

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING/REDEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP AGENDA
MAY 06, 2021
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

The May 06, 2021 Stratford Borough Agenda Meeting/Redevelopment Workshop.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER:

STATEMENT OF ADVERTISEMENT:

Notice of this meeting has been provided to the Courier Post and The Retrospect and is posted on the Borough Hall Bulletin Board stating the time and the place of the meeting.

ROLL CALL:

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

PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Motion to go to open public portion on agenda items only:

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote _____

Motion to close public portion on agenda items:

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote _____

POLICE REPORT:

ENGINEER REPORT:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

APRIL 8, 2021 AGENDA MEETING/REDEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

APRIL 8, 2021 EXECUTIVE SESSION

APRIL 13, 2021 REGULAR MEETING

Motion: _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

REPORT #1 UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS OF ORDINANCES
ORD. 2021:06 THE 2021 SALARY ORDINANCE

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ORD.2021:07 AMEND CHAPTER 17.21 THE R-4 AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT IN ITS ENTIRETY
ORD.2021:08 AMEND CHAPTER 17.05 AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO REPLACE SECTION 17.05.10 WITH A NEW SECTION, AND UPDATE SECTION 17.05.020
ORD.2021:09 AMEND CODE TO ESTABLISH CHAPTER 8.14 AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 17 TO PROHIBIT THE OPERATION OF ANY CLASS OF CANNABIS BUSINESS WITHIN ITS GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES

REPORT #2 UPCOMING INTRODUCTIONS OF ORDINANCES
ORD.2021:10 AMEND 10.44.170, SCHEDULE XVII LONGWOOD DRIVE BETWEEN WARWICK ROAD AND HOMESTEAD

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTIONS 2021:73 THROUGH 2021:____ 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. 2021:73 AUTHORIZE TAX OVERPAYMENT B. 105, L. 10 \$1,785.19
- RES. 2021:74 AUTHORIZE APPLYING CHECK PAID FOR B. 116, L. 14 TO SEWER \$775.85 AND REFUND OVERPAYMENT \$1,099.15
- RES. 2021:75 APPOINTING BILL BRAY AS THE PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER
- RES. 2021:76 ANTICIPATE MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES IN THE 2021 BUDGET USING THE THREE-YEAR AVERAGE OF REALIZED REVENUES FROM THE PRIOR THREE YEARS
- RES. 2021:77 AUTHORIZE THE REMOVAL OF SENIOR CITIZEN DEDUCTIONS FOR B.4, L.7 & B.109, L. 38
- RES. 2021:78 AUTHORIZE TAX OVERPAYMENT B. 110, L. 9 \$582.94
- RES. 2021:79 INTRODUCTION OF THE 2021 ANNUAL BUDGET
- RES. 2021:80 STERLING MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT FY22

Motion: _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Motion to open the meeting to the public for Good and Welfare:

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Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote _____

Motion to close the public portion for Good and Welfare:

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote _____

MAYOR APPOINTMENT:

Appointment to the Stratford Library Board of Trustees with an expiration of December 31, 2025.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to go into Executive Session:

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote _____

Motion to leave Executive Session:

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote _____

ADJOURN:

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote _____

RESOLUTION 2021:73

WHEREAS, an overpayment was received in the Tax Collector's office for Block 105, Lot 10 - 17 Hillcrest Road;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford the the amount of \$1,785.19 be disbursed to CoreLogic Real Estate Tax Service for the overpayment.

I, BILL BRAY, BOROUGH CLERK _____ of the Borough of Stratford, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution was approved at a meeting of the Borough Council held on May 6, 2021.

BILL BRAY, BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 2021: 74

WHEREAS, Laurel Mills is the owner of record for Block 116, Lot 14 – 102 Warwick Road;

WHEREAS, Laurel Mills sent check #20950 in the amount of \$1,875.00 on March 24, 2021 to the Laurel Mills Developers Escrow Account in error;

WHEREAS, Laurel Mills has requested check #20950 in the amount of \$1,875.00 be applied to open local sewer balances in the total of \$775.85 and the \$1,099.15 remaining balance be refunded back to Laurel Mills;

WHEREAS, A schedule of the open local sewer accounts in the amount of \$775.85 is attached;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council that the Developers Escrow Balance of \$775.85 be applied to the open sewer balances and the remaining balance of \$1,099.15 be refunded to Laurel Mills.

I, BILL BRAY, BOROUGH CLERK of the Borough of Stratford, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution was approved at a meeting of the Borough Council held on May 21, 2021.

BILL BRAY, BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 2021:75
APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Treasury, Division of Purchase and Property requires a Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.) be designated each year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Bill Bray, be appointed to the P.A.C.O. for the remainder of the year 2021 for the Borough of Stratford.

BY: _____
JOSH KEENAN, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BILL BRAY,
BOROUGH CLERK

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 May 6, 2021.

BILL BRAY,
BOROUGH CLERK

**BOROUGH OF STRATFORD
RESOLUTION NO. 2021:76**

**RESOLUTION TO ANTICIPATE MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES IN THE 2021 BUDGET
USING THE THREE-YEAR AVERAGE OF REALIZED REVENUES FROM
THE PRIOR THREE YEARS**

WHEREAS, the COVID 19 pandemic had an adverse effect on the anticipated municipal revenues in the 2020 municipal current fund budget; and

WHEREAS, Section 1 of P.L. 2020, c.74 amended N.J.S.A 40A:4-26 authorized the Director of the Division of Local Government Services (“Division”) to promulgate new standards for the anticipation of COVID-19 affected revenues in the FY2021 budget, and, if necessary, in future years and

WHEREAS, for FY 2021, the Director authorizes the use of a three-year average for the calculation of affected revenues; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Stratford, certifies that the following revenues were affected in 2020 by the COVID 19 pandemic and that the 3 year average of the amounts realized in 2018-2020 be anticipated in the introduced budget for 2021:

Revenue	Revenue Realized			3 Yr Avg	2021 Anticipated Revenue
	2020	2019	2018		
Fines and Costs - Municipal Court	216,135.54	361,897.73	295,151.44	291,061.57	290,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the above referenced revenues be anticipated using the 3 year average as permitted by the amendments to 40A: 4-26, adopted by the P.L. 2020, c. 74

I, Bill Bray, the Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above Resolution was adopted by the Governing Body at a meeting held on May 6, 2021.

Bill Bray, Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION 2021: 77

WHEREAS, all eligibility requirements for a SENIOR CITIZEN tax deduction for the year 2020 have not been met by the following residents due to their exceeding the statutory limitations in income and age or sale of the property or failure to file the annual Post Year Tax Statement:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3	7	John & Lois Soteris	29 Cooper Ave	250.00
109	38	David Owen	5 Buttonwood Court	250.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that the above deductions be removed from the tax records for the year 2020.

I, BILL BRAY, BOROUGH CLERK of the Borough of Stratford, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution was approved at a regular meeting of the Borough Council held on May 11, 2021.

BILL BRAY, BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 2021:78

WHEREAS, an overpayment was received in the Tax Collector's office for Block 110, Lot 9 - 209 Winding Way;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford the the amount of \$582.94 be disbursed to Anthony & Josephine Bersito for the overpayment.

I, BILL BRAY, BOROUGH CLERK, of Stratford, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution was approved at a meeting of the Borough Council held on May 11, 2021.

BILL BRAY, BOROUGH CLERK

**RESOLUTION 2021:79
INTRODUCE THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD,
COUNTY OF CAMDEN FOR THE YEAR 2021**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statements of revenues and appropriation shall constitute the Municipal Budget of the Borough of Stratford for the year 2021 and the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford does hereby approve the following, as the budget for the year 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said budget be published in the Courier Post and a public hearing will be held at Stratford Borough Justice Facility, 315 Union Ave, Stratford, NJ, or using electronic methods, on June 3, 2021 at 7:00 PM at which time and place objections to said budget for the year 2021 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

ROLL CALL VOTE

	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
HALL							
GANDY							
GILLIGAN							
KELLY							
LOMANNO							
TOLOMEO							

BY: _____
JOSH KEENAN, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BILL BRAY,
BOROUGH CLERK

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 May 6, 2021.

BILL BRAY, BOROUGH CLERK

Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
Fiscal Grant Cycle October 2020-June 2025

RESOLUTION 2021:80

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The Stratford Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Stratford Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Stratford Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Camden;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Stratford Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Sterling Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year FY22 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$	<u>11,490.00</u>	_____
Cash Match	\$	<u>2,872.50</u>	_____
In-Kind	\$	<u>8,617.50</u>	_____

2. The Stratford Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

APPROVED: _____
(Josh Keenan), Mayor/Head of Governing Body

CERTIFICATION

I, Bill Bray, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a resolution duly authorized by the Stratford Council on this 6th day of May, 2021.

Bill Bray, Municipal Clerk,