

**STRATFORD BOROUGH REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 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:**

**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:** Roy Malone, Former Stratford Emergency Management Coordinator  
Councilman Frank Hartman read and presented the Proclamation to Mr. Malone.  
Mr. Malone expressed his gratitude to everyone who assisted him over the years.

**PRESENTATION:**

SBCA donation to the Fire Company for the 9-1-1 Memorial  
Michael Maloney of the SBCA presented a check from the SBCA Trustees in the  
amount of \$1,000. to the officers of the Stratford Fire Company. There were three  
officers present to accept the check.

Tina Rauer as Police Employee of the Year  
Police Chief Morello read the citation, and along with Council President Angeli  
presented it to Tina Rauer.

**PUBLIC**

**PORTION:** Agnes Moore of Laureba Avenue inquired to Resolution 2016:33. The Clerk and Solicitor  
explained the appointment of the COAH Planner.

Michael Mangano of Union Avenue inquired to the deferred school tax. The Clerk explained.

John Gentless of Union Avenue inquired to the business license on the draft version of the  
agenda. The Clerk explained. Mr. Gentless also inquired to the shared service agreements.

**MINUTES:**

December 08, 2015 Agenda Meeting  
On motion of Councilman Angeli, seconded by Councilwoman Tate with all ayes on the  
vote with the exception of Councilman Green abstaining.

December 13, 2015 Regular Meeting  
On motion of Councilwoman Tate, seconded by Councilman Angeli with all ayes on the  
vote, with the exception of Councilman Green abstaining.

REPORTS:

FINANCE & REVENUE: Councilman Patrick Green explained his committee is getting ready for the preparation of the 2016 budget. He read the Finance Report for December, 2015 as submitted by the CFO as follows:

BALANCE DECEMBER 1, 2016	1,765,788.15
Total Receipts	832,905.18
Total Disbursements	1,635,840.66
BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2016	962,852.67
SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNT BALANCES DECEMBER 31, 2016	
Municipal Alliance	29,979.87
Animal Control	21,599.27
General Capital	184,176.20
Developers Escrow	41,161.15
POAA	120.00
Special Law Enforcement Trust	15,377.60
UCC/LEA Trust	99,105.64
Uniform Fire Safety	3,596.60
Tax Title Lien	584,888.28
Trust Other	98,967.56
Parks Open Space	33,003.55
Unemployment Trust	27,409.16
Utility	88,759.54
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 Ambulance and Fire Company report for December 2015 as follows:

Ambulance -The paid crew answered 104 calls with a YTD of 1175 calls. The volunteer crew answered 16 calls and held 1 drill with a YTD of 225 calls.

Fire – Councilman Hartman read the list of officers for 2016. He also reported the Fire Company answered 40 alarms and held 1 drill. The YTD is 354 alarms, 21 drills for a total of 6340 man hours.

POLICE: Councilman Ben Angeli read the Police Activity report for December, 2015 as submitted by the Police Chief as follows:

45	Adult Arrests	0	Juvenile Arrests
0	Assaults to Police	6	Simple Assault Complaints
6	Criminal Mischief Complaints	14	Harassment Complaints
129	Other Investigations & Compl.	01	Burglaries
0	Robberies	24	Thefts \$1,650.00
\$450.	Stolen Property Recovered	0	Motor Vehicle Thefts
21	DWI Arrests	08	Narcotics Arrests
379	Traffic Summonses issued	0	Red Light Camera Summonses
31	Motor Vehicle Accidents	09	Injuries from car accidents
32	Alarm Activations	81	Total crime reports taken
718	Total Calls for Police Service		
Code Enforcement Report:			
22	Properties inspected	06	Warning Letters Issued
02	Code Summonses Issued		
2015 YEAR END POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT			
469	Adult Arrests	31	Juvenile Arrests
0	Homicide	06	Assaults to Police
64	Simple Assaults	72	Criminal Mischief Complaints
174	Harassment Complaints	1421	Other Investigations & Complaints

16	Burglaries, (residential or commercial)	03	Robberies by Weapons or Force
135	Thefts \$138,610.00 in property stolen		
\$77,672.00	Stolen Property Recovered	01	Motor Vehicle Theft
193	Drunk Driving Arrests	75	Narcotics Arrests
4953	Traffic Tickets Issued	321	Motor Vehicle Accidents
77	Injuries from Car Accidents	0	Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents
393	Alarm Activations	907	Total Crime Reports taken
6532	Total Calls for Police		

2016 YEAR END CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

762	Properties Inspected	454	Property Warning Letters Issued
145	Junk Vehicle Letters Issued	44	Property Code Summonses Issued

Councilman Angeli commented crime is down in Stratford based on the 2015 annual report and thanked the police department for a job well done.

PUBLIC EVENTS:

Councilman David Gray reported getting ready for the Easter Egg Hunt which is scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm and is noted on the town calendar. He also stated many neighboring towns have someone dedicated to Miss Town Pageant. He expressed someone who might be interested to come forward.

