

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Acting Borough Administrator John Keenan, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**STATEMENT OF ADVERTISEMENT:** The Acting Borough Administrator read the following statement:  
Notice of this meeting has been provided to the Courier Post and The Retrospect and is posted on the Borough Hall Bulletin Board stating the time and the place of the meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Keenan led the Pledge and said an opening prayer.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:**

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

John Gentless of Union Avenue inquired to the Ordinance related to Longwood Drive, the Acting Administrator replied.

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

**POLICE REPORT:**

Chief of Police Ronald Morello informed the public about an unconscious female on Curtis Avenue and Officer Romeo revived the person and was transported to Jefferson and will survive. At Alpine Court Apartments a medical assist call for a 28-year-old male who had overdosed and the officers used two Narcan and then transported to Jefferson and made a full recovery. A burglary at Cornell Manor Apartments where a 25-year-old Hi Nella man was arrested. There was a dispute at Cornell Manor Apartments where a person was threatened with a knife, the officer convinced the person to drop the knife. A 12-year-old was struck by a vehicle on the White Horse Pike and the child made a full recovery. There were no charges filed against the driver. Another child on his bike, darted out in front of a vehicle in front of Yellin School and was hit around 5pm and not seriously hurt with no charges against the driver. There were four consecutive nights where the gazebo at Veterans' Park was vandalized with no one caught. The gazebo has since been repaired. There was a call from Camden County for mutual aid to Waterford where over 1000 vehicles had converged in that area and later onto Route 73 in Berlin near Walmart. 100 officers had responded. A rolling domestic situation as a couple was

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driving down the White Horse Pike, where the passenger took control of the car, and ended up in the parking lot at the old Bradlees shopping center. Both driver and passenger were charged with reckless driving. A collision which began in Somerdale with one vehicle ending up crashing into the porch of the Quaker Store. No injuries but damage to the building. A call for a 57-year-old female unresponsive was received, the son was administering CPR but she was deceased. A public notice was made by eblast related to the new upcoming body cameras mandated by the State.

**ENGINEER REPORT:**

Mr. Bach reported there was a Change Order #1 related to the Phase 1 of the Homestead Road. He also stated they inspected the complaint from a resident related to the center road seam opening up on Winding Way Road which they concluded there was nothing concerning since no separation in the roadway. He stated they were taking care of some issues from the recent gas company project around the Sleepy Hollow and Buttonwood corner with ponding of water.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

April 08, 2021 Agenda Meeting/Redevelopment Workshop

April 08, 2021 Executive Session

April 13, 2021 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Hall, seconded by Kelly with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

**OLD BUSINESS:**       None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Report #1:     Upcoming Public Hearing for an Ordinance is set for Ordinance 2021:06 2021 Salary Ordinance; 2021:07 Amending Chapter 17.21 the R-4 Affordable housing residential district in its entirety; 2021:08 Amend Chapter 17.05 Affordable housing to replace Section 17.05.010 with a new section, and update Section 17.05.020; 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 is set for Ordinance 2021:10 to amend 10.44.170, schedule XVII Longwood Drive between Warwick Road and Homestead Road.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolutions 2021:73 through 2021:81 will be done as a consent agenda.

No one from Council removed or added to the consent agenda.

Motion was made by Hall, seconded by Lomanno with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

RES. 2021:073        AUTHORIZE TAX OVERPAYMENT B. 105, L. 10 \$1,785.19

RES. 2021:074        AUTHORIZE APPLYING CHECK PAID FOR B. 116, L. 14 TO SEWER \$775.85 AND REFUND OVERPAYMENT \$1,099.15

RES. 2021:075        APPOINTING BILL BRAY AS THE PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLAINEE OFFICER

RES. 2021:076        ANTICIPATE MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES IN THE 2021 BUDGET USING THE THREE-YEAR AVERAGE OF REALIZED REVENUES FROM THE PRIOR THREE YEARS

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- RES. 2021:077      AUTHORIZE THE REMOVAL OF SENIOR CITIZEN DEDUCTIONS FOR B. 4, L. 7 & B. 109, L. 38
- RES. 2021:078      AUTHORIZE TAX OVERPAYMENT B. 110, L. 9 \$582.94
- RES. 2021:079      INTRODUCTION OF THE 2021 ANNUAL BUDGET
- RES. 2021:080      STERLING MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT FY22
- RES. 2021:081      AUTHORIZING PAYMENT 32 AND CHANGE ORDER 31 FY2020 NJDOT TRUST FUND RESURFACING OF EVERGREEN ROAD – PHASE II & HOMESTEAD ROAD

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Council President Linda Hall welcomed Bill Bray as the new Borough Clerk.

Councilman Gandy welcomed Bill Bray and thanked the fire, police, OEM and ambulance departments for their efforts this past month.

Councilman Gilligan welcomed Cheryl Perkins and Bill Bray to the staff. He also thanked the Police Chief for recognizing Officer Romeo for his actions this past month which will be read into record at the Tuesday meeting.

Councilwoman Lomanno welcomed Bill Bray to the Borough.

Councilman Tolomeo welcomed Bill Bray and thanked the Police Chief for the issues which arose this past month. Thanked the other departments for their work as well.

Councilman Kelly welcomed Cheryl Perkins and Bill Bray and thanked Emergency Services and the Police Chief for their monthly work.

**GOOD AND WELFARE:**

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

John Gentless of Union Avenue inquired about the demolition permit for the Laurel Mills site, also about the Body Camera equipment, and demolition on Berlin Road.

Steve Gagliardi inquired about the tax increase with the 2021 budget. The Acting Administrator responded for the average home with a value of about \$157,000 the increase was just under \$70 for the year.

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

**ADJOURN:**

A motion was made by Hall, seconded by Kelly with all Council voting aye to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted:

John D. Keenan, Jr., Acting Borough Administrator