

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 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 – PRESENT
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 Kelly motioned to open the public portion on agenda items only. Councilman Gilligan 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 anyone was proposing to build in the R1 Zone that prompted the proposed Ordinance 2021-12. John Keenan stated the proposed ordinance creates a consistent standard of where the setback is measured from to help the construction department when it reviews applications but doesn't change the size of the setback. Mr. Gentless asked is a new business was approved at to former Pikes Pickle location. Mr. Keenan stated a license has been issued but the business has not yet opened.

Councilman Gandy 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 April.

Total number of properties inspected/reinspected: 86
Total number of violations found: 81
67 of the issues have been abated
8 of the issues were not abated
19 of the issues are pending follow up
Total number of citations issued: 2

POLICE Councilman Gilligan read the reports as follows:

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May 2021
 27 Adult arrests,
 0 Juvenile arrests,
 0 assaults to police,
 8 Simple assaults Complaints,
 4 Criminal Mischief Complaints,
 16 Harassment complaints,
 402 Other investigations and complaints,
 0 burglaries,
 0 robberies,
 8 thefts in the amount of \$5,725.00
 \$1,125.00 in stolen property recovered,
 1 motor vehicle thefts,
 8 D.W.I. arrests,
 6 Narcotics arrests,
 589 Traffic summonses issued,
 17 Motor vehicle accidents,
 8 injuries from accidents
 28 Alarm activations,

With 77 Total Crime Reports Taken, and 621 Total Calls for Police Service
Submitted by Ron Morello, Chief of Police

Councilman Gilligan also read a letter from Voorhees Township Chief of Police Louis Bordi commending Borough Police Officer who assisted on May 8 with the investigation of a shooting by providing crowd control at multiple crime scenes and witness interviews. Councilman Gilligan thanks the efforts of Patrolmen Steven Schmidt and Brett Small for providing the mutual aid.

EMERGENCY SERVICES Councilman Stephen Gandy read portions of the following report.

Fire Department

The Stratford Fire Department responded to 44 Alarms 2 Drills in the month
 May 2021. The following list is a breakdown of the same:

	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Dwelling Fires	1	4
Building Fires	0	4
Investigations	2	7
Out of Town Assists	14	73
Alarm Systems	9	29
Assist Ambulance, Police, Public	8	31
Car Fires	0	0
Wires, Trees Down	3	8
Rescues & M.V.A.'s	4	13
Brush Fires	1	4
Drills	2	11

Total man hours on the above alarm drills was 266
Submitted by Stephen Gagliardi, Deputy Chief

Ambulance Association

The Stratford Ambulance Association **Paid Crew** responded to **137 Alarms**
 in the month of **May 2021**, the following is a breakdown of the same:

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	Paid	
	<u>Month</u>	<u>Y.T.D.</u>
1. Abdominal Pain	1	4
2. Allergic Reaction	2	5
3. Altered Mental Status	0	1
3. Assault	4	9
4. Bleeding	5	21
3. Cardiac	12	55
4. CVA	3	8
5. Diabetic	1	5
6. Fall	10	49
7. Fire Call	4	12
8. Haz-Mat	0	0
9. Maternity	0	0
10. Medical Emergency	34	144
11. Medical Alarm	1	7
12. MVA	14	29
13. Overdose	0	3
14. Ped/MVA	1	2
15. Psych. Emergency	13	58
16. Respiratory	7	62
17. Seizures	9	15
18. Sick Person	3	18
19. Special Assignment	1	2
19. Stabbing	1	1
20. Unconscious Person	11	36
21. Fractures	0	0

Suspected COVID-19 Alarms: 0

Year to Date Calls

Paid: 548

Submitted by Kristine Shafer, Chief-Stratford Ambulance

The Stratford Ambulance Association **Volunteer Crew** responded to **15 Alarms** in the month of **May 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	0	1
Burn Victim	0	1
Cardiac	2	6
CVA	0	1
Diabetic	0	3
Fall	1	3
Fire Call	0	1
Haz-Mat	0	0
Maternity	0	0
Medical Emergency	4	24
Medical Alarm	0	1
MVA	0	3
Overdose	0	1

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Ped/MVA	0	1
Psych. Emergency	4	8
Respiratory	4	14
Seizures	0	2
Sick Person	0	0
Special Assignment	0	0
Stabbing	0	1
Unconscious Person	0	6
Fractures	0	0

Suspected COVID-19 Alarms: 0

Year to Date Calls

Volunteer: 80

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: 10
- Performed preemptive checks and required maintenance of all manholes and pump stations
- Work orders:
 - Fixed and painted all the Development signs
 - Fixed broken bench at Veteran's Park Gazebo
 - Watered the Memorial Park and Borough flower gardens
 - Replaced all the American flags for Memorial Day
 - Secured some back doors and checked all the other doors at Warwick Road Shopping Center
 - Installed a plaque in the Vending Room at library

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
- Sewer Calls
- Metal and electronic pick up two times for a month
- Servicing of Equipment and repair

PUBLIC EVENTS - Councilwoman Hall stated the Fourth of July Parade will be held this year and there are a lot of participants registered. Councilwoman Hall stated there won't be any events after the parade. Councilwoman Hall stated National Night Out will be held in August and she will have further details next month.

FINANCE & REVENUE Councilwoman Lomanno read the report as follows:

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BOROUGH FINANCIAL REPORT – May 2021
Balance as of 5-1-2021 – \$1,271,533.90
Total Receipts – \$1,399,130.65
Total Disbursements – \$2,352,177.74
Balance as of 5-31-2021 – \$1,692,484.43
Total in other Funds - \$2,528,200.70

OLD BUSINESS:

- ORDINANCE 2021:10 – AMEND 10.44.170, SCHEDULE XVII LONGWOOD DRIVE BETWEEN WARWICK ROAD AND HOMESTEAD

Councilwoman Lomanno motioned to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2021:10. 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 Ordinance 2021:10. Councilwoman Hall seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Voice Vote.

Councilwoman Hall motioned to adopt Ordinance 2021:10. Councilman Kelly seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

ORDINANCE 2020:10

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10.44 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD, ENTITLED “TRAFFIC SCHEDULES,” TO AMEND CHAPTER 10.44.170 SCHEDULE XVII ENTITLED “NO PASSING ZONES”

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

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to amend Chapter 10.44 of the Code of the Borough of Stratford, entitled “Traffic Schedules”, Section 10.44.170 Schedule XVII entitled “No Passing Zones” related to Longwood Drive; and

WHEREAS, the Acting Borough Administrator, Police Chief and Borough Engineer have reviewed the amendment and give their recommendation to the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has deemed it in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the Borough to amend Chapter 10.44 of the Code of the Borough of Stratford, entitled “Traffic Schedules” in accordance with the aforesaid;

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 10.44 of the Code of the Borough of Stratford is hereby amended, revised, and supplemented to include an amendment to Section 10.44.170 – Schedule XVII – No Passing Zone, for the Location of Longwood Drive which shall provide as follows:

10.44.170 – Schedule XVII—No passing zones.

Location	Location
Longwood Drive	Between Warwick Road and Homestead Road

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.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORD.2021:11 AMEND 2.08.100 BOROUGH CLERK - The Borough Clerk announced this is the first reading and introduction; the public hearing for this ordinance will be on July 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Councilman Gilligan made the motion to introduce ORDINANCE 2021:11, with Councilman Tolomeo making a second with all Council voting aye by 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

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

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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 - The Borough Clerk announced this is the first reading and introduction; the public hearing for this ordinance will be on July 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Councilman Kelly made the motion to introduce ORDINANCE 2021:12, with Councilwoman Lomanno making a second with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

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

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Inside lots	70 feet
Maximum occupied area of lots	30%
<u>Front yard setback line for inside lots</u>	<u>25 feet</u>
<u>Front yard setback line for corner lots</u>	<u>25 feet</u>
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 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>
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

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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.

ORD.2021:13 AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF \$570,000 IN BONDS/NOTES - The Borough Clerk announced this is the first reading and introduction; the public hearing for this ordinance will be on July 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Councilwoman Lomanno made the motion to introduce ORDINANCE 2021:13, with Councilwoman Hall making a second. Roll Call Vote: Yea – Hall, Gandy, Lomanno, Tolomeo, Kelly
Nay - Gilligan

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

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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

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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.

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

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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ORD.2021:14 AMEND 5.08 ENTITLED "BUSINESS HOURS" - The Borough Clerk announced this is the first reading and introduction; the public hearing for this ordinance will be on July 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Councilman Gandy made the motion to introduce ORDINANCE 2021:14, with Councilman Tolomeo making a second with all Council voting aye by 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.

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.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTIONS 2021:96 THROUGH 2021:98 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 2021:096

**ACCEPTING NEW JERSEY BODY WORN CAMERA GRANT
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,026.00**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Police Department has applied to the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General Body Worn Camera Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Police Department would receive said grant in the amount of \$55,026.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to accept the Body Worn Camera Grant in the amount of \$55,026.00 from New Jersey Office of the Attorney General.

