

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
JULY 13, 2021
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: THE STRATFORD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FOR July 13, 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	JUSTIN STRAUSSER, 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:

2021 BOROUGH OF STRATFORD BUDGET AMENDMENT – PUBLIC HEARING

Motion to open the public hearing on 2021 Budget Amendment: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote _____

Motion to close the public hearing on 2021 Budget Amendment: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote _____

RES. 2021:107 ADOPTION OF THE 2021 BOROUGH OF STRATFORD BUDGET AMENDMENT

Motion: _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

RES. 2021:087 ADOPTION OF THE 2021 BOROUGH OF STRATFORD BUDGET

Motion: _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

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ORD.2021:11 AMEND 2.08.100 BOROUGH CLERK

Motion to open the public hearing on ORD. 2021:11: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote: _____
Motion to close the public hearing on ORD. 2021:11: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote: _____
Motion to adopt ORD 2021:11: _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

ORD.2021:12 AMEND 17.48.030. AREA, YARD AND BUILDING REQUIREMENTS – SCHEDULE I – R-1
RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

Motion to open the public hearing on ORD. 2021:12: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote: _____
Motion to close the public hearing on ORD. 2021:12: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote: _____
Motion to adopt ORD 2021:12: _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

ORD.2021:13 AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF \$570,000 IN BONDS/NOTES

Motion to open the public hearing on ORD. 2021:13: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote: _____
Motion to close the public hearing on ORD. 2021:13: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote: _____
Motion to adopt ORD 2021:13: _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

ORD.2021:14 AMEND 5.08 ENTITLED "BUSINESS HOURS"

Motion to open the public hearing on ORD. 2021:14: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote: _____
Motion to close the public hearing on ORD. 2021:14: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote: _____
Motion to adopt ORD 2021:14: _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTIONS 2021:108 THROUGH 2021:1XX 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. 2021:108 Authorize Memorandum of Understanding with Stratford Board of Education

Motion: _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

BUSINESS LICENSES:

APPROVE BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATION –

Motion: _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

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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:

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: _____

ADJOURN:

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote: _____

RESOLUTION 2021-107
RESOLUTION TO AMEND BUDGET

WHEREAS, the local municipal budget for the year 2021 was approved on the 6th day of May, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised, and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said approved budget,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2021 be made:

Recorded Vote

Aye:

Nay

Abstained

Absent

RESOLUTION 2021-107

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
GENERAL REVENUES		
3. Miscellaneous Revenues - Section F: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services-Public and Private Revenues		
Body Worn Camera	112,000.00	55,026.00
Total Section F: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services-Public and Private Revenues	197,594.15	140,620.15
Summary of Revenues		
3. Miscellaneous Revenues:		
Total Section F: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services-Public and Private Revenues	197,594.15	140,620.15
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	1,832,340.84	1,775,366.84
5. Subtotal General Revenues (Items 1, 2, 3 and 4)	2,864,340.84	2,807,366.84
7. Total General Revenues	7,067,904.32	7,010,930.32
CURRENT FUND - APPROPRIATIONS		
8. General Appropriations		
(A) Operations - within "CAPS"		
Unclassified:		
School Resource Officers	0.00	27,000.00
Total Operations {Item 8(A)} within "CAPS"	4,612,288.72	4,639,288.72
Total Operations Including Contingent - within "CAPS"		
Detail:		
Salaries & Wages	2,444,347.98	2,471,347.98
(H-1) Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes within "CAPS"	5,329,292.72	5,356,292.72

RESOLUTION 2021-107

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
8. General Appropriations		
(A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"		
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues		
Body Worn Camera	112,000.00	55,026.00
Total Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues	200,190.65	143,216.65
Shared Service Agreements		
School Resource Officers	76,000.00	49,000.00
Total Shared Service Agreements	106,672.43	79,672.43
Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"	473,572.60	389,598.60
Detail:		
Salaries & Wages	168,569.16	141,569.16
Other Expenses	305,003.44	248,029.44
(H-2) Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes Excluded from "CAPS"	1,283,111.60	1,199,137.60
(O) Total General Appropriations - Excluded from "CAPS"	1,283,111.60	1,199,137.60
(L) Subtotal General Appropriations {Items (H-1) and (O)}	6,612,404.32	6,555,430.32
9. Total General Appropriations	7,067,904.32	7,010,930.32
Summary of Appropriations		
(H-1) Totals General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes Within "CAPS"	5,329,292.72	5,356,292.72
(a) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"		
Shared Service Agreements	106,672.43	79,672.43
Public & Private Progs Offset by Revs.	200,190.65	143,216.65
Total Operations-Excluded from "CAPS"	473,572.60	389,598.60
Total General Appropriations	7,067,904.32	7,010,930.32

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of Local Government Services for certification of the local municipal budget so amended.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council, of the Borough of Stratford, held on July 13, 2021.

It is hereby certified that this is a true copy of a resolution amending the budget, adopted by the Borough Council on the 13th day of July, 2021.

Certified by:

Municipal Clerk

RESOLUTION 2021:87
ADOPTION OF THE 2021 BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED that the attached statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Borough of Stratford Municipal Budget for the calendar year of 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said budget was approved for introduction by the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford on Thursday, May 6, 2021, pursuant to Resolution 2021:079; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED upon due and proper notice, published or posted in accordance with the law, said proposed budget was open for inspection by the public and a public hearing was held on June 3, 2021 where interested taxpayers were given the opportunity to file or register any objections to said proposed budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford that the budget as submitted and summarized is approved and adopted as the 2021 budget of the Borough of Stratford.

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 July 13, 2021.

BILL BRAY, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

ORDINANCE 2021:11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2.08.100 ENTITLED BOROUGH CLERK

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 40A of said laws, the Mayor and Borough Council are authorized to establish the positions and/or offices of Borough personnel to carry out the administration and operations of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council deem it in the best interest of the Borough to designate the Borough Clerk as the issuing authority pursuant to N.J.A.C 13:47-1.1;

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. Title 2 of the Code of the Borough of Stratford entitled, "Administration and Personnel," Chapter 2.08, entitled "Borough Officers" is hereby amended, revised and/or modified by adding new sections 2.08.100 E. (10) and 2.08.100 E. (11) as follows:

- (10) serving as the issuing authority pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:47-1.1 regarding application for Legalized Games of Chance, raffles, and bingos licensing; and
- (11) performing all other related duties as may be prescribed by law or ordinance or as directed by Borough Council.

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.

MAYOR JOSH KEENAN

ATTEST:

DATE: _____

BILL BRAY, RMC
Borough Clerk

NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE

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 8th day of June, 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 13th day of July, 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, RMC
Borough Clerk

ORDINANCE 2021:12

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

Minimum floor area of dwelling

Adopted:

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Bill Bray, Borough Clerk

ORDINANCE 2021:13

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENTS OF THE
BOROUGH OF STRATFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY,
APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$600,000.00 THEREFORE
AND
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$570,000.00 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 \$600,000.00 including the aggregate sum of \$30,000.00 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 \$570,000.00 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 amount of Bonds or 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 \$570,000.00 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.
- (d) \$75,000.00 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.

Mayor Josh Keenan

ATTEST:

Bill Bray, Borough Clerk

Adopted:

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Bill Bray, Borough Clerk

ORDINANCE 2021:14

AMENDING CHAPTER 5.08, ENTITLED "BUSINESS HOURS"

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, it has become necessary to amend a certain section of Chapter 5.08.010 entitled "Hours of business designated",

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey that the following be amended:

SECTION 1. Repeal the existing section 5.08.010 in whole and replace it with the following:

5.08.010 Hours of business operation

All business establishments, except service station, service stations with convenience stores, bowling alleys, hospitals, taxi stands, sit-down restaurants having a seating capacity of over ninety (90) seats, and food service establishments with a drive-thru service, shall be closed between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., prevailing time.

SECTION 2. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

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

SECTION 4

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

Mayor Josh Keenan

ATTEST:

Bill Bray, RMC
Borough Clerk

Adopted:

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Bill Bray, RMC
Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION 2021:108
AUTHORIZE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH STRATFORD BOARD OF
EDUCATION FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

WHEREAS, the Stratford School Board desires to have the services of School Resource Officers;
and

WHEREAS, Stratford Police Department has the ability and resources to provide School Resource Officers at the Yellin and Parkview Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford desires to provide the services of School Resource Officers for a period beginning on September 1, 2021, and expiring on June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to continue in a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Stratford providing School Resource Officers, and

WHEREAS, this agreement promotes the health and safety of the people of Stratford;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council to authorize the execution of the Memorandum of Understanding (EXHIBIT A) between Stratford Board of Education and the Borough of Stratford.

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 July 13, 2021.

BILL BRAY, RCM
BOROUGH CLERK