

**STRATFORD BOROUGH REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016  
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER: Notice of this meeting has been provided to the Courier Post and Central Record  
STATEMENT OF along with being posted on the Borough Hall Bulletin Board stating the time and  
ADVERTISEMENT: place of the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

PRAYER:

ROLL CALL:

MAYOR JOSH KEENAN  
BEN ANGELI, COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
HOLLY TATE, COUNCILWOMAN  
JOHN DUDLEY, COUNCILMAN  
DAVID GRAY, COUNCILMAN  
FRANK HARTMAN, COUNCILMAN  
PATRICK GREEN, COUNCILMAN  
ALBERT J. OLIZI, JR., SOLICITOR  
JOHN D. KEENAN, JR., BOROUGH CLERK  
POLICE CHIEF RONALD MORELLO

CITIZENSHIP

PROCLAMATION: Word Fellowship Church Proclamation was read by the Borough Clerk and presented to Pastor Markus by the Mayor and Council President Angeli. The Pastor thanked the town for the proclamation and stated they do not do their work to be recognized and are happy to be part of Stratford.

PUBLIC

PORTION: John Gentless of Union Avenue expressed his concern with Resolution 2016:67 authorizing the JLUB conduct a preliminary investigation of block 62, lot 2. He also inquired about JLUB minutes and agenda posted to the website.

Agnes Moore of Laureba Avenue inquired about eminent domain. Emily Givens from Jim Maley's office responded to her questions.

Councilwoman Tate expressed distrust with the planning of the last redevelopment process in 2007. She stated the town attempted discussion with the owners and the town responded to the fair share. The Solicitor stated there should be no more discussion due to litigation.

Harry Berry of Cornell Avenue spoke about eminent domain and the reasoning for taking a property. Ms. Givens explained the designation of blight and bad impact it has on the area. The JLUB will do an investigation on the site. When the investigation is completed that will be your use/purpose for the public.

Councilman Angeli expressed what we learned from the last election is the public wants change and Council felt this it the path to take.

The Solicitor explained the fair share court process.

Lou Marchuk of Pennsylvania Avenue inquired to Ms. Givens' name and firm. She responded to Mr. Marchuk. The Solicitor explained Mr. Maley was appointed redevelopment counsel and she is an associate. Mr. Marchuk spoke about redevelopment and blight. He also expressed his concern with resolution 66 with notice prior to meetings on the eblast. He also expressed his concern with the cost of healthcare for employees.

Pat Walsh of Meadowlark Road expressed his concerns with redevelopment. Councilman Hartman asked Mr. Walsh to give Council a chance and stop listening to negative thoughts.

Mike Mangano of Union Avenue inquired to the emergency from last year and the shade tree budget line.

Greg Meranda of 93 Saratoga Road and VFW Commander explained the Spring Fling the VFW Post is planning for May 21, rain date May 22 at the Yale Avenue athletic complex. He informed the public of how the VFW donates 90% of their fund raising back to the community to churches, schools, Miss Stratford Pageant, Memorial Day, etc. This event will have 30-40 vendors/crafters/direct sale and face painter, kids games. No inflatables and no rides. There would be food vendors and the County Health Department would have to approve them. A fire certificate would be applied for as well. The police would have to review the vendors. The VFW was seeking the borough to cover the event on their insurance rider.

Mike Maloney of Hillside Road spoke about the SBCA Fall Fest on October 22 which will also be the same day as the Halloween Parade. He thanked Council for their consideration of the resolution of their application. He stated there would be no car show this year. He also inquired about the annual budget. He noted the \$200,000. drop in the debt payment this year, and the LED street light savings. He inquired to the Police Chief's salary. The Clerk explained a new contract was approved in January. He expressed his concern on the Park Commission funds not being spent. He also noted the sewer levy and sewer and borough expenses not being split correctly.

Harry Berry of Cornell Avenue stated the redevelopment issues are not related to the JLUB it's due to the economy.

Lou Marchuk of Pennsylvania Avenue expressed his concern with retiree pensions.

