that for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Municipality, that the appointment of Police Officer is immediately needed to fill positions created by retirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor & Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford to appoint:

Patrick Deitz

as Full Time POLICE OFFICER under the regulations promulgated under N.J.S.A 11A:4-1.3 of the New Jersey Civil Service Commission effective November 1, 2021, at the starting salary of \$49,693.14.

CERTIFICATION

I, Bill Bray, Borough Clerk, do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and complete copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a public meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford held on August 10, 2021.

BILL BRAY, RMC
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