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RESOLUTION 2021:097

ESTABLISHING A SOCIAL MEDIA SUBCOMMITTEE AND APPOINTING ITS MEMBERS

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:60-6 (4) authorizes the Borough Council to investigate any activity of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford is desirous to create a subcommittee to investigate the implementation of Social Media platforms for the Borough and to establish policies and procedures to direct its use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council that the Social Media Subcommittee is hereby established with the following members:

Councilman Patrick Gilligan (Chair)
Councilman Jim Kelly
Council President Linda Hall
Acting Borough Administrator John Keenan
Borough Clerk Bill Bray

RESOLUTION 2021:098

ESTABLISHING A CANNABIS SUBCOMMITTEE AND APPOINTING ITS MEMBERS

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:60-6 (4) authorizes the Borough Council to investigate any activity of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford is desirous to create a subcommittee to investigate the legalization of Recreational Cannabis and the impacts of authorizing Cannabis businesses with the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council that the Cannabis Subcommittee is hereby established with the following members:

Councilman Michael Tolomeo (Chair)
Councilman Stephen Gandy
Councilwoman Tina Lomano
Chief of Police Ronald Morello
Acting Borough Administrator John Keenan
Borough Clerk Bill Bray

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

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BUSINESS LICENSE

Mr. Bray stated the applications for a business licenses from Tim Hortons and Ventura Produce were reviewed and approved by the Stratford Police Department.

Councilman Gandy made a motion to approve the Business License for Tim Hortons, with Councilman Tolomeo making the second and all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

Councilman Tolomeo made a motion to approve the Business License for Ventura Produce, with Councilwoman Hall making the second and all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Animal checks	1915	through	1916		
Manual checks	20008	through	20013		
Payroll checks	54149	through	54287	and	
Automated checks	35363	through	35438		
Various electronic transfers and potential interim payments to Atlantic City Electric, Constellation Energy, PSE&G, and South Jersey Gas					

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilwoman Hall – Congratulation to the new businesses including Tim Hortons scheduled to open in August. Remember to support our local businesses. Thanks to The Stratford Swim Club have completed several improvements. See everyone on 4th of July.
- Councilman Gandy – Thanks to the Police, Fire, Ambulance and other emergence services. As the pandemic ends, please support or local businesses.
- Councilman Gilligan – Very happy to see Tim Hortons progress and Royal Farms later this summer. Please support our local businesses.
- Councilwoman Lomanno – I echo the previous comments of my Council colleagues. Looking forward to Tim Hortons opening.
- Councilman Tolomeo – Please support our local businesses they need our help. Thanks to the Police Department’s continued vigilance.
- Councilman Kelly – Please support our businesses Its reassuring to see so many god people working in these establishments. Thanks to emergency service workers and the poll workers. It was nice to see a good turnout for the dedication of the library’s study room to its former Board President, Bob Farrell.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

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

John Gentless – 111 Union Ave – asked is Magnolia is going to stop collecting trash at the end of the year. Mr. Keenan stated he hoped not but the Borough would seek a shared service agreement with another community if Magnolia does not renew its agreement with the Borough. Mr. Gentless asked if the Borough

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could switch to utilizing a truck with a side arm lift. Mr. Keenan stated the Borough is in discussion with Magnolia concerning the renewal of the shared service agreement. Mr. Keenan stated the first priority is determining who is collecting the trash, then decisions would be made on how the trash is collected. Mr. Keenan stated the Borough will have more information as negotiations progress.

Jennifer Tully – 4 Winding Way Road – Ms. Tully stated she was happy the Borough is creating a Facebook Committee. Ms. Tully asked how is the Borough going to manage OPRA issues related to social media. Mr. Keenan stated the committee has not yet met and will discuss OPRA as part of its planning. Ms. Tully asked is the Borough has begun and research regarding its cannabis committee. Councilman Tolomeo stated the cannabis committee is just starting and will look into the issues. Ms. Tully stated she hoped members of the public could assist the Social Media and Cannabis committees. Ms. Tully asked what the Borough is doing regarding kids riding bikes on streets. Chief Morello stated the department has not received any calls in the past two weeks.

Steve Gagliardi – 13 College Circle – Mr. Gagliardi asked for an update to the Bradlees litigation. Mr. Strausser stated he did not have information on the issue but can look into the matter.

Jennifer Tully – 4 Winding Way – Ms. Tully asked if parade participants must get a Covid 19 vaccination. Councilwoman Hall stated participants must sign a waiver but it doesn't specify vaccinations. Councilwoman Hall stated the Borough would follow all applicable safety guidelines for the event.

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

ADJOURN:

Councilman Gilligan motioned to adjourn the meeting at approx. 7:42 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