STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: THE STRATFORD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 14 2021

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER:

STATEMENT OF ADVERTISEMENT:

COLINCII PRESIDENT LINDA HALL

Motion to adopt ORD 2021:17

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ROLL CALL:

MAYOR JOSH KEENAN

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.

STUART PLATT, BOROUGH SOLICITOR

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RON MORELLO, POLICE CHIEF

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COUNCILMAN STEPHEN GANDY		JOHN D. KEENAN JR, ACTING BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR			
COUNCILMAN PATRICK GILLIC	GAN	BILL BRAY, BOROUGH CLERK			
COUNCILWOMAN TINA LOMA	ANNO				
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL TOLO	OMEO				
COUNCILMAN JAMES KELLY					
PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENI					
Motion to go to open public p	_	•			
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Motion to close public portio	n on agenda items:				
Motion:		Voice Vote:			
REPORTS:					
ORDINANCE & PROPERTY		•			
FINANCE & REVENUE	Councilwoman	Tina Lomanno			
POLICE	Councilman Pa	trick Gilligan			
EMERGENCY SERVICES	Councilman St	ephen Gandy			
PUBLIC WORKS & LIGHTING	Councilman M	ichael Tolomeo			
PUBLIC EVENTS	Councilwoman	Linda Hall			
OLD BUSINESS:					
ORD. 2021:16 AMEND YARD	REQUIREMENTS				
Motion to open the public he	•	Second:	Voice Vote:		
Motion to close the public he					
Motion to adopt ORD 2021:1	6	Second:	RCV:		
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ORD. 2021:17 AUTHORIZE ISS	SUANCE OF \$500,000 II	N BONDS/NOTES			
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STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 7:00 P.M.

	ND 2021 SALARY ORDINANCE			
Motion to Introduce	e Ord. 2021:17 on First Reading by Title	Only Second:	RCV:	
ORDINANCE 2021:1 JERSEY AMENDING EXEMPTION AND AI	9 ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ST CHAPTER 3.16 OF THE CODE OF THE BC BATEMENT LAW"	RATFORD, COUNTY OF PROUGH OF STRATFOR	CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW	X
	:128 THROUGH 2021:132 WILL BE DON ime request to remove any of the resol '.			
RES. 2021:128	ACCEPT 2021 DWI TASK FORCE GRAP	NT		
RES. 2021:129	APPROVE CHAPTER 159 AMENDMEN Grant	IT 2021 BUDGET – Ped	estrian Safety and Educatio	r
RES 2021:130	APPROVE CHAPTER 159 AMENDMEN	NT 2021 BUDGET – Clea	an Communities Grant	
RES. 2021:131	APPROVE CHAPTER 159 AMENDMEN Rehabilitation	IT 2021 BUDGET – Alco	ohol Education and	
RES. 2021:132	RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A MEE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW The matters for executive session win County Vs Stratford Borough	JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC	MEETING ACT, NJSA 10:4-1	2
Motion:	Second:	RCV:		
APPOINTMENTS BY	MAYOR WITH NO CONFIRMATION O	F COUNCIL NEEDED:		

Unexpired Terms ending 12/31/2023

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Park Commission

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 7:00 P.M.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Animal checks	through		
Manual checks	through		
Payroll checks	through	and	
Payroll checks	through		
Automated checks	through		
Various electronic trans	fers and potential interim p		
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COUNCIL COMMENTS:			
GOOD AND WELFARE:			
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Motion:	Second:	Voice Vote:	
Motion to close the public	portion for Good and Welf	are:	
Motion:	Second:	Voice Vote:	
EXECUTIVE SESSION:			
Motion to go into Executiv	e Session:		
Motion:	Second:	Voice Vote	
Motion to leave Executive	Session:		
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Motion:	Second:	Voice Vote:	

ORDINANCE 2021:16

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.

100 square feet

10 feet

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	30%
area of lots	
Front yard setback line	25 feet
for inside lots	
Front yard setback line	25 feet
for corner lots	
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
Residential Structure	
<u>Maximum Height</u>	<u>35 feet</u>
Accessory use or building	

Maximum area of structure

Maximum height

3 feet Side yard setback Rear yard setback 3 feet Front yard setback 25 feet 101 square feet Minimum area of structure 12 feet Maximum height 10 feet Side yard clearance minimum Side yard clearance aggregate 25 feet 5 feet Rear yard setback 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.

		/	/2021
ATTEST:	Mayor Josh Keenan	Date	
Bill Bray, Borough Clerk			

PUBLIC NOTICE

The ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at the Regular Meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, held on the 13th day of July, 2021. It will be further considered for final passage after public hearing thereon, at the meeting of the Governing Body to be held in the Borough Hall, in the Borough of Stratford on the 10th day of August, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Copies of the ordinance will be made available during the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting at the Clerk's Office in the Borough Hall to the members of the general public who shall request the same.

Bill Bray,	Borough	Clerk	

ORDINANCE 2021:17

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$500,000.00 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$475,000.00 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 \$500,000.00 including the aggregate sum of \$25,000.00 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 \$475,000.00 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 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

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, it 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:

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(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 \$475,000.00 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.
- (d) \$5,000.00 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.

	Mayor Josh Keenan
ATTEST:	
Bill Bray, Borough Clerk	
Adopted:	

NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE

The ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at the Regular Meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, held on the 10th day of August, 2021. It will be further considered for final passage after public hearing thereon, at the meeting of the Governing Body to be held in online video conference on the 14th day of September, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Copies of the ordinance will be made available during the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting at the Clerk's Office in the Borough Hall to the members of the general public who shall request the same.

Bill	Bray,	Borough	Clerk

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing was held for the foregoing ordinance on September 14, 2021.

I certify that the foregoing Ordinance 2021:17 was approved for final adoption by the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey at a meeting held on the 14th day of September, 2021.

ND ORDINANCE 2	021:17	
SCHEDULE "A"		
APPROPRATION & ESTIMATED COST	ESTIMATED MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF BONDS OR NOTES	PERIOD OF AVERAGE USEFULNESS
\$500,000.00	\$475,000.00	10 Years
	SCHEDULE "A" APPROPRATION & ESTIMATED COST	APPROPRATION MAXIMUM & ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF COST BONDS OR NOTES

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

Bill Bray, Borough Clerk	Josh Keenan, Mayor

ACCEPTING 2021 DWI TASK FORCE GRANT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY AND TRAFFIC SAFETY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46,750.00

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Police Department has applied to the New Jersey Department of Highway and Traffic Safety for the 2021 DWI Task Force Grant in the amount of \$46,750.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Police Department would receive said grant in the amount of \$46,750.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to accept the 2021 DWI Task Force Grant in the amount of \$46,750.00 from New Jersey Department of Highway and Traffic Safety.

CERTIFICATION

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 September 14, 2020.

CHAPTER 159 – PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND EDUCATION GRANT (\$16,775.00)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:40-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Finance may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Stratford hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Finance to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget for the year 2021 in the amount of sixteen thousand seven hundred, seventy-five dollars and no cents (\$16,775.00) Pedestrian Safety and Education Grant which item is now available pursuant to the provision of statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of sixteen thousand seven hundred, seventy-five dollars and no cents (\$16,775.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND EDUCATION GRANT

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is the result of monies received from the State of New Jersey and was deposited into the proper account.

CERTIFICATION

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 September 14, 2021.

CHAPTER 159 – CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT (\$14,140.52)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:40-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Finance may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Stratford hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Finance to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget for the year 2021 in the amount of fourteen thousand one hundred, forty dollars and fifty-two cents (\$14,140.52) Clean Communities Grant which item is now available pursuant to the provision of statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of fourteen thousand one hundred, forty dollars and fifty-two cents (\$14,140.52) be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is the result of monies received from the State of New Jersey and was deposited into the proper account.

CERTIFICATION

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 September 14, 2021.

CHAPTER 159 – ALCOHOL EDUCATION AND REHAB GRANT (\$5,907.17)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:40-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Finance may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Stratford hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Finance to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget for the year 2021 in the amount of five thousand, seven dollars and seventeen cents (\$5,907.17) Alcohol Education and Rehab Grant which item is now available pursuant to the provision of statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of five thousand, seven dollars and seventeen cents (\$5,907.17) be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

ALCOHOL EDUCATION AND REHAB GRANT

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is the result of monies received from the State of New Jersey and was deposited into the proper account.

CERTIFICATION

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 September 14, 2021.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, NJSA 10:4-12

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-6 et seq., and

WHEREAS, the *Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-12*, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by NJSA 10:4-12b and designated below: (1) Matters required by Law to be Confidential: Any matter which, by express provision of Federal law or State statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. (2) Matters Where the Release of Information Would Impair the Right to Receive Funds: Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States. (3) Matters Involving Individual Privacy: Any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendations, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including, but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly. (4) Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements: bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body. (5) Matters Relating to the Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property or the Investment of Public Funds: Any matter involving the purchase, lease, or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed. (6) Matters Relating to Public Safety and Property: Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that their disclosure could impair such protection. Any investigations of violations of possible violations of the law. X____ (7) Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney-Client Privilege:

The topic of discussion is related to Attorney/Client Privilege. Re: Camden County Vs. Stratford

Borough

(8) Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship: Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting.
(9) Matters Relating to the Potential Imposition of a Penalty: Any deliberations of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party bears responsibility.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford, assembled via electronic video conference in public session on September 14, 2021 that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on September 14, 2021 at approximately 7:00 p.m. for the discussion of matters relating to the specified items designated above. It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in Closed Session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Governing Body that public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.
CERTIFICATION
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 September 14, 2021.
BILL BRAY, RMC BOROUGH CLERK