MINUTES: February 29, 2016 Special Meeting  
On motion of Councilman Angeli, seconded by Councilman Green with all ayes on the vote, with the exception of Councilwoman Tate abstaining

March 03, 2016 Agenda Meeting  
On motion of Councilman Angeli, seconded by Councilman Dudley with all ayes on the vote.

March 08, 2016 Regular Meeting  
On motion of Councilwoman Tate, seconded by Councilman Angeli with all ayes on the vote with the exception of Councilman Gray who was absent for this meeting.

REPORTS:  
FINANCE & REVENUE: Councilman Patrick Green read the Finance Report as submitted by the CFO for March, 2016 as follows:

BALANCE MARCH 1, 2016	1,584,133.53
Total Receipts	384,994.12
Total Disbursements	1,266,322.28
BALANCE MARCH 31, 2016	702,805.37
SCHEDULED OF ACCOUNT BALANCES MARCH 31, 2016	
Municipal Alliance	32,896.75
Animal Control	21,075.07
General Capital	168,922.60
Developers Escrow	42,686.80
POAA	148.00

UCC/LEA Trust	92,711.99
Uniform Fir Safety	3,596.60
Tax Title Lien	466,016.85
Trust Other	93,731.23
Parks Open Space	29,546.75
Unemployment Trust	27,639.34
Utility	113,608.31
Utility Capital	55,515.36
Utility CD	500,000.00
OUTSTANDING DEBT:	
Borough	2,922,058.00
Utility	171,000.00

**EMERGENCY SERVICES:** Councilman Frank Hartman read the Ambulance and Fire reports for March, 2016 as follows: the Ambulance paid crew responded to 101 alarms (YTD 300); the volunteer crew responded to 17 alarms (YTD 39). The Fire Company had 24 alarms and held 2 drills total 26; YTD - 550 hours, 94 alarms, 6 drills. Councilman Hartman stated he met this evening with the 9-11 memorial committee and the renderings look nice and they have raised \$2,500. to date.

**POLICE:** Councilman Ben Angeli read the Police Report for March, 2016 as submitted by the Police Chief as follows:

41 Adult Arrests	02 Juvenile Arrests
02 Assaults to Police	06 Simple Assault Complaints
10 Criminal Mischief Complaints	12 Harassment Complaints
111 Other Investigations & Compl.	0 Burglaries
0 Robberies	21 Thefts \$6661.00
\$1331. Stolen Property Recovered	01 Motor Vehicle Thefts
09 DWI Arrests	10 Narcotics Arrests
383 Traffic Summonses Issued	29 Motor Vehicle Accidents
04 Injuries from Car Accidents (2 pedestrians)	
32 Alarm Activations	99 Total crime reports taken
618 Total Calls for Police Service	
Code Enforcement Inspections:	
19 Properties Inspected	21 Warning Letters Issued
03 Code Summonses Issued.	

**PUBLIC EVENTS:** Councilman David Gray reported the Easter Egg Hunt went well, it was a great day, weather was nice and had a great turnout. He also thanked the Fire Department for participating and thanked Miss Stratford for all her help. Councilman Gray stated the VFW is holding and Spring Fling on May 21 at Mancini Field and SAO's opening day is Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 10AM and Memorial Day on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, please come out.

**PUBLIC WORKS & LIGHTING:** Councilman John Dudley read the Sewer Utility Department report for March, 2016 as follows: there were 15 emergency call outs for service, performed preemptive checks of all manholes and pump stations, no sewer line maintenance needed. Work requests performed: secured the back door of a vacant house on Vassar Ave., secured front door at 129 Cornell Avenue, fixed brick column at Woods & Leaves Development, reset all timers for daylight savings time, removed broken swing at Saratoga Park, fixed gazebo railing at Veterans Park. Regular maintenance activities performed include: weekly trash pickup and cleanup at Yellin School, Parkview School and Vassar Avenue ball fields, clearing of storm drains of debris after rain, bi-weekly town wide metal/appliance collection.

