

**STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 08, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER:

STATEMENT OF

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

PLEDGE
OF ALLEGIANCE:

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 OLIZI, SOLICITOR
JOHN D. KEENAN, JR., BOROUGH CLERK
RONALD MORELLO, POLICE CHIEF
JEFFREY HANSON, ENGINEER

ENGINEER

REPORT: The Engineer stated the Family Dollar site is finished and Boos' obligation is now completed. NJDOT municipal aid applications are now open and due February 3, 2017. The next streets on the list are Homestead, Sleepy Hollow and Rolling. SJ Gas patches are being reviewed. The Water Company project is also being reviewed.

POLICE
CHIEF

REPORT: Monthly report included the following:
Sudden death on Overhill of a 62 year old female deceased of natural causes.
Solved a burglary on Cornell Avenue from February this year with help from other towns. Lady was driving and a deer hit her car. The deer had to be put down by the police.
TD Bank was held up during the day and about \$1000 cash with bait was taken and the tracking device led the police to the robber in Lindenwold and was arrested and sent to County jail.
Overdose call at Woodmere Apartments where narcan was used and person saved and taken to the hospital.
Deceased on Atlantic Avenue of a 65 year old of natural causes.
Gas company has given notice of a future project on Atlantic Avenue in early spring.
The overnight construction on Laurel Road with gas company continues.
At Tuesday night's Council Meeting two police officers will be promoted and sworn in.
He complimented the new Court Administrator who is doing a great job.

PUBLIC
PORTION:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

REPORT #1: REHABILITATION/REDEVELOPMENT

Councilwoman Tate stated owner of Incollingo’s is talking to our professionals and will be executing a memo of understanding which will make them the conditional redeveloper of the site. There would also be a requirement to post an escrow account to fund the professionals.

REPORT #2: 2015-2016 STREET/ROADS PROJECTS
Engineer will give status during his monthly report.

REPORT #3: ORDINANCES

NEW BUSINESS:

REPORT #4: CITIZENSHIP PROCLAMATION
This month will be recognizing and honoring our police department.

REPORT #5: RESOLUTIONS
Maintenance Liens for abandoned properties; Appointment of Police Captain; Appointment of Police Sergeant; Re-Appoint CFO; Appointment of Animal Control Officer; Appointment of Animal Shelter; Chapter 159; Various CFO Resolutions.

REPORT #6: EXECUTIVE SESSION
Res. 2016:167 The topic of discussion is related to Attorney/Client Privilege to discuss status related to the Stratford Complaint for Declaratory Judgment Docket No. L2613-15 Civil Action, Relief Pursuant to the Fair Housing Act, NJSA 52:27D-313 and the Mt. Laurel Doctrine. Police and Shade Tree Personnel. These items are for #7 of the Executive Session Resolution for matters relating to litigation, negotiations, and the Attorney-Client Privilege and #8 Matters relating to the employment relationship. The approximate time of this session should be 45 minutes. Action may be taken after the session.

**RESOLUTION 2016:167
A 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:** 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, to discuss status related to the Stratford Complaint for Declaratory Judgment Docket No. L2613-15 Civil Action, Relief Pursuant to the Fair Housing Act, NJSA 52:27D-313 and the Mt. Laurel Doctrine. Discussion of personnel and litigation of AEJ Stratford tax appeal and Woodmere v. Stratford. These items are for #7 of the Executive Session Resolution for matters relating to litigation, negotiations, and the Attorney-Client Privilege.

X_____ (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 in public session on December 08, 2016 that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on December 08, 2016 at approximately 7:00 p.m. in the Justice Facility, 315 Union Avenue, Stratford, NJ 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.

The following resolution was duly adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford at a public meeting held on December 08, 2016 by a motion of Councilman Angeli, seconded by Councilman Gray and all Council voting aye.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted on December 08, 2016.

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

Councilman Dudley made a motion to go into Executive Session, with Councilman Angeli making a second and all Council voting aye.

Councilman Angeli making a motion to come out of Executive Session with Councilwoman Tate making the second and all Council voting aye.

COMMENTS: Councilman Angeli invited friends and family to the Tuesday Council Meeting to honor the Stratford Police Department.

Councilman Gray thanked all who helped with the Miss Stratford Pageant which had 7 contestants and was a fun night overall. He added the tree lighting was successful with over 90 baskets given away.

Councilman Angeli stated Mike Maloney should be at the next Council Meeting to give an update on the status of the SBCA.

Councilman Green thanked all who helped with the tree lighting. He stated it was more crowded than usual and thanked the fire company for use of their hall.

The Mayor commented there were over 100 children present and the local school choir sang.

GOOD

WELFARE: Agnes Moore of Laureba Avenue inquired if Brandywine had settled yet. Councilwoman Tate responded they have not. She explained there was a NJDEP file not completed for an old DEP issue and some title issues. Brandywine is still going to buy the site. Councilwoman Tate explained some of the conditions of the memo of understanding.

John Gentless of Union Avenue inquired if there was a wetland study done for the property on Berlin Road. The Clerk stated no.

Harry Berry of Cornell Avenue inquired about sidewalks on the corner of Cornell Avenue and White Horse Pike. He also noted he was upset with NJ spending money to renovate the capital building.

Agnes Moore thanked Councilman Angeli and Councilwoman Tate for their service to the town.

At this time the Solicitor noted John Gentless, Shade Tree Member was provided a Rice Notice and Mr. Gentless responded he wanted any discussion to be done in open session versus closed session. The Solicitor noted there were trees replaced without Council's authorization. Mr. Gentless gave the history of the accident which took out 4 borough curbside trees and he noted emails between the Borough Clerk and himself. The Clerk then explained the emails and how the email noted everything was to go through the Clerk's Office, which was also confirmed in the email by the Solicitor. Councilman Angeli inquired about how Mr. Gentless had been told not to spend money prior. Councilwoman Tate detailed two separate occasions where Mr. Gentless was told not to make any decisions and with this one being the third time. Councilman Angeli spoke about removing the shade tree member. The Solicitor noted the process for removing the member which would include a public hearing, witnesses, etc. The Solicitor again noted Mr. Gentless wanted this discussion in public and he also confirmed he was told previously not to spend money and was being told again in public not to spend any money in the future. Jake Gambon, shade tree member spoke about the commission having the authority to spend without Council. Councilman Angeli spoke about the listing of dangerous trees which this insurance money could have been spent on rather than plant 6 additional trees in an area which already has too many trees.

ADJOURN: Councilman Angeli made a motion to adjourn with Councilman Gray making the second and all of Council voting aye.

John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk