

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

CALL TO ORDER: The Borough Clerk Bill Bray called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 – ABSENT
PATRICK GILLIGAN, COUNCILMAN – PRESENT
TINA LOMANNO, COUNCILWOMAN – PRESENT
MICHAEL TOLOMEO, COUNCILMAN – PRESENT
JAMES KELLY, COUNCILMAN – PRESENT
JUSTIN STRAUSSER, BOROUGH SOLICITOR – PRESENT
RON MORELLO, POLICE CHIEF – PRESENT

PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

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

John Gentless – 111 Union Avenue – Mr. Gentless asked if Ord. 2021-15 would be introduced. Borough Administrator John Keenan stated the ordinance was missing from the agenda but would be up for introduction this evening.

Councilman Kelly motioned to close the public portion for agenda items. Councilwoman Hall 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 June.

Total number of properties inspected/reinspected: 88
Total number of violations found: 69
51 of the issues have been abated
4 of the issues were not abated
14 of the issues are pending follow up
Total number of citations issued: 1

FINANCE & REVENUE Councilwoman Lomanno read the report as follows:

BOROUGH FINANCIAL REPORT – JUNE 2021
Balance as of 6-1-2021 – \$1,692,484.43
Total Receipts – \$468,223.28

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Total Disbursements – \$1,101,472.96
 Balance as of 6-30-2021 – \$1,059,234.75
 Total in other Funds - \$2,429,871.01

POLICE

Councilman Gilligan read the reports as follows:

JUNE 2021
 28 Adult arrests,
 0 Juvenile arrests,
 1 Assaults to Police,
 11 Simple assaults Complaints,
 4 Criminal Mischief Complaints,
 25 Harassment complaints,
 421 Other investigations and complaints,
 1 burglary,
 0 robberies,
 32 thefts in the amount of \$2,21.00
 \$621.00 in stolen property recovered,
 0 motor vehicle thefts,
 11 D.W.I. arrests,
 6 Narcotics arrests,
 401 Traffic summonses issued,
 21 Motor vehicle accidents,
 4 injuries from accidents
 28 Alarm activations,
 With 104 Total Crime Reports Taken, and 702 Total Calls for Police Service
Submitted by Ron Morello, Chief of Police

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Councilman Michael Tolomeo read portions of the following report.

Fire Department
 The Stratford Fire Department responded to 36 Alarms 3 Drills in the month
 JUNE 2021. The following list is a breakdown of the same:

	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Dwelling Fires	1	4
Building Fires	0	4
Investigations	4	14
Out of Town Assists	6	79
Alarm Systems	11	48
Assist Ambulance, Police, Public	8	40
Car Fires	0	0
Wires, Trees Down	3	8
Rescues & M.V.A.'s	4	13
Brush Fires	1	5
Drills	3	14

Total man hours on the above alarm drills was 175
Submitted by Stephen Gagliardi, Deputy Chief

Ambulance Association

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The Stratford Ambulance Association **Paid Crew** responded to **117 Alarms**
 in the month of **JUNE 2021**, the following is a breakdown of the same:

	Paid	
	<u>Month</u>	<u>Y.T.D.</u>
1. Abdominal Pain	0	4
2. Allergic Reaction	0	5
3. Altered Mental Status	1	2
4. Assault	1	10
5. Bleeding	3	24
6. Burn Victim	0	0
7. Cardiac	11	66
8. CVA	4	12
9. Diabetic	1	6
10. Fall	13	62
11. Fire Call	1	13
12. Fractures	2	2
13. Haz-Mat	0	0
14. Maternity	0	0
15. Medical Emergency	23	167
16. Medical Alarm	2	9
17. MVA	9	38
18. Overdose	1	4
19. Ped/MVA	0	2
20. Psych. Emergency	12	70
21. Respiratory	8	70
22. Seizures	9	124
23. Sick Person	5	23
24. Special Assignment	0	2
25. Stabbing	1	1
26. Unconscious Person	11	47

Suspected COVID-19 Alarms: 0

Year to Date Calls

Paid: 665

Submitted by Kristine Shafer, Chief-Stratford Ambulance

The Stratford Ambulance Association **Volunteer Crew** responded to **15 Alarms**
 in the month of **June 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	2
Burn Victim	0	1
Cardiac	2	8
CVA	0	1
Diabetic	0	2
Fall	2	5
Fire Call	2	3
Haz-Mat	0	0
Maternity	1	1
Medical Emergency	3	27

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Medical Alarm	0	1
MVA	3	7
Overdose	0	2
Ped/MVA	0	1
Psych. Emergency	4	13
Respiratory	0	14
Seizures	0	2
Sick Person	1	1
Special Assignment	0	0
Stabbing	0	1
Unconscious Person	0	6
Fractures	0	0

Suspected COVID-19 Alarms: 0

Year to Date Calls

Volunteer: 101

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: 8
- Performed preemptive checks and required maintenance of all manholes and pump stations
- Work orders:
 - Performed maintenance to correct state fire violations at Borough Hall & Senior Center
 - Fixed the gate and the swing rings at Coolidge Park
 - Fixed soffit on right side of Justice Facility
 - Installed and removed the Parade Sign
 - Secured some back doors and checked all the other doors at Warwick Road Shopping Center

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
- Chipper out every other week
- Cleaning of storm drains.
- Cutting of railroad
- Pothole Repair
- Trimming of low branches over street signs
- Trimming of bushes at borough and library
- Metal and electronic pick up two times for a month

PUBLIC EVENTS - Councilwoman Hall thanked the Mayor and Council, Police Department, Fire Department, organizers, participants and spectators of the 4th of July Parade. Councilwoman Hall also thanked Bill & Jackie Souders for serving as Parade Grand Marshals. Councilwoman Halls stated the winners of the parade were:

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Bicycles/Wagons/Coaches: Matt Tomkinson, Mike Atkinson, Ashley Kilpatrick, Mia Rueblinger, Keegan Rueblinger, Kerri Harris.