**ORDINANCE & PROPERTY:** Councilwoman Holly Tate reported on the redevelopment committees both met in the last month. The owner of Incollingo’s site is very receptive and working with the committee on what can be placed on the site. She stated we want his planner to meet with our planner. No agreement at this time for the other site but the committee continues to speak with developers. She reported the code inspection team inspected 19 properties, 21 letters went out and 3 summonses were issued. She reported on the vacant homes where there are 71 homes on the list, with 61 being residential, 10 non residential, with 17 not in foreclosure, 11 for sale, 10 sold, and leaving 32 in foreclosure process. The county sheriff’s report shows 20 homes pending sheriff sale. She reported there were 18 resolutions and 1 ordinance for action this evening.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Res.2016:60 Resolution 2016:60 – Budget Read by Title Only  
 On motion of Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Angeli with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2016:60**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.40A:4-8, as amended by Chapter 259, P.L. 1995 provides that the budget may be read by title only at the time of the public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full governing body, providing that at least one week prior to the date of hearing, a complete copy of the budget has been made available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, these conditions have been met;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the budget shall be read by title only.

ROLL CALL:	YES	NO	ABSENT
Ben Angeli	X		
Holly Tate	X		
John Dudley	X		
David Gray	X		
Frank Hartman	X		
Patrick Green	X		

*John D. Keenan, Jr. R.M.C*

4/12/2016

Res.2016:61 Resolution 2016:61 – Self Examination of Budget  
 On motion of Councilman Angeli, seconded by Councilman Green with all ayes on the vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

2016 Annual Budget  
 Mike Maloney of Hillside Road inquired to a checklist of items such as the FEMA funds being used to reduce taxes, reduce overtime in the police budget, the sewer levy increased, shift DPW healthcare to the sewer in the proper proportion, and the audit costs to be shifted more toward the sewer budget. He asked that the budget be tabled and not acted on this evening.

Res.2016:62 Resolution 2016:62 – 2016 Annual Budget  
 On motion of Councilman Dudley, seconded by Councilman Angeli to table Resolution 2016:62 to a Special Council Meeting on April 26, 2016 at 6:30 pm with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

Councilman Dudley	yes	Councilman Angeli	yes
Councilwoman Tate	yes	Councilman Hartman	yes
Councilman Gray	yes	Councilman Green	yes

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Ord.2016:05 Ordinance 2016:05 – 2016 Bond – Public Hearing April 26, 2016 6:30pm  
 The Ordinance was read by title. A motion was made to approve on first reading by Councilman Dudley, seconded by Councilman Hartman with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

Councilman Dudley	yes	Councilman Angeli	yes
Councilwoman Tate	yes	Councilman Hartman	yes
Councilman Gray	yes	Councilman Green	yes

MOTION CARRIED

Res.2016:63 Resolution 2016:63 – Special Events Application – Fall Fest/5K Run/Walk  
 On motion of Councilwoman Tate, seconded by Councilman Green with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2016:63**

WHEREAS, the Fall Festival, AutismNJ 5K Walk/Run have applied to the Borough of Stratford with applications for a Special Event License; and  
 WHEREAS, the Special Event License will be for a festival to be held on Saturday, October 22, 2016, rain date Sunday, October 23, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the various municipal departments have reviewed the application prior to presenting to the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the following conditions are being made of the applications which all must be satisfied in compliance with the Borough of Stratford Ordinance 2009:28 in addition to an ambulance being present from 10AM to 4PM;

Hours of operation: Saturday, October 22, 2016 Event: 5K walk/run 9:00 AM

Hours of operation: Saturday, October 22, 2016 Event: Fall Festival 10 AM – 4 PM

No alcohol will be served at the event

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Council to approve the Special Event Licenses with the above conditions for the Fall Festival, Walk/Run events.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body on April 12, 2016.

