

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Borough Clerk Bill Bray called the meeting to order at 7:00 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. Councilwoman Lomanno seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a voice vote.

There were no comments.

Councilman Gilligan 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 September.

Total number of properties inspected/reinspected: 68

Total number of violations found: 61

57 of the issues have been abated

4 of the issues were not abated

9 of the issues are pending follow up

Total number of citations issued: 9

Councilman Kelly stated the Borough Code Enforcement Officer will be conducting inspections of house numbers and sending letters to property owners that are not in compliance. Councilman Kelly stated house numbers help first responders find your home in case of emergency.

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FINANCE & REVENUE

Councilwoman Lomanno read the report as follows:

BOROUGH FINANCIAL REPORT – September 2021
 Balance as of 9-1-2021 – \$2,025,851.22
 Total Receipts – \$450,970.65
 Total Disbursements – \$1,366,866.55
 Balance as of 9-30-2021 – \$1,109,955.32
 Total in other Funds - \$2,988,607.63

POLICE

Councilman Gilligan read the reports as follows:

September 2021
 31 Adult arrests,
 0 Juvenile arrests,
 3 Assaults to Police,
 5 Simple assaults Complaints,
 3 Criminal Mischief Complaints,
 16 Harassment complaints,
 498 Other investigations and complaints,
 1 burglary,
 0 robberies,
 11 thefts in the amount of \$4,211.00
 \$3,500.00 in stolen property recovered,
 0 motor vehicle thefts,
 11 D.W.I. arrests,
 5 Narcotics arrests,
 403 Traffic summonses issued,
 26 Motor vehicle accidents,
 4 injuries from accidents, 1 pedestrian
 26 Alarm activations
 1 property inspected, 5 code summons issued.

With 99 Total Crime Reports Taken, and 693 Total Calls for Police Service
Submitted by Ron Morello, Chief of Police

Councilman Gilligan congratulated Police Officers Michael Meyers and Steven Schmidt on their promotion to sergeant and thank them for their service to the Borough of Stratford.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Councilman Stephen Gandy read portions of the following report.

Fire Department

The Stratford Fire Department responded to 30 Alarms 1 Drills in the month
 September 2021. The following list is a breakdown of the same:

	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Dwelling Fires	2	10
Building Fires	1	9
Investigations	2	20
Out of Town Assists	7	101
Alarm Systems	7	75
Assist Ambulance, Police, Public	5	59
Car Fires	0	0
Wires, Trees Down	1	10
Rescues & M.V.A.'s	5	30

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Brush Fires	0	5
Drills	1	20

Total work hours on the above alarm drills was 62

Submitted by Michael Lewitt, Deputy Chief

Ambulance Association

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

	Paid	
	<u>Month</u>	<u>Y.T.D.</u>
1. Abdominal Pain	0	8
2. Allergic Reaction	0	5
3. Altered Mental Status	0	2
4. Assault	1	13
5. Bleeding	6	38
6. Burn Victim	0	0
7. Cardiac	7	97
8. CVA	1	19
9. Diabetic	1	9
10. Fall	17	100
11. Fire Call	3	22
12. Fractures	0	2
13. Haz-Mat	0	0
14. Maternity	0	2
15. Medical Emergency	42	268
16. Medical Alarm	2	16
17. MVA	9	61
18. Overdose	3	9
19. Ped/MVA	1	4
20. Psych. Emergency	12	110
21. Respiratory	12	116
22. Seizures	1	28
23. Sick Person	4	35
24. Special Assignment	0	2
25. Stabbing	0	1
26. Unconscious Person	15	87

Suspected COVID-19 Alarms: 0

Year to Date Calls

Paid: 1056

Submitted by Kristine Shafer, Chief-Stratford Ambulance

The Stratford Ambulance Association **Volunteer Crew** responded to **18 Alarms** in the month of **September 2021**, the following is a breakdown of the same:

	Volunteer	
	<u>Month</u>	<u>Y.T.D.</u>
Abdominal Pain	1	3
Allergic Reaction	0	0
Assault	0	2
Bleeding	2	5
Burn Victim	0	1

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Cardiac	1	12
CVA	0	2
Diabetic	1	5
Fall	1	7
Fire Call	0	3
Haz-Mat	0	0
Maternity	0	1
Medical Emergency	4	45
Medical Alarm	0	1
MVA	1	9
Overdose	0	3
Ped/MVA	0	2
Psych. Emergency	2	19
Respiratory	3	18
Seizures	1	3
Sick Person	1	3
Special Assignment	0	0
Stabbing	0	1
Unconscious Person	1	8
Fractures	0	0

Suspected COVID-19 Alarms: 0

Year to Date Calls

Volunteer: 153

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: 11
- Performed preemptive checks and required maintenance of all manholes and pump stations
- Work orders:
 - Clean Storm Drains
 - Check for water leaks and turn water off at Senior Center
 - Removed broken metal bench at Veterans Park
 - Removed & replaced light bulb at Borough Hall
 - Removed & Installed signs at RR tracks
 - Pick up old materials and trash at right side of Justice Facility Building

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, Quaker Store & railroad
- Chipper out two times during month
- Cleaning of storm drains.
- Weeding of Borough gardens
- Weeding gardens at railroad tracks
- Trimming of bushes
- Metal and electronic pick up two times for a month

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- Loaded metal and yard waste dumpster
- Cleaned DPW garage and offices
- Fixed split rail fence along rail road tracks
- Replaced five “No Parking” signs with “Permit Parking Only” signs
- Removed and replaced bushes at Vassar and Atlantic

PUBLIC EVENTS - Councilwoman Hall stated the Halloween Parade is set for October 30. Councilwoman Hall stated there will be activities after the parade and snacks. Councilwoman Hall stated prizes will be given out for costume in several categories. Councilwoman Hall stated the Borough will also hold its house decorating contest with prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Councilwoman Hall stated there is also a Scarecrow decorating contest. Councilwoman Hall stated the Miss Stratford and Little Miss Stratford contests on Nov 11 and 12 respectively.

OLD BUSINESS:
ORDINANCE 2021-18

Councilman Gandy motioned to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2021:18. 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.

Councilwoman Lomanno motioned to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2021:18. Councilman Gilligan seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Voice Vote.

Councilman Kelly motioned to adopt Ordinance 2021:18. Councilwoman Lomanno seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

ORDINANCE 2021:18

AMENDING ORDINANCE 2021:06 ESTABLISHING SALARIES

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to amend certain salaries set forth in ordinance 2021:06

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey that Ordinance 2021:06 is amended to include the salary range for the following positions as follows:

Section 1:

Solid Waste/Recycling Department

Temporary Laborer – Part Time

Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) Driver

State minimum wage - \$18.00 per hour

\$55,000.00 - \$65,000.00

Section 2. All Ordinances contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are inconsistent herewith.

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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 and final passage in the manner prescribed by law.

ORDINANCE 2021-19

Borough Solicitor Platt stated the Ordinance requires a minor change to the language in Section 2, last sentence to change “financial agreement” to “tax abatement agreement”. Mr. Platt stated the amendment does not require readvertising and the ordinance can be adopted. Councilman Tolomeo made a motion to amend Ord. 2021-19 as stated. Councilman Kelly seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

Councilman Gandy motioned to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2021:19. 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 2021:19. Councilwoman Lomanno seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Voice Vote.

Councilwoman Hall motioned to adopt Ordinance 2021:19. Councilwoman Lomanno seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

ORDINANCE 2021: 19

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 3.16 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD ENTITLED, “FIVE YEAR TAX EXEMPTION AND ABATEMENT LAW”

WHEREAS, P.L. Chapter 441, and N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1 et seq., enables “qualified municipalities” to abate from local property taxes certain qualified properties; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs has determined that the Borough of Stratford is a “qualified municipality” and has been granted that status; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford has determined that the Borough and its residents would be well served by encouraging the redevelopment of property and the construction of new residential dwellings to provide for single-family homes in areas that have been declared in need of redevelopment pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford has determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough and its resident to enter into agreements with qualified applicants for tax abatements on construction of new residential dwellings in areas that have been declared in need of redevelopment pursuant to the provisions of the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.), providing for an abatement from real property taxation on said projects for a period of up to five years, and further providing for payments in lieu of taxes to be made to the Borough; and

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WHEREAS, the Borough Council previously approved a Tax Abatement Ordinance as codified in Chapter 3.16 of the Borough Code entitled, “Five Year Tax Exemption and Abatement Law” which Ordinances are to be readopted every 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 3.16 was readopted by virtue of Ordinance No. 2021:#02 adopted on February 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Borough seeks to amend Chapter 3.16 for certain qualified applicants as defined below.

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 3.16 of the Code of the Borough of Stratford is hereby amended to add the following Section:

“3.16.030B. Residential Dwellings in Areas Declared in Need of Redevelopment Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.)

1. The Borough of Stratford may enter into agreements with applicants for tax abatements on newly constructed single-family residential dwellings (attached or detached) which are in an area that has been declared in need of redevelopment by the Council of the Borough of Stratford pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.) which satisfy the Article requirements set forth herein. The agreement shall provide for an abatement from real property taxation on the improvements only for a period of not more than five years commencing from completion of the improvements. During such five-year period, the agreement shall provide for payments to the Borough of Stratford in lieu of full property taxes, which payment shall be calculated as set forth hereinafter in this Article. Applications for abatement from taxation may be filed to take effect for the first full year commencing after the tax year in which the authorizing Ordinance is adopted, and upon completion of the project for tax years thereafter as set forth in P.L. 1991, C. 441 (N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1 et seq.), but no application for tax abatement shall be filed for an abatement to take initial effect for the 11th full tax year or any tax year occurring thereafter unless this Article is readopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford.

2. To be considered for newly constructed single-family residential dwellings, the project must consist of single-family homes in an area declared in need of redevelopment pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.). Any such approvals shall be subject to a redeveloper’s agreement, tax abatement agreement and any other agreement to be required by the Borough in order to receive the tax abatement.

3. **Application Procedure**

a. A preliminary application is required to be filed with the Borough Tax Assessor, with a copy to the Borough Council, prior to the issuance of a construction permit for the project. No construction permit shall be issued to an applicant seeking tax abatement until such time as the preliminary application has been filed in accordance with the Borough Ordinance requirements and the Construction Office advised of same in writing by the Borough Tax Assessor. If a preliminary application is not filed, said property will not be eligible for tax abatement. In the event a construction permit is not issued within one year from the date the preliminary application is filed, the preliminary application shall be deemed null and void.

b. Upon the filing of a preliminary application, the Borough Tax Assessor will review said application to determine if it meets the requirements of the Borough Ordinance for abatement and a tax abatement agreement. The Tax Assessor shall provide this determination to the Borough Council within 30 days of receipt of a properly completed preliminary application. In the event the Tax Assessor determines that the application meets the Ordinance requirements, then the Borough Council may adopt an Ordinance authorizing a tax abatement agreement as provided by N.J.S.A. 40A:21-10 with the applicant, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the applicant shall file a final application for tax abatement with the Tax Assessor in the form prescribed, within 30 days, including Saturdays and Sundays, following completion of construction. A

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copy of the final application shall also be filed with the Borough Council. Failure to file shall automatically void the preliminary application approval.

2. The completed construction shall be in accordance with the original Borough approvals on which the tax abatement agreement was initially authorized based on the preliminary application.

3. The applicant has continued to meet the requirements of the Borough Ordinance for tax abatement.

c. Every properly completed final application for abatement shall be evaluated for approval by the Borough Tax Assessor within 30 days of filing. The Tax Assessor shall notify the Borough Council in writing of the approved determination. Upon receipt of the written approval from the Borough Tax Assessor, an ordinance may be adopted for the appropriate Borough officials to then proceed to execute the tax abatement agreement previously authorized by the specific Ordinance adopted as part of the preliminary application approval process. The applicant shall be required to sign this tax abatement agreement prior to the Borough signatories.

4. **Form of preliminary application.** The preliminary and final application must be on a form prescribed by the Borough Tax Assessor and by the Director of the Division of Taxation in the Department of Treasury, and shall provide the following information:

a. A general description of this project for which abatement is sought;

b. A legal description of all real estate necessary for the project;

c. Plans and drawings including a site layout on the total lot area, and other documents as may be required by the Borough Council to demonstrate the structure and design of the project;

d. A statement of the reasons for seeking tax abatement on the project, and a description of the benefits to be realized by the applicant, if tax abatement is granted;

e. Estimates of the cost of completing such project;

f. A statement showing:

1. The real property taxes currently being assessed at the project site;

2. Estimated tax payments that would be made annually by the applicant on the project during the period of tax abatement; and

3. Estimated tax payments that would be made by the applicant on the project during the first year following the termination of the tax abatement agreement.

g. If applicable, a description of any lease agreements between the applicant and proposed users of the project, and a history and description of the user's business;

h. Proof of payment of taxes through the current quarter;

i. If applicable, other pertinent data regarding the relationship, agreements and status of other properties owned by the applicant within the Borough of Stratford; and

j. Such other pertinent information as the Borough Council may require.

5. **Form of Final Application.**

1. The applicant shall file a final application for tax abatement with the Tax Assessor in the form prescribed, within 30 days, including Saturdays and Sundays, following completion of construction. A copy of the final application shall also be filed with the Borough Council.

2. The completed construction shall be in accordance with the original Borough approvals on which the tax abatement agreement was initially authorized based on the preliminary application.

3. The applicant shall have continued to meet the requirements of the Borough ordinance for tax abatement.

4. Every properly completed final application for abatement shall be evaluated for approval by the Borough Tax Assessor within 30 days of filing. The Tax Assessor shall notify the Borough Council in writing of the approval determination. Upon receipt of the written approval from the Borough Tax Assessor, the appropriate Borough officials shall then proceed to execute the tax abatement agreement previously authorized by the specific

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ordinance adopted as part of the preliminary application approval process. The applicant shall be required to sign this tax abatement agreement prior to the Borough signatories.

6. Payments in lieu of full property taxes

a. All tax abatement agreements must be authorized by a separate Ordinance for the Developer or Designated Project Builder.

b. The tax abatement agreement shall provide for the End User, upon issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, to pay to the Borough in lieu of full property tax payments an amount annually to be computed by the following formula:

Tax Phase-In Basis

The End User must pay to the Borough full taxes on the land component of the property and a separate payment on the improvements in an amount equal to a percentage of taxes otherwise due, according to the following schedule:

1. In the first full calendar year after completion, no payment in lieu of taxes otherwise due;
2. In the second full calendar year, an amount not less than 20% of taxes otherwise due;
3. In the third calendar year, an amount not less than 40% of taxes otherwise due;
4. In the fourth calendar year, an amount not less than 60% of taxes otherwise due;
5. In the fifth calendar year, an amount not less than 80% of taxes otherwise due.

c. All tax agreements entered into by virtue of this Article shall be in effect for no more than five full tax years next following the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy. Within 30 days of the execution of a tax abatement agreement with the Developer or Designated Project Builder, the Borough shall forward a copy of said agreement to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs.

d. No exemption or abatement shall be granted, or tax agreement entered into, with respect to any property for which property taxes are delinquent or remain unpaid, or for which penalties for nonpayment of taxes are due.

e. The Deed to the End User shall include a Deed Restriction identifying the five year tax abatement provided to the End User, said form of Deed to be approved by the Borough with the Application for Tax Abatement filed by the Developer or Designated Project Builder.

f. At termination of the five year tax abatement provided to the End User, the property shall be subject to all applicable real property taxes as provided by law.

g. During the abatement period, the assessment on the property shall not be less than the assessment existing thereon prior to the completion of the improvements.

7. Eligibility for additional construction or improvement.

An additional improvement or construction completed on a property granted a previous exemption or abatement during the period in which such previous exemption or abatement is in effect shall be qualified for an exemption and/or abatement just as if such property had not received a previous exemption or abatement. In such case, the additional improvements or construction shall be considered as separate for the purposes of calculating exemptions and abatements, except that the assessed value of any previous improvement or construction shall be added to the assessed valuation of the property from which any additional abatement is to be subtracted.

8. Applicability of statutory and regulatory provisions. Every application for exemption or abatement and every exemption and abatement granted shall be subject to all of the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1 et seq. and all rules and regulations issued thereunder.

9. Applicability of federal, state and local laws. All tax abatement and exemption agreements shall provide that the applicant is subject to all federal, state and local laws and regulations.

10. Equalization. The percentage which the payment in lieu of taxes bears to the property taxes which would have been paid had an abatement not been granted for the property under the agreement shall be applied to the valuation of the property to determine the reduced valuation of the property to be included in the valuation of the

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municipality for determining equalization for county appointment and school aid during the term of the tax abatement agreement covering the property.

11. Application fee. An application filing fee of \$2,500 shall be paid by the applicant at the time of filing the preliminary application. The application fee will provide for the administrative services to be undertaken by the Borough Tax Assessor, and any other Borough official, in order to render a determination on the applicant's eligibility for a tax abatement. The filing fee shall cover the cost for both the preliminary application and final application review and determination process.

12. Escrow for five-year tax abatement agreements. Every tax abatement agreement authorized by this Article shall be subject to the escrow provisions of the redevelopment agreement between the Borough and the applicant. The required escrow shall be used to pay the cost of professional review by the Borough Solicitor, Engineer, or the professionals employed by the Borough to review and make recommendations regarding the tax abatement agreement.

13. Applicability of Redevelopment Designation. Every tax abatement agreement authorized by this Article shall be subject to the area in need of redevelopment declaration, redevelopment plan and redevelopment agreement concerning the project.”

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 as well as the additional review provisions of Chapter 16.30.130.

NEW BUSINESS:

2021:20 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10:44.010 – SCHEDULE I – No PARKING The Borough Clerk announced this is the first reading and introduction; the public hearing for this ordinance will be on November 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Councilman Gandy made the motion to introduce ORDINANCE 2021:20, with Councilman Tolomeo making a second with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTIONS 2021:140 THROUGH 2021-144 WILL BE DONE AS A CONSENT AGENDA

Council can at this time request to remove any of the resolutions form the consent agenda and they can be voted on separately. Councilman Gilligan asked for a separate vote for Res. 2021-141 and 2021-142.

RES. 2021:140	APPROVE VETERAN’S TAX DEDUCTION
RES. 2021:143	AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDER #2 AND FINAL PAYMENT EVERGREEN ROAD PHASE II
RES. 2021:144	APPROVE CHAPTER 159 BUDGET AMENDMENT – DWI CHECKPOINT GRANT

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

RES. 2021-141 APPOINT POLICE SERGEANT

Councilman Gilligan made the motion to adopt Res. 2021:141, with Councilman Kelly making the second and all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

RES. 2021-142 APPOINT POLICE SERGEANT

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Councilman Gilligan made the motion to adopt Res. 2021:142, with Councilman Gandy making the second and all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

BUSINESS LICENSE

Mr. Bray stated the application for a business license from S.K.D.S. LLC at 416 N White Horse Pike was reviewed and approved by the Stratford Police Department.

Councilwoman Hall made a motion to approve the Business License for S.K.D.S. LLC, with Councilman Gilligan making the second and all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Animal checks	1927	through	1931		
Manual checks	20031	through	20036		
Payroll checks	54798	through	54927	and	
Automated checks	35696	through	35763		
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 Tolomeo seconded the motion, with all members present voted in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilwoman Hall – Congratulate to Sgt. Meyers and Sgt. Schmidt on their promotion and for their hard work and dedication to the Borough. Hope to see a lot of homes decorated for Halloween and to see everyone at the Halloween parade.
- Councilman Gandy – Congratulations to Sgt. Meyers and Sgt. Schmidt they do an amazing job for the town. Thanks also to the police, and fire departments, OEM and ambulance squad for the jobs they do for us every month.
- Councilman Gilligan – Congratulations to Sgt. Meyers and Schmidt
- Councilwoman Lomanno – Thanks to Tom Stone and Code Enforcement for working to get house numbers installed. It is sometimes difficult to read some numbers and this will be a great benefit to the Borough and its first responders. Congratulation to Sgt. Schmidt and Sgt Meyers and thanks for all their years of service. Thanks to John Keenan for his efforts to create the trash department.
- Councilman Tolomeo – Congratulations to Sgt. Schmidt and Sgt. Meyers and thank you for your years of service. Thank you to the staff at Borough Hall they do a great job keeping the Borough running. Thanks to Public Works and the Utility Dept for keeping things look spic and span.
- Councilman Kelly – We have an outstanding group of workers in our Borough Hall, thank you to all of them. Congratulations to Sgt Schmidt and Sgt Meyers. Our police, fire and ambulance do a tremendous job every month.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

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

There were no comments.

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Councilman Tolomeo 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. 7:30 PM. Councilman Tolomeo seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Bill Bray, RMC
Borough Clerk