

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

CALL TO ORDER: 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
JUSTIN STRAUSSER, BOROUGH SOLICITOR – PRESENT
STEVEN BACH, BOROUGH ENGINEER – PRESENT
RON MORELLO, POLICE CHIEF – PRESENT
JOHN D. KEENAN, JR., ACTING BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR - PRESENT
BILL BRAY, BOROUGH CLERK – PRESENT

PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

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

Steve Gagliardi, 13 College Circle, asked about Res. 2021-175. Mr. Keenan stated the developer must apply to DEP for sewer connection permit and the Mayor must be authorized to sign the application because the Borough will ultimately own the improvements being built.

There were no further comments.

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

POLICE REPORT:

Chief of Police Ronald Morello provided the following information:

Nov. 2 - 60-year-old man from Bergen NJ was seen in the backyard of a home on Pennsylvania Avenue trying to burglarize items from the rear yard. The suspect was charged with attempted theft and defiant trespass.

Nov. 5 – 55-year-old Gloucester Township man hit by a motor vehicle on Atlantic Ave at Columbia Ave. The driver stopped but fled the scene.

Nov. 6 - Officer responded to a Domestic Violence incident on Parkview Road. The suspect was charged with Aggravated Assault on the spouse and Endangering the Welfare of the children.

Nov. 8 – 10 vehicles at Avis Car Rental had the catalytic converter cut out.

Nov. 9 – A 75-year-old woman suffered a serious head injury from a fall at Goodwill.

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Nov. 10 – Police responded to reports of a woman in pajamas chasing another woman with a knife. The suspect was charged with Domestic Violence offenses and weapons offenses.

Nov. 11 – A sinkhole developed along the White Horse Pike near the Quaker Store. A total of 18 vehicles were damaged, no serious injuries, nine vehicles were towed.

Nov. 11 – Responded to reports of a man pleasuring himself in a vehicle at Jefferson Hospital. A suspect from Somers Point was latter charged with lewdness offenses.

Nov. 16 – Responded to Jefferson Hospital Emergency Room for a psychotic male dropped off by Berlin EMS. The suspect escaped and assaulted a Laurel Springs officer. Stratford Police took the suspect back into custody.

Nov. 17 – Suspect posted private photos of their ex-friend online and was charged with cyber harassment.

Nov. 18 – Monroe Township nurse was charge with theft of narcotics after allegedly stealing them from a nursing home.

Nov. 25 – Officers assisted Somerdale Police with a Domestic Dispute incident that turned into a barricade incident with a suspect potentially armed with a weapon. The suspect was taken into custody without incident.

Nov. 26 – A 65-year-old Winding Way resident passed away suddenly due to natural causes.

The Police Department will receive \$5,000 grant from South Jersey Gas for bulletproof vests, \$6,000 grant from Highway Traffic Safety for drunken driving enforcement and anew prescription drug drop box from Cigna valued at \$700.

ENGINEER REPORT:

Mr. Bach stated his written report was submitted to Council. Greentree Road project will be advertised in winter and construction in spring 2022. It is anticipated that the project will be awarded in February. Estimates for engineering costs for Central Ave and Kirkwood Phase II, option 1 have been submitted and would need Council approval to proceed. Buttonwood Road stormwater outfall contracts are being executed with pre construction meeting to be held on December 13.

Council had no questions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

November 4, 2021 AGENDA MEETING/REDEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

November 4, 2021 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING

November 9, 2021 REGULAR MEETING

Councilman Gilligan stated he would abstain from the November 4 meeting minutes because he was absent.

A motion was made by Councilman Kelly, seconded by Councilwoman Hall with all members present voting aye by roll call.

OLD BUSINESS:

REPORT #1 Upcoming Public Hearings of Ordinance: ORDINANCE 2021:21 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2021:06 ESTABLISHING SALARIES Mr. Bray stated this amends the salary guide for the Tax Assessor position due to the recent appointment of a Tax Assessor.

RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Bray asked if any member of Council wanted a separate vote on any resolution. No one from Council removed or added to the consent agenda. Resolutions 2021:163 through 2021:177 were approved as a consent agenda.

RES. 2021-163 APPROVE 2021 SALARY FOR TAX ASSESSOR

RES. 2021-164 ACCEPT 2021 HOLIDAY DWI CRACKDOWN GRANT

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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 was made by Councilman Kelly, seconded by Councilwoman Hall with all members present voting aye by roll call vote.

BUSINESS LICENSES:

Mr. Bray stated the Stratford Police Department has reviewed and approved the application from Stratford Laundromat located 912B North White Horse Pike which has a new owner.

Motion to approve the Business Licensed was made by Councilwoman Hall, seconded by Councilman Kelly with all Council voting aye.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilwoman Hall – Thanks to Mayor and Council, Police Department, Fire Department and Public Works for helping to make the tree lighting ceremony happen this year. Thanks also to all of the residents who came out for the event. Saturday is the 12th annual Stratford Food Drive from 9-12. Please support our local businesses.

Councilman Gandy – Thanks to Councilwoman Hall and the Public Events Committee for their work on the tree lighting.

Councilman Gilligan – I agree with Councilman Gandy’s comments on the tree lighting. It was a great event with nice turnout. We are planning a clean up meeting for the end of the month on Dec. 28.

Councilwoman Lomanno – Thanks to Councilwoman Hall, Mayor and Council, Police and Fire departments for all of their work on the tree lighting. It was a really nice event. There is a mailbox at the Justice Center that will send letter directly to Santa and kids can drop off their letters there.

Councilman Tolomeo – Thanks to Councilwoman Hall, Mayor and Council, Police, Fire and Public Works departments for their help with the tree lighting. The chipper is not out at the moment. It will start on the second of third week of January for Christmas trees. Leaf collection is still underway until Christmas. If there are still piles, please be patient.

Councilman Kelly – Great job Councilwoman Hall and the rest of Council, Police and Fire for the tree lighting. Please make sure you have house numbers on your home that can be seen from the street.

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GOOD AND WELFARE:

Motion was made by Councilman Gandy, seconded by Councilman Gilligan to open the meeting to the public for Good and Welfare with all Council voting aye.

There were no comments.

Motion was made by Councilman Kelly, seconded by Councilwoman Hall to close the public portion with all Council voting aye.

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Lomanno, seconded by Councilwoman Hall with all Council voting aye to adjourn at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Bill Bray, Borough Clerk