*John D. Keenan, Jr., R.M.C.*

Res.2016:64 Resolution 2016:64 – Authorize Execution Shared Service Mt. Ephraim – Elect. Insp.  
 On motion of Councilman Angeli, seconded by Councilwoman Tate with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

Councilman Dudley	yes	Councilman Angeli	yes
Councilwoman Tate	yes	Councilman Hartman	yes
Councilman Gray	yes	Councilman Green	yes

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION 2016:64**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mt. Ephraim and the Borough of Stratford have negotiated a Shared Service Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mt. Ephraim is in need of an Electrical Sub Code Official/Inspector; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford has employed an Electrical Sub Code Official/Inspector,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to authorize the execution of the Shared Service Agreement between the Boroughs of Mr. Ephraim and Stratford for the services of the Electrical Sub Code Official/Inspector for the year 2016.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted on April 12, 2016 by the Governing Body.

*John D. Keenan, Jr., R.M.C.*

Res.2016:65 Resolution 2016:65 – Authorize Execution Shared Service Rowan – Road Salt  
 On motion of Councilwoman Tate, seconded by Councilman Dudley with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

Councilman Dudley	yes	Councilman Angeli	yes
Councilwoman Tate	yes	Councilman Hartman	yes
Councilman Gray	yes	Councilman Green	yes

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION 2016:65**

WHREAS, the Borough of Stratford has participated in a Shared Service Agreement with Rowan University for the last several years in providing road salt; and

WHEREAS, Rowan desires to renew the current three year agreement with the same terms and conditions,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to authorize the execution of the Shared Service Agreement between the Borough of Stratford and Rowan University for three years for road salt.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body on April 12, 2016.

*John D. Keenan, Jr., R.M.C.*

Res.2016:66 Resolution 2016:66 – All Council Meetings E-Blast within 48 hours  
 On motion of Councilman Dudley, seconded by Councilwoman Tate with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2016:66**

WHREAS, the Borough of Stratford utilizes a electronic notification system known as eblast to inform residents of important issues, topics, meetings and events; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body desires that all Council Meetings be noticed by using the eblast system to keep the residents informed of meeting dates and times,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to confirm all Borough Council Meetings dates and times will be emailed by the eblast notification system to allow residents prior notice of the governing body meetings.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body on April 12, 2016.

*John D. Keenan, Jr., R.M.C.*

Res.2016:67 Resolution 2016:67 – Authorize JLUB Conduct Preliminary Investigation B. 62, L. 2  
 On motion of Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilwoman Tate with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2016:67**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD  
 JOINT LAND USE BOARD TO CONDUCT A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION  
 TO ESTABLISH A CONDEMNATION REDEVELOPMENT AREA WITHIN  
 THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD, CAMDEN COUNTY**

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A.* 40a:12a-6, authorizes the governing body of any municipality, by Resolution, to have its Joint Land Use Board conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether any area of the municipality is a redevelopment area according to the criteria set forth in *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-5; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford (“Borough”) consider it to be in the best interest of the Borough to have the Borough’s Joint Land Use Board (“Joint Land Use Board”) conduct such an investigation regarding a parcel delineated on the official Tax Map of the Borough as Block 62, Lots 2, 2B and 2C (the “Study Area”); and

WHEREAS, a redevelopment area determination shall authorize the municipality to use all those powers provided by the Legislature for use in a redevelopment area, including the use of eminent domain (hereinafter referred to as a “Condemnation Redevelopment Area”); and

WHEREAS, the present buildings and improvements at the aforementioned Study Area, by reason, for example, of obsolescence and/or general deterioration and/or design and

obsolete layout, may be detrimental to the safety and welfare of the community thereby requiring redevelopment to better serve the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford, that:

1. The Joint Land Use Board is hereby directed to conduct a preliminary Investigation to determine whether the aforementioned Study Area, Block 62, Lots 2, 2B and 2C are a Condemnation Redevelopment Area according to the criteria set forth in *N.J.S.A., 40A:12A-5*.

2. The Joint Land Use Board is hereby directed to prepare a report of its findings and once completed, the Joint Land Use Board is directed to transmit the report to the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford for their review and approval in accordance with the provisions of the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, *N.J.S.A.40A:12A-1 et seq.*

3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Borough of Stratford  
*Josh Keenan, Mayor*

ATTEST:  
*John Keenan, Municipal Clerk*

**CFO RESOLUTIONS**

Res.2016:68 Resolution 2016:68 – Authorize Senior Citizen/Disabled Person Tax Deduction  
 B. 87.05, L.03; B. 91, L. 18; B. 100, L. 4; B. 102, L. 21

**RESOLUTION 2016:68**

WHEREAS, all the eligibility requirements for a 2016 SENIOR CITIZEN/DISABLED PERSON property tax deduction have been met by the following residents:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
87.05	3	Gene A. Willem	9 Academy Drive	250.00
91	18	Albert Cosgrove	13 Timber Creed Rd	250.00
100	4	Mary Hopkins	12 Buttonwood Rd	250.00
102	21	James Maugeri	6 Knoll Road	250.00

WHEREAS, the deduction has been approved by the Borough Tax Assessor or Tax Collector;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council that a 2016 tax deduction be granted to the above mentioned residents and this deduction be placed on the 2016 tax list.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution was approved at a regular meeting of the Borough Council conducted on April 12, 2016.

*John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC*

Res.2016:69 Resolution 2016:69 – Senior Citizen Tax Deduction Not Met 2015  
 B. 3, L. 2.02; B. 3, L.16; B. 8, L. 23; B. 66, L. 11; B. 94, L. 3; B. 97, L. 18; B. 114, L. 1.02C0034

**RESOLUTION 2016:69**

WHEREAS, all eligibility requirements for a SENIOR CITIZEN tax deduction for the year 2016 have not been met by the following residents due to their exceeding 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	2.02	Kenneth Gustin	1 Cooper Ave	250.00
8	23	Victoria Tracy	123 Whitman Ave	250.00
66	11	Edward Graham	11 Almond Ave	250.00
94	3	Joan Cirucci	119 Evergreen Rd	250.00
97	18	Arthur & Irene Laine	28 Evergreen Rd	250.00
114	1.02C0034	Joanne Tavani	3A Beverly Lane	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 2016.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution was approved at a regular meeting of the Borough Council conducted on April 12, 2016.

*John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC*

Res.2016:70 Resolution 2016:70 – Refund Tax Overpayment B. 109, L. 43

**RESOLUTION 2016:70**

WHEREAS, an overpayment was received in the Tax Collector’s office for Block 109, Lot 43 – 39 Buttonwood Road due to the Homestead Rebate Credit;  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that the amount of \$605.36 be paid to Ronald & Marcelle Shriver for the overpayment.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution was approved at a regular meeting of the Borough Council conducted on April 12, 2016.

*John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC*

Res.2016:71 Resolution 2016:71 – Authorize Veteran or Widow of a Veteran Tax Deduction B/ 38, L. 12

**RESOLUTION 2016:71**

WHEREAS, all the eligibility requirements for a 2016 VETERAN OR WIDOW OF A VETERAN property tax deduction have been met by the following residents:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
38	12	Michael Burke	114 Princeton Ave	250.00

WHEREAS, the deduction has been approved by the Borough Tax Assessor and Tax Collector;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council that a tax deduction be granted to the above mentioned residents and these deductions be placed on the 2016 tax list.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution was approved at a regular meeting of the Borough Council conducted on April 12, 2016.

*John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC*

Res.2016:72 Resolution 2016:72 – Senior Citizen Tax Deduction Not Met 2016  
B. 84, L. 27; B.87.01, L. 43

WHEREAS, all eligibility requirements for a SENIOR CITIZEN tax deduction for the year 2016 have not been met due to the sale of the property by the following residents:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
84	27	Marian Kaufman	31 Temple Avenue	250.00
87.01	43	Frank Bada	18 Saratoga Road	250.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that this tax deduction be removed from the tax duplicate.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution was approved at a regular meeting of the Borough Council conducted on April 12, 2016.

*John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC*

Res.2016:73 Resolution 2016:73 – Remove Sewer Fee for Seniors Qualifying  
B.3, L.7; B.87.02,L.11; B.109,L.38; B.102,L.21; B.91,L.18; B.100,L.4; B.87.05,L. 3

**RESOLUTION 2016:73**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford has instituted a sewer rate for the senior homeowners for 2016; and

WHEREAS, those who qualify for the NJ State Senior Tax Deduction will be abated from paying sewer; and

WHEREAS, the following have been approved for the NJ State Senior Tax Deduction and will be abated for sewer:



<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>ACCT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3	7	55-0	John Soteris	29 Cooper Ave	25.00
87.02	11	1460-0	James Boswell	35 Saratoga Rd	25.00
109	38	2080-0	David Owen	5 Buttonwood Ct	25.00
102	21	1930-0	James Maugeri	6 Knoll Rd	25.00
91	18	1633-0	Albert Cosgrove	13 Timber Creek Rd	25.00
100	4	1871-0	Mary Hopkins	12 Buttonwood Rd	25.00
87.05	3	1521-0	Gene Willem	9 Academy Dr	25.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to remove the \$25.00 fee due on the above noted sewer account due to the owner qualifying for the NJ State Senior Tax Deduction and the sewer fee being abated.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution was approved at a regular meeting of the Borough Council conducted on April 12, 2016.

*John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC*

Res.2016:74

Resolution 2016:74 – Refund \$25. Sewer Fee B. 91, L. 18

On motion of Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilwoman Tate with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

Councilman Dudley	yes	Councilman Angeli	yes
Councilwoman Tate	yes	Councilman Hartman	yes
Councilman Gray	yes	Councilman Green	yes

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION 2016:74**

WHEREAS, a payment was received in the Sewer Utility office for Block 91, Lot 18 – 13 Timber Creek Road due to being a Qualifying Senior discount;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that the amount of \$25.00 be paid to Albert Cosgrove for the refund.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution was approved at a regular meeting of the Borough Council conducted on April 12, 2016.

*John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC*

Res.2016.75

Resolution 2016:75 -Arbor Day

On motion of Councilman Angeli, seconded by Councilman Hartman with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2016:75**

WHEREAS, In 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating, and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees in our Municipality increase property values, enhances the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, and

NOW, THEREFORE, WE the Mayor and Borough Council do hereby proclaim April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 as

**ARBOR DAY**

In the Borough of Stratford, we urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands to support our Borough’s urban forestry program; and

Further, we urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

DATED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

*Mayor Josh Keenan*

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, hereby certify that the foregoing was adopted by the Borough Council held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

*John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk*

Res.2016:76

Resolution 2016:76 - April – Alcohol Awareness Month

On motion of Councilwoman Tate, seconded by Councilman Gray with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2016:76**

**ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH 2016**

WHEREAS, alcohol is a primary factor in the four leading causes of death for young person’s ages 10-21; and

WHEREAS, alcohol is the most commonly used addictive substance in the United States; and

WHEREAS, young people who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who begin drinking at age 21; and

WHEREAS, the typical American will see 100,000 beer commercials before he or she turns 18; and

WHEREAS, kids who drink are more likely to be victims of violent crime, to be involved in alcohol-related traffic crashes, and to have serious school-related problems; and

WHEREAS, a supportive family environment is associated with lowered rates of alcohol use for adolescents; and

WHEREAS, consistent and sustained parental attitudes can influence a child’s decision about whether or not to use alcohol and drugs; and

WHEREAS, kids who have conversations with their parents and learn a lot about the dangers of alcohol and drug use are 50% less likely to use alcohol and drugs than those who don’t have such conversations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I join the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc., (NCADD) and do hereby proclaim that April 2016 is Alcohol Awareness Month in the Borough of Stratford. As the leader, I also call upon all citizens, parents, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, hospitals, schools and colleges in our community to support efforts that will provide early education about alcoholism and addiction and increase support for individuals and families coping with alcoholism. Through these efforts, together, we can provide Hope, Help and Healing for those in our community who are facing challenges with alcohol use and abuse.

*Josh Keenan, Mayor*

Borough of Stratford

DATED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2016

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, hereby certify that the foregoing was adopted by the Borough Council held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

*John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk*

Res.2016:77

Resolution 2016:77 – Award Borough Hall Ramp Project – Decker’s - \$91,500.

On motion of Councilman Angeli, seconded by Councilman Gray with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

Councilman Dudley	yes	Councilman Angeli	yes
Councilwoman Tate	yes	Councilman Hartman	yes
Councilman Gray	yes	Councilman Green	yes

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION 2016:77**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford has received bids for the Removal of Barriers at the Municipal Building; and

WHEREAS, the low bid is from Decker’s Hardscaping & Landscaping, Inc. in the amount of \$91,500.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has reviewed the bid documents and consulted with the Municipal CFO and has concluded to recommend the award to the low bidder,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to authorize the award of the bid for the Removal of Barriers at the Municipal Building to Decker’s Hardscaping & Landscaping, Inc. in the amount of \$91,500.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body on April 12, 2016.

*John D. Keenan, Jr., R.M.C.*

Res.2016:78 Resolution 2016:78 – VFW Spring Fling 5/21/16  
 On motion of Councilman Angeli, seconded by Councilwoman Tate with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2016:78**

WHEREAS, the Stratford VFW Spring Fling applied to the Borough of Stratford with applications for a Special Event License; and

WHEREAS, the Special Event License will be for a spring fling to be held on Saturday, May 21, 2016, rain date Sunday, May 22, 2016 at Mancini Baseball field, Kirkwood and Yale Avenues; and

WHEREAS, the various municipal departments have reviewed the application prior to presenting to the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the following conditions are being made of the applications which all must be satisfied in compliance with the Borough of Stratford Ordinance 2009:28 in addition to an ambulance being present from 10AM to 4PM;

Hours of operation: Saturday, May 21, 2016 Event: Spring Fling 10 AM – 4PM

No alcohol will be served at the event

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Council to approve the Special Event Licenses with the above conditions for the VFW Spring Fling event.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body on April 12, 2016.

*John D. Keenan, Jr., R.M.C.*

RAFFLE #630 – Knights of Columbus – Phillies Tickets  
 LICENSE: On motion of Councilman Angeli, seconded by Councilman Dudley with all ayes on the vote.

APPROVAL Be it resolved to approve payment of bills numbered from #29188 through #28296;  
 OF BILLS: Animal Control Checks #1650 through #1659; Manual Checks #19729 through #19734; Payroll Checks #44451,44513, 44516, and 44570 and Various Wires.  
 On motion of Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Dudley with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

Councilman Dudley	yes	Councilman Angeli	yes
Councilwoman Tate	yes	Councilman Hartman	yes
Councilman Gray	yes	Councilman Green	yes

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL  
 COMMENTS: Councilman Angeli reported the Parks Commission will be meeting this Saturday at 8 am to begin some restoration work inside the hockey court on Vassar Avenue. He noted an Open Space Grant was applied for by the Park Commission to obtain funding to do even more extensive work on this hockey court.

GOOD AND  
 WELFARE: Agnes Moore of Laureba Avenue informed Council of trees along Bryant Avenue which seemed dangerous. Councilman Dudley explained the concern with tree debris and is trying to plan a DPW cleanup.

John Gentless of Union Avenue inquired about Garden State Paving. He also inquired about combining DPW and Sewer departments. The Clerk explained civil service was the division which stated they were unlike departments and were to be separate.

Lou Marchuk of Pennsylvania Avenue expressed his concern to have DOT and PATCO involved in the redevelopment.

Harry Berry of Cornell Avenue stated he was concerned with raises to employees who do not produce revenues for the borough. The Solicitor stated he was incorrect in his thoughts.

Jack Brennan of Bucknell Avenue inquired about the starting salary for DPW Laborer. The Clerk confirmed the amount is the starting salary.

ADJOURN: On motion of Councilwoman Tate, seconded by Councilman Dudley with all ayes on the vote, the meeting was adjourned.

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John D. Keenan, Jr., R.M.C