

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

CALL TO ORDER: The Borough Clerk Bill Bray called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

STATEMENT OF ADVERTISEMENT: The Borough Clerk 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
TINA LOMANNO, COUNCILWOMAN – PRESENT
MICHAEL TOLOMEO, COUNCILMAN – PRESENT
JAMES KELLY, COUNCILMAN – PRESENT
STUART PLATT, BOROUGH SOLICITOR – PRESENT
RON MORELLO, POLICE CHIEF – PRESENT

PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

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

John Gentless – 111 Union Avenue – Mr. Gentless asked what the Bond Ordinance was for. Mr. Keenan stated it would fund the purchase of two garbage trucks. Mr. Keenan stated the Borough reached out to other municipalities for a new shared service agreement but none could handle the Boroughs 2,200 stops. Mr. Platt stated trash collection is an issue facing municipalities throughout the country. Mr. Gentless ask if there is any action anticipated after the Executive Session. Mr. Keenan stated Council will indicate if they will take action when they go into executive session.

There were no other comments.

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

REPORTS:

ORDINANCE & PROPERTY Councilman Kelly read the Zoning Code Officer's Inspection Report for the month of July.

Total number of properties inspected/reinspected: 109
Total number of violations found: 98
76 of the issues have been abated
11 of the issues were not abated
22 of the issues are pending follow up
Total number of citations issued: 2

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FINANCE & REVENUE

Councilwoman Lomanno read the report as follows:

BOROUGH FINANCIAL REPORT – JULY 2021
Balance as of 7-1-2021 – \$1,059,234.75
Total Receipts – \$3,647,545.93
Total Disbursements – \$2,248,082.92
Balance as of 7-31-2021 – \$2,458,697.76
Total in other Funds - \$2,344,938.57

POLICE

Councilman Gilligan read the reports as follows:

JULY 2021
25 Adult arrests,
0 Juvenile arrests,
2 Assaults to Police,
6 Simple assaults Complaints,
5 Criminal Mischief Complaints,
21 Harassment complaints,
482 Other investigations and complaints,
0 burglary,
0 robberies,
11 thefts in the amount of \$1,675.00
\$22,175.00 in stolen property recovered,
0 motor vehicle thefts,
5 D.W.I. arrests,
6 Narcotics arrests,
445 Traffic summonses issued,
23 Motor vehicle accidents,
12 injuries from accidents, 1 pedestrian
21 Alarm activations,
With 98 Total Crime Reports Taken, and 697 Total Calls for Police Service
Submitted by Ron Morello, Chief of Police

Councilman Gilligan stated there are two resolutions, 2021-117 and 2021-118 to appoint new full-time members of the Police Department. Councilman Gilligan congratulated Patrolman Patrick Brunett and Patrick Deitz who have previous served the Borough as Special Law Enforcement Officers.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Councilman Stephen Gandy read portions of the following report.

Fire Department

The Stratford Fire Department responded to 31 Alarms 2 Drills in the month
JULY 2021. The following list is a breakdown of the same:

	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Dwelling Fires	2	6
Building Fires	0	6
Investigations	3	17
Out of Town Assists	9	88
Alarm Systems	9	57
Assist Ambulance, Police, Public	3	43
Car Fires	0	0

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Wires, Trees Down	0	8
Rescues & M.V.A.'s	5	23
Brush Fires	0	5
Drills	2	16

Total work hours on the above alarm drills was 82

Submitted by Michael Lewitt, Deputy Chief

Ambulance Association

The Stratford Ambulance Association **Paid Crew** responded to **128 Alarms** in the month of **JULY 2021**, the following is a breakdown of the same:

	Paid	
	<u>Month</u>	<u>Y.T.D.</u>
1. Abdominal Pain	4	8
2. Allergic Reaction	0	5
3. Altered Mental Status	0	2
4. Assault	2	12
5. Bleeding	3	27
6. Burn Victim	0	0
7. Cardiac	14	80
8. CVA	5	17
9. Diabetic	2	8
10. Fall	10	72
11. Fire Call	4	17
12. Fractures	0	2
13. Haz-Mat	0	0
14. Maternity	2	2
15. Medical Emergency	28	195
16. Medical Alarm	2	11
17. MVA	7	45
18. Overdose	0	4
19. Ped/MVA	0	2
20. Psych. Emergency	12	70
21. Respiratory	14	84
22. Seizures	1	25
23. Sick Person	3	26
24. Special Assignment	0	2
25. Stabbing	0	1
26. Unconscious Person	11	58

Suspected COVID-19 Alarms: 0

Year to Date Calls

Paid: 793

Submitted by Kristine Shafer, Chief-Stratford Ambulance

The Stratford Ambulance Association **Volunteer Crew** responded to **20 Alarms** in the month of **July 2021**, the following is a breakdown of the same:

	Volunteer	
	<u>Month</u>	<u>Y.T.D.</u>
Abdominal Pain	0	2
Allergic Reaction	0	0
Assault	0	1
Bleeding	1	3

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Burn Victim	0	1
Cardiac	2	10
CVA	1	2
Diabetic	1	3
Fall	0	5
Fire Call	0	3
Haz-Mat	0	0
Maternity	0	1
Medical Emergency	9	36
Medical Alarm	0	1
MVA	0	7
Overdose	1	3
Ped/MVA	1	2
Psych. Emergency	1	14
Respiratory	1	15
Seizures	0	2
Sick Person	1	2
Special Assignment	0	0
Stabbing	0	1
Unconscious Person	1	7
Fractures	0	0

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: 12
- Performed preemptive checks and required maintenance of all manholes and pump stations
- Work orders:
 - Replaced ceiling tile as a result of State Fire Inspection
 - Fixed gazebo broken spindle at Veterans Park
 - Fixed Justice Building front door
 - Clean Storm Drains
 - Painted yellow curb at Elinor Ave. closest to Laurel Road
 - Installed two signs at RR tracks

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

- Cutting at Borough properties, parks and ballfields
- Cutting of Sterling Arms & Quaker Store
- Chipper out every other week
- Cleaning of storm drains.
- Cutting of railroad
- Installed new sections of split rail fence along railroad
- Weeding of Borough gardens

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- Trimming of bushes
- Metal and electronic pick up two times for a month
- Maintenance on trucks and equipment
- Sewer on-call and maintenance

PUBLIC EVENTS - Councilwoman Hall thanked all the emergency services, Parks & Recreation and Public Works who helped with the National Night Out Event. Councilwoman Hall stated it was a great event. Councilwoman Hall thanked local businesses and vendors who also participated in the event: Focus HVAC, Rowan University, Stratfor Library, Freebyrd Chicken, Jefferson Health, Laurel Manor, Jeff Stat Helicopter, Philly Photo, 30 Strikes, Camden County Animal Adoption, CSX Police which did a drone and dog demonstrations. Councilwoman Hall stated it was great for the police officers to meet and interact with residents. Councilwoman Hall stated there is great drone video of the event on the Borough's Facebook page.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORD.2021:15 AMEND 2.16 FIRE DEPARTMENT

Councilman Gandy motioned to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2021:15. Councilwoman Hall seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Voice Vote.

There were no comments from the public.

Councilman Kelly motioned to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2021:15. Councilman Tolomeo seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Voice Vote.

Councilman Gilligan motioned to adopt Ordinance 2021:15. Councilman Gandy seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call 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:

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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.

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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.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORD. 2021:16 AMEND YARD REQUIREMENTS - The Borough Clerk announced this is the first reading and introduction; the public hearing for this ordinance will be on September 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Councilwoman Hall made the motion to introduce ORDINANCE 2021:16, with Councilwoman Lomanno making a second with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

**ORDINANCE 2021:16
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 17.48 ZONING – R-1 SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED
RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT**

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

SECTION 1

Delete 17.48.030 in its entirety and replace with the following:

17.48.030 – Area, yard and building requirements – Schedule I – R-1 residential district.

ITEM	DIMENSION
Minimum lot areas	
Corner lots	9,900 square feet
Inside lots	8,250 square feet
Minimum lot width	
Corner lots	90 feet
Inside lots	70 feet
Maximum occupied area of lots	30%
Front yard setback line for inside lots	25 feet
Front yard setback line for corner lots	25 feet
Side yard clearance	
Minimum aggregate	25 feet
Minimum required	10 feet
Rear yard clearance	
For enclosed principal	15 feet
All other structures	5 feet

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Minimum floor area of dwelling

1-bedroom dwelling	700 square feet
2-bedroom dwelling	800 square feet
3-bedroom dwelling	900 square feet
Each additional bedroom	100 square feet per bedroom

Residential Structure

Maximum Height **35 feet**

Accessory use or building	
Maximum area of structure	100 square feet
Maximum height	10 feet
Side yard setback	3 feet
Rear yard setback	3 feet
Front yard setback	25 feet

Minimum area of structure	101 square feet
Maximum height	12 feet
Side yard clearance minimum	10 feet
Side yard clearance aggregate	25 feet
Rear yard setback	5 feet
Front yard setback	25 feet

SECTION 2

All Ordinances and provisions thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3

If any section, subsection, part, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid of judgment by any court of competent jurisdiction, such section, subsection, part, sentence, clause or phrase shall be deemed to be severable from the remainder of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

Councilman Gilligan made a motion to table ORD. 2021:17 until after the Executive Session. Councilman Gandy seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote of Council.

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 form the consent agenda and they can be voted on separately. Council did not alter the consent agenda.

**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**

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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

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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.

**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.

**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.

Councilman Gilligan made the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda of resolutions as submitted, with Councilwoman Hall making the second and all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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Animal checks	1921	through	1923		
Manual checks	20021	through	20024		
Payroll checks	54486	through	54668	and	
Automated checks	35439	through	35619		
Various electronic transfers and potential interim payments to Atlantic City Electric, Constellation Energy, PSE&G, and South Jersey Gas					

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilwoman Hall – Thanks to all of the emergency services to came to National Night Out for keeping us safe.
- Councilman Gandy – Everyone did a fantastic job at National Night Out. Congratulation to Officers Deitz and Brunett they are going to continue to a fantastic job.
- Councilman Gilligan – Welcome to Patrolmen Brunett and Deitz. Thanks again to Councilwoman Hall and everyone to who help with National Night Out.
- Councilwoman Lomanno – Congratulations to Officers Brunett and Deitz it’s a pleasure to have them work with us. Thanks to Councilwoman Hall and everyone who helped with National Night Out, looking forward to making it bigger and better next year.
- Councilman Tolomeo – Thanks to the Public Works Department for helping out with the parade and National Night Out. Congratulation to Officers Deitz and Brunett.
- Councilman Kelly – The parade and National Night Out were great activities. Councilwoman Hall and the volunteers did a great job. Congratulations to Officer Deitz and Brunett. Thnaks to the Police and Fire departments and Ambulance Squad for answering the call to serve.
- Councilwoman Hall stated the parade and National Night Out were delayed due to Covid but everyone was willing to help all the time. We are looking forward to the fall and the holiday season and hopefully we can do more great things for the Borough.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

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

John Gentless – 111 Union Ave – Mr. Gentless asked about sidewalks on Kirkwood Avenue where he’s spoken to a homeowner. Mr. Keenan stated he walked the project are with the Borough Engineer and no sidewalks or curbs will be installed in the area of that homeowner’s property. Mr. Gentless asked if everyone is getting curbs. Mr. Keenan said there is some older depressed curing that will be replaced near the corner of Webster and Central Ave. Mr. Keenan stated most concrete apron will be replaced and blacktop aprons will be replaced with blacktop. Mr. Gentless stated sidewalks were replaced at 108 Jefferson and someone should inspect the work because they cut some roots of the trees on the curb. Mr. Gentless asked if any ribbon cuttings are planned for Freebyrd Chicken, Webbers or Philadelphia Provisions. Mr. Keenan stated Freebyrd Chicken is wanting to do something when they are fully open. Councilwoman Hall stated the Borough is hoping to do something in the fall.

There were no further comments

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Councilman Gilligan made a motion to close the public portion, with Councilman Tolomeo making a second, and all Council voting aye.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Keenan stated Council may take action on Ord. 2021-17 when it returns from Executive Session. Motion was made by Councilwoman Hall, seconded by Councilman Kelly, with all Council voting aye to enter into Executive Session.

Council entered Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. Council returned from Executive Session at 8:42 p.m. Motion was made by Councilwoman Hall, seconded by Councilman Kelly, with all Council voting aye to come out of Executive Session.

Councilman Gilligan made a motion to untable Ord. 2021:17. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gandy. The Motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote of Council.

ORD. 2021:17 AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF \$500,000 IN BONDS/NOTES - The Borough Clerk announced this is the first reading and introduction; the public hearing for this ordinance will be on September 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Councilwoman Hall made the motion to introduce ORDINANCE 2021:17, with Councilwoman Lomanno making a second with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE 2021:17

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE
BOROUGH OF STRATFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY,
APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$500,000.00 THEREFORE AND
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$475,000.00 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH
TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THERE OF**

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 \$500,000.00 including the aggregate sum of \$25,000.00 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 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 \$475,000.00 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

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amount of Bonds of Notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness for each improvement are respectively as follows:

PURPOSE	APPROPRATION & 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, 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 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 \$475,000.00 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

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(d) \$5,000.00 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.

BOND ORDINANCE 2021:17			
SCHEDULE "A"			
PURPOSE	APPROPRATION & ESTIMATED COST	ESTIMATED MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF BONDS OR NOTES	PERIOD OF AVERAGE USEFULNESS
Solid Waste Collection Vehicles/Equipment	\$500,000.00	\$475,000.00	10 Years

ADJOURN:

Councilwoman Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at approx. 8:45 PM. Councilman Hall seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Bill Bray, RMC
 Borough Clerk

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