

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING/REDEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP AGENDA
DECEMBER 09, 2021
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

The December 9, 2021 Stratford Borough Agenda Meeting/Redevelopment Workshop.

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	JUSTIN STRAUSSER, BOROUGH SOLICITOR
COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINDA HALL	STEVEN BACH, BOROUGH ENGINEER
COUNCILMAN STEPHEN GANDY	RON MORELLO, POLICE CHIEF
COUNCILMAN PATRICK GILLIGAN	JOHN D. KEENAN JR, ACTING BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR
COUNCILWOMAN TINA LOMANNO	BILL BRAY, BOROUGH CLERK
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 _____

POLICE REPORT:

ENGINEER REPORT:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

November 4, 2021	AGENDA MEETING/REDEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP
November 4, 2021	EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING
November 9, 2021	REGULAR MEETING

Motion: _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

OLD BUSINESS:

REPORT #1	UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS OF ORDINANCES
	ORDINANCE 2021:21 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2021:06 ESTABLISHING SALARIES

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTIONS 2021:163 THROUGH 2021:177 WILL BE DONE AS A CONSENT AGENDA

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

- RES. 2021-163 APPROVE 2021 SALARY FOR TAX ASSESSOR
- RES. 2021-164 ACCEPT 2021 HOLIDAY DWI CRACKDOWN GRANT
- RES. 2021-165 APPROVE CHAPTER 159 BUDGET AMENDMENT – HOLIDAY DWI GRANT
- RES. 2021-166 APPROVE CHAPTER 159 BUDGET AMENDMENT – DISTRACTED DRIVER GRANT
- RES. 2021-167 ACCEPT 2021 DISTRACTED DRIVING GRANT
- RES. 2021-168 APPROVE SETTLEMENT & REFUND
- RES. 2021-169 APPOINT ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER 2022 & 2023
- RES. 2021-170 ACCEPT SOUTH JERSEY GAS 2021 BODY ARMOR GRANT
- RES. 2021-171 APPROVE CHAPTER 159 BUDGET AMENDMENT – HOLIDAY DWI GRANT
- RES. 2021-172 APPOINT TRASH & RECYCLING LABORERS
- RES. 2021-173 APPOINT MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE
- RES. 2021-174 ACCEPT CIGNA PRESCRIPTION DRUG DROPBOX GRANT
- RES. 2021-175 AUTHORIZE WATER QUALITY TREATMENT WORKS APPROVAL PERMIT APPLICATION
- RES. 2021-176 AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF UTILITY PAYMENT
- RES. 2021-177 AUTHORIZE CANCELING OF CHECKS

Motion: _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

BUSINESS LICENSES:

APPROVE BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATION – STRATFORD LAUNDROMAT – 912B N White Horse Pike

Motion: _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

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 _____

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Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote _____

ORDINANCE 2021:21

AMENDING ORDINANCE 2021:06 ESTABLISHING SALARIES

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to amend certain salaries set forth in ordinance 2021:06

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey that Ordinance 2021:06 is amended for the following title:

Section 1:

Tax Assessor \$10,000.00 - \$20,000.00

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 and final passage in the manner prescribed by law.

Mayor Josh Keenan XXI/XX/2021
Date

ATTEST:

Bill Bray, RMC
Borough Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and passed on the first reading at a meeting of the Governing Body held on the 9th day of November, 2021 and will be considered for final passage on the 14th of December, 2021 at a meeting to be held at the Stratford Justice Facility, 315 Union Avenue, Stratford, NJ.

Bill Bray, Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION 2021:163
APPROVE TAX ASSESSOR SALARY

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford appointed Patrick C. Dymond to the position of Tax Assessor effective October 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford amended its Salary Ordinance for the position of Tax Assessor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to approve the following salary effective Oct. 1, 2021.

TAX ASSESSOR	\$18,000 per year
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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 December 9, 2021.