Floats/Teams/Organizations: Markins T-Ball, Stratford Strikers, SJ Jeep Club, Phillies T-Ball, Golden Girls Softball, Knights of Columbus Holy Family Council.

Councilwoman Hall stated the National Night Out even would begin at 6 p.m. and there would be free food and a movie at dusk.

OLD BUSINESS:

BOROUGH OF STRATFORD BUDGET AMENDMENT – PUBLIC HEARING

Councilwoman Lomanno motioned to open the public hearing on the 2021 Budget Amendment. Councilman Kelly seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Voice Vote.

There were no comments from the public.

Councilman Gilligan motioned to close the public hearing on the 2021 Budget Amendment. Councilwoman Lomanno seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Voice Vote.

Councilwoman Lomanno motioned to adopt RES. 2021-107. Councilwoman Hall seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

ADOPTION OF THE 2021 BOROUGH OF STRATFORD BUDGET

Councilwoman Lomanno motioned to adopt RES. 2021-087 (2021 BOROUGH OF STRATFORD BUDGET).

Councilman Tolomeo seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

ORD.2021:11 AMEND 2.08.100 BOROUGH CLERK

Councilman Tolomeo motioned to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2021:11. 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 Gilligan motioned to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2021:11. Councilwoman Hall seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Voice Vote.

Councilman Kelly motioned to adopt Ordinance 2021:11. Councilwoman Hall seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

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

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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.

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

Councilman Tolomeo motioned to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2021:12. 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 is the point of reference for front yard setback for an accessory use. Mr. Keenan stated the ordinance removes any reference to the street so the setbacks are measured from the property line.

There were no further comments.

Councilman Kelly motioned to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2021:12. Councilman Tolomeo seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Voice Vote.

Councilwoman Hall motioned to adopt Ordinance 2021:12. Councilman Gilligan seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

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

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per bedroom

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

<u>Front yard setback</u>	<u>25 feet</u>
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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

<u>Front yard setback</u>	<u>25 feet</u>
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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.

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

Councilwoman Hall motioned to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2021:13. Councilman Tolomeo 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 2021:13. Councilman Tolomeo seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Voice Vote.

Councilman Gilligan motioned to adopt Ordinance 2021:13. Councilwoman Hall seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

ORDINANCE 2021:13

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE
BOROUGH OF STRATFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY,**

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**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

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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.

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BOND ORDINANCE 2021:13			
SCHEDULE "A"			
PURPOSE	APPROPRATION & ESTIMATED COST	ESTIMATED MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF BONDS OR NOTES	PERIOD OF AVERAGE USEFULNESS
Infrastructure Repairs	351,850.00	334,257.50	10 Years
Property Upgrades	10,000.00	9,500.00	5 Years
Public Works Equipment	1,700.00	1,615.00	5 Years
Fire Department Equipment	34,000.00	32,300.00	5 Years
Police Body Cameras/Equipment	113,000.00	107,350.00	5 Years
Police Vehicles/Equipment	89,450.00	84,977.50	5 Years

ORD.2021:14 AMEND 5.08 ENTITLED "BUSINESS

Councilman Kelly motioned to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2021:14. Councilman Tolomeo seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Voice Vote.

There were no comments from the public.

Councilman Tolomeo motioned to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2021:14. Councilman Kelly seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Voice Vote.

Councilwoman Hall motioned to adopt Ordinance 2021:14. Councilman Kelly seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

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.

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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.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORD. 2021:15 AMEND 2.16 FIRE DEPARTMENT - The Borough Clerk announced this is the first reading and introduction; the public hearing for this ordinance will be on August 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Councilman Tolomeo made the motion to introduce ORDINANCE 2021:15, with Councilman Kelly making a second with all Council voting aye by 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:

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.

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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.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTIONS 2021:108 THROUGH 2021-108 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. Council did not alter the consent agenda.

RESOLUTION 2021:108

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**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.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Animal checks	1917	through	1920		
Manual checks	20014	through	20020		
Payroll checks	54288	through	54485	and	
Automated checks	35439	through	35546		
Various electronic transfers and potential interim payments to Atlantic City Electric, Constellation Energy, PSE&G, and South Jersey Gas					

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilwoman Hall – National Night Out is Aug. 3.
- Councilman Gilligan – Manager of business on South White Horse Pike sent a letter thanking the Borough for its efforts in response to a vehicle that crashed into his business. Well done to the police officers on duty and to Chief Morello. 4th of July Parade was fun and hope National Night Out is too.
- Councilwoman Lomanno – Congratulations to the Social Media Committee on the launch of the Facebook page.
- Councilman Tolomeo – Thanks to the Police and Fire Departments, public works, EMS and office state for a jobs well done.

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

- Councilman Kelly – Great to see Freebyrd Chicken and Tim Hortons going up and hopefully we will see continued growth in the business in the Borough. Proud to be part of Council that cares so much about this town.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Councilman Tolomeo 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 – Is there any update on the Friendly’s site or the old Verizon store. Mr. Keenan stated there have been no inquiries on the old Friendly’s location or Verizon store

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

ADJOURN:

Councilman Tolomeo motioned to adjourn the meeting at approx. 7:36 PM. Councilwoman Hall seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Bill Bray, RMC
Borough Clerk