

**STRATFORD BOROUGH REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 09, 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:** Bill and Jackie Souders – Stratford Residents/Realtors – Town Calendar  
Councilwoman Tate, Mayor Keenan and the Borough Clerk made the presentation of the Citizenship Proclamation to Bill and Jackie Souders. They stated they would live no place else but Stratford.

**PUBLIC**

**PORTION:** John Gentless of Union Avenue inquired about the business license. He also inquired to the appointment of the Planner. Councilwoman Tate responded stating RFPs were received in December, 2015 as requested by Council and the Planner is the same one from 2015 and the hourly rate is the same as last year.

**MINUTES:**

January 05, 2016 Reorganization Meeting  
On motion of Councilman Angeli, seconded by Councilman Hartman with all ayes on the vote.

January 07, 2016 Agenda Meeting  
On motion of Councilwoman Tate, seconded by Councilman Gray with all ayes on the vote.

January 12, 2016 Regular Meeting  
On motion of Councilman Dudley, seconded by Councilman Angeli with all ayes on the vote.

January 19, 2016 Special Joint Meeting w/ JLUB  
On motion of Councilwoman Tate and Councilman Angeli, with a motion of Councilwoman Tate to table the minutes, which was seconded by Councilman Green with all ayes on the vote to table this meeting until March 8, 2016.

**REPORTS:**

**FINANCE &** Councilman Patrick Green read the Finance Report for January 2016 as submitted by the  
**REVENUE:** CFO as follows:

BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2016	962,852.67
Total Receipts	1,249,172.36
Total Disbursements	1,517,129.17
BALANCE JANUARY 31, 2016	694,895.86

SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNT BALANCES JANUARY 31, 2016

Municipal Alliance	31,979.87
Animal Control	20,599.27
General Capital	170,215.72
Developer Escrow	40,681.40
POAA	130.00
Special Law Enforcement Trust	14,598.29
UCC/LEA Trust	98,980.39
Uniform Fire Safety	3,596.60
Tax Title Lien	588,423.27
Trust Other	98,335.21
Parks Open Space	31,853.58
Unemployment Trust	27,414.96
Utility	31,098.65
Utility Capital	88,737.36
Utility CD	500,000.00
Outstanding Debt:	
Borough	3,022,158.00
Utility	171,000.00

**EMERGENCY SERVICES:** Councilman Frank Hartman read the Fire Company report for January, 2016 as follows:  
 The fire department responded to 36 alarms and held 2 drills for a total of 725 man hours.  
 The ambulance volunteer squad responded to 8 alarms and held 1 drill.

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

32	Adult Arrests	0	Juvenile Arrests
0	Assaults to Police	07	Simple Assault Complaints
4	Criminal Mischief Complaints	12	Harassment Complaints
141	Other Investigations & Compl.	03	Burglaries
01	Robberies	18	Thefts \$7495.00
\$3875.	Stolen Property Recovered	01	Motor Vehicle Thefts
15	DWI Arrests	06	Narcotics Arrests
286	Traffic Summonses Issued	28	Motor Vehicle Accidents
06	Injuries from Car Accidents	01	Fatal Pedestrian Accident
33	Alarm Activations	87	Total Crime Reports Taken
747	Total Calls for Police Service		
110	Properties Inspected	90	Snow Removal Notices Issued
02	Code Summonses Issued		

**PUBLIC EVENTS:** Councilman David Gray stated the Easter Egg Hunt will be held last Saturday in March. Looking to expand the size of the field to be more of a challenge. He spoke about communicating to the public through Facebook and Twitter as well as the borough website, and looking for an intern to help with this project. He also thanked the DPW for their hard work during the snow storm.

**PUBLIC WORKS & LIGHTING:** Councilman John Dudley read the DPW monthly report for January, 2016 as follows:  
 The chipper was out for the month of January, checked street signs and made a list of replacements, 1/8/16 took down Christmas tree, cleared storm drains, 1/11 to 1/19 took electronics to scrap yard, 1/17 afternoon snow showers PM call out – black ice salted roads and Sterling Arms, call for snow, put snow plows and spreaders on truck, 1/22 blizzard of 2016 plowed for days, also plowed and salted Sterling Arms, 1/27 removal of snow on storm drains – one plow truck, backhoe and three men, also repaired pot holes.

**ORDINANCE & PROPERTY:** Councilwoman Holly Tate reported she had a phone meeting with her Bradlees Committee members. The Incollingo Committee will wait to hear from the courts related to the Affordable Housing.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ord.2016:01 Ordinance 2016:01 – Rate CAP 3.5%

Clerk presented proof of publication. Meeting was opened to the public and after ample time and no questions were asked, the meeting was closed to the public. Motion to finally adopt was made by Councilman Angeli, seconded by Councilman Hartman, with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

MOTION CARRIED

**ORDINANCE 2016:01**

**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK**

**(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford in the County of Camden, finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY2016 budget by up and 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$158,364.55 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS, THE Mayor and Borough Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford, in the County of Camden, a majority of the full authorized membership of the governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY2016 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Stratford shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$158,364.55 and that the CY2016 municipal budget for the Borough of Stratford be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced to be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

*Josh Keenan, Mayor*

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and passed on the first reading at the meeting of the Governing Body held on the 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 and will be considered for final passage on the 09<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016 at a meeting at the Stratford Justice Facility, 315 Union Avenue, Stratford, NJ.

*John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC*

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing ordinance was adopted for final passage on the 09<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016 at a meeting at the Stratford Justice Facility, 315 Union Avenue, Stratford, NJ.

*John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC*

Ord.2016:02 Ordinance 2016:02 – Special Emergency Appropriation - \$50,000.  
 Clerk presented proof of publication. Meeting was opened to the public. Pat Walsh of Meadow Lark Road inquired to COAH Office. The Solicitor explained the COAH State Office no longer exists and explained about the Fair Share Housing Group being a part now. After ample time and no other questions were asked, the meeting was closed to the public. Motion to finally adopt was made by Councilman Gray, seconded by Councilman Dudley, with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

MOTION CARRIED

**ORDINANCE 2016:02**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ANNUAL SEWER RATES FOR THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD, CAMDEN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford:

SECTION 1

The unit rate effective April 01, 2016 will be set at \$100.00 per residential unit, and \$147.00 per non-residential unit.

SECTION 2

- A. A property owner who resides in the home as his primary residence and has attained the age of 65 years by the end of the prior year will receive a 50% discount on the annual rate of sewerage for his residence. Proper proof of age must be received by the borough prior to March 1 of each year.
- B. If the owner has been approved to receive the NJ State Senior Citizen Tax Deduction of \$250.00 the owner will receive a 100% discount on the annual rate of sewerage for his residence. If the property owner is ineligible for the program in any year, the discount will be restored to the 50% discount level and the fee collected retroactively.
- C. If the property is a multifamily unit, the discounts are to be applied only to the unit in which the property owner resides.

SECTION 3

All Borough and Sewer Authority Ordinances and Resolutions and provisions thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4

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 5

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

*Josh Keenan, Mayor*

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

Ord.2016:03 Ordinance 2016:03 – 2016 Sewer Rate

Clerk presented proof of publication. Meeting was opened to the public and after ample time and no questions were asked, the meeting was closed to the public. Motion to finally adopt was made by Councilman Dudley, seconded by Councilman Gray, with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

MOTION CARRIED

**ORDINANCE 2016:03  
SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION-MASTER PLAN CODE UPDATES,  
AND REDEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, it has been found necessary to make an Emergency Appropriation to meet certain extraordinary expenses incurred, or to be incurred.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53 provides that it shall be lawful to make such appropriation, which appropriation and or the "special emergency notes" issued to finance the same shall be provided for in succeeding annual budgets by the inclusion of an appropriation of at least one-fifth of the amount authorized pursuant to this act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of Stratford with not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-55:

1. An emergency appropriation be and the same is hereby made for the ordinances for the preparation and execution of the master plan code updates and redevelopment in the total amount of \$50,000.00.
2. That said emergency appropriation shall be provided for in full in the budgets of the next succeeding years by the inclusion of not less than \$10,000.00 in each of the next succeeding annual budgets.
3. That an "Emergency Note" not in excess of the above amount authorized pursuant to law be provided.
4. That such note shall be executed by the CFO and by the Borough Clerk.
5. That said note shall be dated February 9, 2016, may be renewed from time to time, and such note and any renewals thereof shall mature and be paid in the amount of not less than one-fifth of the total amount appropriated by this ordinance in each year after the authorization thereof.

*Josh Keenan, Mayor*

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*John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ord.2016:04 Ordinance 2016:04 – Vacant and Abandoned Properties – Public Hearing 03/08/2016 at 7pm. The Ordinance was read by title. A motion was made to approve on first reading by Councilman Angeli, seconded by Councilwoman Tate with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Res.2016:40 Resolution 2016:40 – Authorize Execution of Contracts –Auditor and JLUB Solicitor On motion of Councilwoman Tate, seconded by Councilman Angeli with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION 2016:40**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford appointed Holman Frenia Allison, P.C. as the municipal auditors for 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford appointed Stuart Platt of Platt & Riso, P.C. as solicitor for the Joint Land Use Board; and

WHEREAS, the agreements have been received and reviewed at this time,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to authorize the execution of the agreement with Holman Frenia Allison, P.C. as the auditors for 2016 and Stuart A. Platt as solicitor for the JLUB for 2016.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted on February 9, 2016.

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

Res.2016:41 Resolution 2016:41 – Authorize Tax Assessor file appeals and complaints County Tax Bd. On motion of Councilwoman Tate, seconded by Councilman Hartman with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2016:41  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX ASSESSOR TO  
FILE APPEALS, ADDED AND OMITTED ASSESSMENT APPEALS,  
AND ROLLBACK COMPLAINTS WITH THE CAMDEN  
COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION**

WHEREAS, a statutory provision is made for review and correction of errors prior to certification of an assessment list; and

WHEREAS, provision is also allowed for the discovery and correction of errors after establishment of the tax rate; and

WHEREAS, change in property ownership at times necessitates adjustments in the veteran’s and/or senior citizen’s deduction allowed on the assessment list; and

WHEREAS, responsibility for maintenance and correction of the assessment lists rests with the local Tax Assessor subject to specific laws and regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden and State of New Jersey, that the Tax Assessor, Brian Schneider, CTA, SLREA, is hereby authorized to file with the Camden County Board of Taxation all such appeals, including Omitted and Added Assessment Appeals, as may be necessary to maintain accuracy and equality in the assessment list of the Borough of Stratford; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Assessor, Brian Schneider, CTA, SLREA, is hereby authorized to execute Stipulations of Settlement on behalf of the Borough of Stratford; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution accompany any appeal filed by the Tax Assessor with the Camden County Board of Taxation.

BOROUGH OF STRATFORD

*Josh Keenan, Mayor*

*John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC*

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body on February 9, 2016

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

Res.2016:42 Resolution 2016:42 – Designate CDBG YR 38 – Home Improvement Program On motion of Councilman Gray, seconded by Councilman Angeli with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION 2016:42**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford will be awarded Community Development Block Grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has chosen to submit an application for Program Year 38 (2016-2017); and

WHEREAS, the grant application for Year 38 (2016-2017) for the Borough of Stratford is \$23,200.00; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has agreed to designate the funding for the following activity:

COUNTY HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

To be utilized for additional funding for Stratford residents who may qualify for the County Home Improvement Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Project Description Form for Program Year 38 (2016-2017).

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted on February 9, 2016.

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

Res.2016:43

Resolution 2016:43 – Appoint Borough Planner – Pamela Pellegrini

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION 2016:43**

WHEREAS, the Borough requested issued an RFP for Borough Planner; and

WHEREAS, responses were received and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, the recommendation for appointment is to Pamela Pellegrini of Maser Consulting, P.A.,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford to appoint Pamela Pellegrini of Maser Consulting, P.A. as the Borough Planner.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted on February 9, 2016

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

Res.2016:44

Resolution 2016:44 – Authorize 2015 Recycling Tonnage Grant Application

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

**RESOLUTION 2016:44**

**TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c.102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to Implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for such tonnage grants for the calendar year 2015 will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of Stratford Borough Council to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

WHEREAS, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that Stratford hereby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates John Keenan, to ensure that the application is properly files; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purpose of recycling.

I certify the above to be a true copy of a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford on February 9, 2016.

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

Res.2016:45 Resolution 2016:45 – Refund Birth Certificate overpayment  
On motion of Councilwoman Tate, seconded by Councilman Hartman with all ayes on the vote.

**RESOLUTION 2016:45**

WHEREAS, Edward C. Tringo Jr., applied and requested one birth certificate; and  
WHEREAS, Mr. Tringo send a money order in the amount of \$25.00 when in fact the charge is \$20.00,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council to authorize a refund of the overpayment of \$5.00 to Edward C. Tringo, Jr. for a birth record.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted on February 9, 2016

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

PROCLAMATION: Read Across America/Read Across NJ  
Dr. Seuss’ 112<sup>th</sup> Birthday, 3/2/2016

**PROCLAMATION**

**READ ACROSS AMERICA/READ ACROSS NJ**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Stratford stand firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students’ future academic success, their preparation for America’s jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, Stratford has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education of our youth, grounded in the principle that educational investment is key to the community’s well-being and long-term quality of life; and

WHEREAS, *NEA’s Read Across America*, a national celebration of reading, will be conducted on March 2, 2016, which would have been the 112<sup>th</sup> birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel, better know as Dr. Seuss; and

WHEREAS, *Read Across America-NJ* is being conducted statewide by the New Jersey Education Association, in partnership with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the New Jersey Library Association, and their local affiliates across the state to promote reading and adult involvement in the education of our community’s students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Stratford calls on the citizens of Stratford to assure that every child is in a safe place reading together with a caring adult on March 2, 2016;

AN BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body enthusiastically endorses *NEA’s Read Across America* and *Read Across America-NJ*, and recommits our community to engage in programs and activities to make America’s children the best readers in the world.

*Josh Keenan, Mayor*

Attest: *John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC*  
*February 09, 2016*

RAFFLE #626 – PTA Our Lady of Guadalupe – 50-50 Raffle  
LICENSE: On motion of Councilman Gray, seconded by Councilman Dudley with all ayes on the vote.

#627 – PTA Our Lady of Guadalupe – Carnival May 10 thru 14, 2016  
On motion of Councilman Angeli, seconded by Councilman Gray with all ayes on the vote.

BUSINESS Desi Auto Repair  
LICENSE: 307 S. White Horse Pike  
On motion of Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Angeli with all ayes on the vote.



**APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Be it resolved to approve payment of bills numbered from #29004 through #29102; Animal Control Checks #1643 through #1646; Manual Checks #19717 through #19724; Payroll Checks #44176, 44177, and #44239 through #44242; and Various Wires.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

**MAYOR**

**APPOINTMENT:** Mayor Keenan made an appointment to the JLUB to fill a vacancy. The appointment of Paul McGovern to a Class IV member expiring December 31, 2016.

**COUNCIL**

**COMMENTS:** Councilman Angeli thanked Bill and Jackie Souders for providing the calendar. He also reminded residents about the goal this year to get the subscribers for the eblast to 1000 by year end. The local school is going to help promote the eblast through their eblast.

Councilman Hartman thanked DPW for a job well done during the recent snow storm.

Councilwoman Tate asked for a list of repairs to the buildings for consideration in the 2016 budget.

**GOOD AND WELFARE:**

Mike Mangano inquired to the 57 vacant homes. The Clerk explained how taxes are paid by the mortgage lenders.

Mark Wehrle of Elinor Avenue inquired to the Affordable Housing. He also expressed his concern about a sign on Laurel Road which he can see from his home which light seems bright. The Clerk explained the distance being so far that the footcandle measurement would not be out of compliance.

Pat Walsh of Meadow Lark Road inquired to the Abandoned Home Ordinance. The Solicitor explained.

John Gentless of Union Avenue inquired to the action taken after Executive Session at the Agenda Meeting. The Clerk explained the three resolutions acted upon. Mr. Gentless inquired to the resolution amending the Teamsters' Contract. The Clerk and Solicitor explained. He added the State will be offering a grant for \$40,000 to plant and \$40,000 for planting. He spoke about the Lindenwold parcel the Christian Academy owned was sold to the County. He inquired to chipping Christmas trees. The Clerk explained chipping still occurs. He inquired about the deer carcass removal process. The Police Chief explained an outside County vendor is contacted.

Steve Trillo of Laurel Springs was present to introduce himself as the manager of the Sterling Choral group and inquired about hanging a banner over Warwick Road. The Clerk explained the town no longer does this, and recommended he contact the County Highway Division since it is a county road.

**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., Borough Clerk