BILL BRAY, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 2021:164
ACCEPTING 2021 HOLIDAY DWI CRACKDOWN GRANT WITH THE NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY AND TRAFFIC SAFETY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,000.00

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Police Department has applied to the New Jersey Department of Highway and Traffic Safety for the 2021 Holiday DWI Crackdown Grant in the amount of \$6,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Police Department would receive said grant in the amount of \$6,000.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to accept the 2021 Holiday DWI Crackdown Grant in the amount of \$6,000.00 from New Jersey Department of Highway and Traffic Safety.

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 December 9, 2021.

BILL BRAY, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 2021:165
CHAPTER 159 – HOLIDAY DWI CHECKPOINT GRANT
(\$6,000.00)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:40-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Finance may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Stratford hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Finance to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget for the year 2021 in the amount of six thousand dollars and no cents (\$6,000.00) Holiday DWI Checkpoint Grant which item is now available pursuant to the provision of statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of six thousand dollars and no cents (\$6,000.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

HOLIDAY DWI CHECKPOINT GRANT

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is the result of monies received from the State of New Jersey and was deposited into the proper account.

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 December 9, 2021.

BILL BRAY, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 2021:166
CHAPTER 159 – DISTRACTED DRIVER GRANT
(\$5,940.00)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:40-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Finance may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Stratford hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Finance to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget for the year 2019 in the amount of five thousand and nine hundred-forty dollars and no cents (\$5,940.00) Distracted Driver Grant which item is now available pursuant to the provision of statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of Five thousand and nine hundred-forty dollars and no cents (\$5,940.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

DISTRACTED DRIVER GRANT

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is the result of monies received from the State of New Jersey and was deposited into the proper account.

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 December 9, 2021.

BILL BRAY, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 2021:167
ACCEPTING 2021 DISTRACTED DRIVER GRANT WITH THE NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY AND TRAFFIC SAFETY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,940.00

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Police Department has applied to the New Jersey Department of Highway and Traffic Safety for the 2020 Distracted Driver Grant in the amount of \$5,940.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Police Department would receive said grant in the amount of \$5,940.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to accept the 2021 Distracted Driver Grant in the amount of \$5,940.00 from New Jersey Department of Highway and Traffic Safety.

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 December 9, 2021.

BILL BRAY, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

**RESOLUTION 2021:168
BOROUGH OF STRATFORD**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD APPROVING THE
SETTLEMENT IN THE MATTER OF DEBORAH STEINHAUS**

WHEREAS, Deborah Steinhaus is the owner of a property within the Borough of Stratford located at 23 Temple Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Steinhaus filed a Chapter 13 bankruptcy petition of March 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Steinhaus filed a Motion in United States Bankruptcy Court objecting to a fee paid to the Borough of Stratford on her behalf by her lender Wilmington Savings Fund Society on the ground that it is in violation of the automatic stay that was enacted with her filing a chapter 13 bankruptcy petition.

WHEREAS, the parties have engaged in settlement negotiations; and

WHEREAS, as a result of those settlement negotiations, all controversies between Deborah Steinhaus and the Borough have been resolved; and

WHEREAS, the parties have agreed to resolve this matter to minimize costs and legal expenses to the Borough without admitting any liability whatsoever; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body is of the opinion that the settlement is in the best interests of the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden and State of New Jersey for the reasons set forth above that it hereby approves the Consent Order, attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Solicitor are hereby authorized to implement this Resolution and execute any documents necessary in connection therewith.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of Stratford shall refund the fees in the amount of \$640.

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 December 9, 2021.

BILL BRAY, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 2021:169

APPOINTMENT OF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER – INDEPENDENT ANIMAL CARE SERVICES LLC

WHEREAS, the State requires that each Municipality to appoint an Animal Control Officer; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford desire to appoint Robert Chabot of Independent Animal Control Services LLC, of Blackwood, NJ to be appointed as Animal Control Officer; and

WHEREAS, Independent Animal Control Services LLC has proposed a two-year contract for its services at a rate of \$4,800 per year, with the option to extend such agreement for an additional two years; and

WHEREAS, the CFO has provided the Certification of Funds document; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to appoint Robert Chabot the Animal Control Officer for 2022 and 2023

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are authorize the execution of the contract with Independent Animal Control Services LLC.

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 December 9, 2021.

BILL BRAY, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 2021:170
ACCEPTING SOUTH JERSEY GAS 2021 FIRST RESPONDER GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$5,000.00

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Police Department has applied to South Jersey Gas for its 2021 First Responder Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Police Department would receive said grant in the amount of \$5,000.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to accept the South Jersey Gas 2021 First Responder Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00.

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 December 9, 2021.

BILL BRAY, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 2021:171

**CHAPTER 159 – SOUTH JERSEY GAS 2021 FIRST RESPONDER GRANT
(\$5,000.00)**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:40-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Finance may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Stratford hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Finance to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget for the year 2021 in the amount of five thousand dollars and no cents (\$5,000.00) South Jersey Gas First Responder Grant which item is now available pursuant to the provision of statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of five thousand dollars and no cents (\$5,000.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

SOUTH JERSEY GAS 2021 FIRST RESPONDER GRANT

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is the result of monies received from the State of New Jersey and was deposited into the proper account.

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 December 9, 2021.

BILL BRAY, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 2021:172

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford has created a trash and recycling department for the benefit of the residents; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford reviewed the applications for the position of Laborers for this department; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford has given preference to those applicants from the Borough of Stratford; and

WHEREAS, the following will be appointed as Laborers for the trash and recycling department effective December 13, 2021:

Michael K. Morris
Abdionack A. de Araujo

Paul D. Simmons
Edward J. Kane

Matthew C. Hryniw
Christopher Emmertz

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Borough Council to appoint the above named Laborers to the new trash and recycling department.

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 December 9, 2021.

BILL BRAY, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 2021:173

WHEREAS, Judge Krisden M. McCrink has served as Judge for the Stratford Municipal Court since Dec. 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Council has determined that the reappointment of Judge Krisden M. McCrink is in the best interest of the court and the municipality; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council that Judge Krisden M. McCrink is hereby reappointed to three-year-term, effective December 1, 2021.

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 December 9, 2021.

BILL BRAY, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 2021:174
ACCEPTING CIGNA PRESCRIPTION DROPBOX GRANT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Police Department has applied Cigna for its Prescription Dropbox Grant with a value of \$750.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Police Department was awarded said grant and will receive Prescription Dropbox with a value of \$750.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to accept the Cigna Prescription Dropbox Grant.

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 December 9, 2021.

BILL BRAY, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 2021:175

WHEREAS, the Laurel Mills Redevelopment Project has received approvals from the Borough of Stratford Joint Land Use Board for 80 total dwelling units and a 14,000 square foot retail building; and

WHEREAS, an application is being made to the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Division of Water Quality for a Treatment Works Approval Permit; and

WHEREAS, the application requires the Mayor to execute the application as the representative for the owner of the proposed treatment works which is the Borough of Stratford Municipal Sewer Utility;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council to authorize the Mayor to execute the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Division of Water Quality Treatment Works Approval Permit Application.

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 December 9, 2021.

BILL BRAY, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 2021:176

WHEREAS, Bob Rajput is the owner of record for 21 W Laurel Road;

WHEREAS, Bob Rajput sent check #44746739 in the amount of \$20.56 on October 1, 2021 to the Stratford Municipal Utility in error;

WHEREAS, Bob Rajput has requested check #44746739 in the amount of \$20.56 be applied to the 4th Quarter Taxes;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council that check #44746739 be removed from the Stratford Municipal Utility Account#1048-0 and applied to the 4th quarter open taxes for Block 71, Lot 19.

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 December 9, 2021.

BILL BRAY, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 2021:177

WHEREAS; Checks were issued from the Borough of Stratford's Current account and never cashed and;

WHEREAS; The said checks are over 2 years old and;

WHEREAS; The following amounts are listed as outstanding checks on the Borough's financial records:

	<u>CHECK #</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
CURRENT	31060	12.75
	31498	11.97
	32296	500.00
	33684	222.88
	33799	23.98
	33901	29.70

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford that the above outstanding check balances be canceled.

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 December 9, 2021.

BILL BRAY, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK