

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021
5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Borough Clerk Bill Bray called the meeting to order at 5:00 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 AND GOOD AND WELFARE:

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

John Gentless – 111 Union Avenue – Mr. Gentless asked about if the Berlin Road Tax abatement is needed for the project to move forward. Mr. Keenan stated the abatement should not be an issue with the start of the project. Mr. Keenan stated the developer has a builder interested in taking over the project once certain site improvements are completed.

There were no other comments.

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

OLD BUSINESS: There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no New Business.

RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION 2021:133
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

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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***: Any collective 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

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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 22, 2021 that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on September 22, 2021 at approximately 5:00 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.

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion was made by Councilman Kelly, seconded by Councilman Gandy, with all Council voting aye to enter into Executive Session.

Council entered Executive Session at 5:04 p.m. Council returned from Executive Session at 5:54 p.m. Motion was made by Councilman Kelly, seconded by Councilman Gandy, with all Council voting aye to come out of Executive Session.

ADJOURN:

Councilman Gilligan motioned to adjourn the meeting at approx. 5:57 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