PUBLIC WORKS & LIGHTING:

Councilman John Dudley read the DPW and Sewer Utility reports for December, 2016 as follows:  
 DPW-Both leaf machines were out every day, weather permitting; serviced snow plows and trucks all but one truck ready to go; cutting and leaf clean up at Sterling Arm's and park; serviced the chipper – oil change, chipper is ready for January 1<sup>st</sup>; pot hold repair and sign repairs. Happy New Year from the DPW!  
 Sewer Utility-there were 11 emergency service call outs; preemptive checks of all manholes and pump stations performed; sewer line maintenance performed N/A; work request performed-cleaned the Library roof; regular maintenance activities performed include – clear trash and empty cans at Yellin School, Parkview School and Vassar ballfields (performed weekly); clear storm drains after rain; pick up metal every other week.

ORDINANCE & PROPERTY:

Councilwoman Holly Tate reported there are 3 Ordinances and 7 Resolutions on for tonight's meeting. She spoke about the JLUB joint meeting with Council next Tuesday and until the litigation is resolved things are on hold. She stated the vacant home list shows 57 homes, and 11 non-residential properties. She also reviewed and detailed the Code Officer's monthly and YTD reports. She gave an update on the Planner and Legal expenses for the COAH litigation at \$46,344, which this is \$1,344. over the \$45,000. in the special appropriation. Some invoices are now unpaid. She reported there were 3 Ordinances and 7 Resolutions for action this evening.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Ord.2016:01 Ordinance 2016:01 – Rate CAP 3.5% - Public Hearing 2/9/16  
 The Ordinance was read by title. A motion was made to approve on first reading by Councilwoman Tate, seconded by Councilman Hartman with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Ord.2016:02 Ordinance 2016:02 – Special Emergency Appropriation - \$50,000. – Public Hearing 2/9/16  
 The Ordinance was read by title. A motion was made to approve on first reading by Councilwoman Tate, seconded by Councilman Angeli with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Ord.2016:03 Ordinance 2016:03 – 2016 Sewer Rate – Public Hearing 2/9/16  
 The Ordinance was read by title. A motion was made to approve on first reading by Councilman Gray, seconded by Councilman Angeli with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Res.2016:27 Resolution 2016:27 – Authorize Execution Shared Service – Sterling Arms Condos  
 On motion of Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Gray with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION 2016:27**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford offers the service of grass cutting to the Sterling Arms Condo; and

WHEREAS, Stratford Department of Public Works cuts the grass at the Sterling Arms Condos; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Solicitor has reviewed the Shared Service Agreements between the parties and has approved of its content,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council to authorize the execution of the Shared Service Agreements between Sterling Arms Condos and the Borough of Stratford.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted on January 12, 2015.

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

Res.2016:28 Resolution 2016:28 – Authorize Execution Shared Service – Stratford Bd. of Ed.  
 On motion of Council Dudley, seconded by Councilman Angeli with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION 2016:28**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford offers the service of grass cutting to the Stratford Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Stratford Department of Public Works cuts the grass at the Yellin and Parkview Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Solicitor has reviewed the Shared Service Agreements between the parties and has approved of its content,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council to authorize the execution of the Shared Service Agreements between Stratford Board of Education and the Borough of Stratford.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted on January 12, 2015.

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

Res.2016:29

Resolution 2016:29 – Deferred Regional School Levy

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION 2016:29**

WHEREAS, the regulations provide for the deferral of not more than 50% of the annual levy when school taxes are raised for a school year and have not been requisitioned by the school district; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services requires that a resolution be adopted by a majority of the governing body prior to February 13<sup>th</sup> of the year subsequent to the deferral, authorizing an increase in the amount of the deferral; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey to decrease the amount of Regional School deferred taxes by \$23,213.50.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that the amount of Regional School Taxes deferred be decreased to \$1,450,604.51.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, hereby certify that the above foregoing resolution was adopted by the Governing Body at their Regular Meeting on January 12, 2016.

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

Res.2016:30

Resolution 2016:30 – Adopt Rules of Council

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION 2016:30**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Governing Body has reviewed and prepared Rules of Council for the year 2016,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to adopt the Rules of Council for the Governing Body for the year 2016.

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

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

Res.2016:31

Resolution 2016:31 – Authorize County Cooperative – 2016 Solid Waste Disposal

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION 2016:31**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford participates in the County Cooperative Pricing System; and

WHEREAS, the County Cooperative Pricing System has received a bid for the solid waste disposal from one bidder; and

WHEREAS, the one bid was from Camden County Energy Recovery Associates, LP in the amount of \$66.66 per ton for the term January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to authorize the execution of the contract with Camden County Energy Recovery Associates, LP in the amount of \$66.66 per ton for the disposal of solid waste for the term of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted on January 12, 2016.

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

Res.2016:32 Resolution 2016:32 – Appoint Risk Management Consultant 2016 – AJM Insurance  
On motion of Councilwoman Tate, seconded by Councilman Angeli with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION 2016:32**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT**

WHEREAS, Borough of Stratford (hereinafter “Local Unit”) has joined the Statewide Insurance Fund (hereinafter “Fund”) a joint insurance fund as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws required participating members to appoint a Risk Management Consultant, as those positions are defined in the Bylaws, if requested to do so by the “Fund”, and

WHEREAS, the Local Unit has complied with relevant law with regard to the appointment of a Risk Management Consultant; and

WHEREAS, the “Fund” has requested its members to appoint individuals or entitles to that position; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of “Local Unit”, in the County of Camden and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Borough of Stratford hereby appoints Assured Partners of NJ dba AJM Insurance Management its local Risk Management Consultant.
2. The Mayor Josh Keenan (authorized representative of the public entity) and Risk Management Consultant are hereby authorized to execute the Risk Management Consultant’s Agreement for the year 2016 in the form attached hereto.

Name of Entity: Borough of Stratford

Attest:

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

*Josh Keenan, Mayor*

**Certification**

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Clerk of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the governing body on January 12, 2016.

*John D. Keenan, Jr., Clerk*

Res.2016:33 Resolution 2016:33 – Authorize Pam Pellegrini – COAH Planner  
On motion of Councilwoman Tate, seconded by Councilman Gray with all ayes on the roll call vote as follows:

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

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION 2016:33**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford has been utilizing the services of Maser Consulting P.A. during the 2015; and

WHEREAS, Pamela Pellegrini from Maser Consulting P.A. has been the employee appointed and working as the JLUB Engineer and JLUB Planner during 2015; and

WHEREAS, under 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 the Borough of Stratford continues the need for a Planner to address the Housing Element and the Fair Share Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford did issue an RFP for a Planner for 2016 under the NJ Pay to Play regulations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to authorize Pamela Pellegrini of Maser Consulting P.A. to be the Borough Planner related only to the Complaint for Declaratory Judgment Docket No. L2613-15 Civil Action, Relief Pursuant to the Fair Housing Act, NJSA 52:27D-313 for the Mt. Laurel Doctrine.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted on January 12, 2016.

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

RAFFLE #625 – Knights of Columbus  
 LICENSE: On motion of Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Dudley with all ayes on the vote, the Raffle License was approved.

#626 – PTA Our Lady of Guadalupe  
 On motion of Councilman Angeli, seconded by Councilwoman Tate with all ayes on the vote, the Raffle License was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Be it resolved to approve payment of bills numbered from #28890 through #29003; Animal Control Checks #1641 and #1642; Manual Checks #19711 through #19716; Payroll Checks #44073 and #44124 through #44127; and Various Wires.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilman Gray had nothing to report.  
 Councilman Hartman had nothing to report.  
 Councilman Dudley has nothing to report.  
 Councilman Angeli spoke about Roy Malone and how he will be missed. He thanked the Souder's for providing the town calendar. He reminded residents of the electronic recycling this week with the trailer in the borough parking lot. He did note the SBCA check for the Fire Company was \$1,000. He noted how important the eblast is to providing information to residents.  
 Councilman Dudley stated when DPW was possibly going to need Class A drivers, Roy Malone was the first to come forward to offer his assistance.  
 Councilwoman Tate had nothing to report.  
 Councilman Green had nothing to report.

GOOD AND WELFARE: John Gentless of Union Avenue inquired about public hearing resolutions for the three ordinances adopted this evening. The Solicitor stated it is not required as long as the public hearing date and time is provided which it was this evening. He thanked the Clerk for posting the minutes to the website. He inquired to what action was taken after the executive session at the Agenda Meeting. The Clerk explained an amendment to the Police Chief's contract was authorized and the hiring of a DPW Laborer took place. He inquired about DPW yard and wheel ruts in the mud. Councilman Dudley explained the backhoe was used to place the holiday decorations back into storage and it was wet out and the ground was soft. Mr. Gentless inquired about LED bulbs for the signal lights. The Clerk explained the borough participated in a program some 19 years ago with GE in the purchase and changing the borough signal lights to LED.

Rosie Simpkins of Yale Avenue stated the certificate of occupancy was issued for the Quaker Store and invited everyone to come out to their meeting on Thursday for refreshments. She also stated she had participated in Roy Malone's CERT program and stated Roy was very helpful.

Carman Mangano of Evergreen Road thanked Mayor and Council for hiring his son full time for DPW and stated every time it was discussed in the past it always ended in resistance but it was nice to see in a very short time Council working together and hopeful moving forward.

ADJOURN: On motion of Councilman Dudley, seconded by Councilwoman Tate with all eyes on the vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm

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