

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019  
7:00 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Keenan called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**STATEMENT OF ADVERTISEMENT:** The Mayor read the following statement:

Notice of this meeting has been provided to the Courier Post and The Retrospect and is posted on the Borough Hall Bulletin Board stating the time and the place of the meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Keenan led the Pledge and said an opening prayer.

**ROLL CALL:**

MAYOR JOSH KEENAN - PRESENT  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT TINA LOMANNO - PRESENT  
TOM COLLINS, COUNCILMAN - PRESENT  
PATRICK GILLIGAN, COUNCILMAN - ABSENT  
PATRICK GREEN, COUNCILMAN- PRESENT  
LINDA HALL, COUNCILWOMAN- PRESENT  
FRANK HARTMAN, COUNCILMAN – PRESENT  
STUART PLATT, SOLICITOR - PRESENT  
RON MORELLO, POLICE CHIEF - PRESENT  
MICHAELA BOSLER, DEPUTY CLERK - PRESENT  
BEN ANGELI, BOROUGH CLERK - PRESENT

**PROCLAMATION – CITIZENSHIP AWARD – SAMUEL S. YELLIN BLUE AND GOLD CHOIR:**

Councilwoman Hall presented a citizenship award to the Samuel S. Yellin Blue and Gold Choir and their Director Mr. Bill Cohn for achieving 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the B101 2018 Christmas Carol Competition.

**PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:**

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

John Gentless – 111 Union Ave. – Questioned which property was being referenced in Resolution 2019:57 and asked for clarification on the resolution. The Clerk responded it was the old Bradlees site and that they are planned to be a part of a PILOT program. Asked what project is being applied for in Resolution 2019:58 and the Clerk responded the project applied for will be the reconstruction of Coolidge Ave., Hunt Ave., and Bishop Terrace. Asked what redevelopment site is being covered in Ordinance 2019:04; the Clerk responded that there is no particular site and the money can be used for any redevelopment matters that may arise. Questioned whether or not executive session can take place tonight as it was not on the agenda. The Solicitor responded that the intent is to amend the agenda by adding the resolution. Asked questions about Resolution 2019:60: whether or not it included tenure or a salary increase, and what the term length would be. The Solicitor responded the term is for three years per state statute and that it would not include tenure or a salary increase. Discussion about how the resolution got onto the agenda. Stated that the Clerk should not take the roll call vote for this resolution. The Solicitor disagreed stating it was appropriate for the Clerk to take roll call for this vote.

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

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**REPORTS:**

**ORDINANCE & PROPERTY** Councilman Patrick Green read the Code Enforcement report as follows:

Follow Up's: 21  
 Warning Letters: 16  
 Violations Resolved: 17  
 Complaints Signed: 2

*Submitted by Stephen Gagliardi, Code Enforcement Officer*

**FINANCE & REVENUE** Due to Councilman Patrick Gilligan's absence, the finance and revenue report for February 2019 was tabled.

**POLICE** Councilwoman Lomanno read the report as follows:

39 Adult arrests,  
 0 Juvenile arrests,  
 1 assaults to police,  
 5 Simple assaults Complaints,  
 3 Criminal Mischief Complaints,  
 19 Harassment complaints,  
 108 Other investigations and complaints,  
 1 burglaries,  
 2 robberies,  
 13 thefts in the amount of \$4,438.00,  
 \$4,715.00 in stolen property recovered,  
 0 motor vehicle thefts,  
 16 D.W.I. arrests,  
 10 Narcotics arrests,  
 449 Traffic summonses issued,  
 27 Motor vehicle accidents,  
 3 injuries from accidents  
 30 Alarm activations,

82 Total crime reports taken  
 707 total calls for police service  
*Submitted by Ron Morello, Chief of Police*

**EMERGENCY SERVICES** Councilman Frank Hartman read portions of the following reports:

Fire Department

The Stratford Fire Department responded to 48 Alarms 2 Drills in the month  
 January 2019. The following list is a breakdown of the same:

	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Dwelling Fires	0	0
Building Fires	1	1
Investigations	10	10
Out of Town Assists	14	14
Alarm Systems	7	7
Assist Ambulance, Police, Public	4	4
Car Fires	0	0

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Wires, Trees Down	2	2
Rescues & M.V.A.'s	10	10
Brush Fires	0	0
Drills	2	2

Total man hours on the above alarm drills was 503

*Submitted by Stephen Gagliardi, Deputy Chief*

Ambulance Association

The Stratford Ambulance Association **Paid Crew** responded to 103 Alarms in the month of **January 2019**, the following is a breakdown of the same:

	<u>Paid</u>	
	<u>Month</u>	<u>Y.T.D.</u>
1. Assault	1	1
2. Bleeding	3	3
3. Cardiac	8	8
4. CVA	4	4
5. Diabetic	1	1
6. Fall	12	12
7. Fire Call	2	2
8. Haz-Mat	0	0
9. Maternity	0	0
10. Medical Emergency	29	29
11. Medical Alarm	1	1
12. MVA	7	7
13. Overdose	2	2
14. Ped/MVA	0	0
15. Psych. Emergency	4	4
16. Respiratory	18	18
17. Seizures	1	1
18. Sick Person	7	7
19. Special Assignment	0	0
20. Unconscious Person	3	3

Year to Date Calls

**Paid: 103**

*Submitted by Lois Tadley, Chief-Stratford Ambulance*

The Stratford Ambulance Association **Volunteer Crew** responded to 14 Alarms in the month of **January 2019**, the following is a breakdown of the same:

	<u>Volunteer</u>	
	<u>Month</u>	<u>Y.T.D.</u>
1. Assault	0	0
2. Bleeding	0	0
3. Cardiac	1	1
4. CVA	0	0
5. Diabetic	0	0
6. Fall	3	3
7. Fire Call	2	2
8. Haz-Mat	0	0
9. Maternity	0	0
10. Medical Emergency	3	3
11. Medical Alarm	0	0

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12. MVA	2	2
13. Overdose	0	0
14. Ped/MVA	0	0
15. Psych. Emergency	1	1
16. Respiratory	1	1
17. Seizures	1	1
18. Sick Person	0	0
19. Special Assignment	0	0
20. Unconscious Person	0	0

Year to Date Calls

**Volunteer: 14**

*Submitted by Lois Tadley, Chief-Stratford Ambulance*

Councilman Hartman also stated the following businesses have signed up for the Knox Box program: Burger King, D'Amicos Family Restaurant, CCMUA Pump Station, Goodwill Industries, Jefferson Health at 30 E. Laurel Rd., 101 E. Laurel Rd., and 205 E. Laurel Rd.

**PUBLIC WORKS & LIGHTING** Councilman Tom Collins read the reports as follows:

Sewer Utility

- Call outs for emergency service: 14
- Performed preemptive checks and required maintenance of all manholes and pump stations
- Sewer line maintenance performed: N/A
- Work requests performed:
  - Installed seat line dispensers in Borough Hall public bathrooms
  - Cleared vinyl lettering from old signs sized for the railroad track holders, preparing for reuse
  - Installed keyboard tray at the Borough Hall front desk
  - Assembled 2 office chairs for the court administration office
  - Replaced bulbs in the outside lights at the Senior Center
  - Removed snow from Borough building and property sidewalks
- Regular maintenance activities performed include:
  - Weekly trash pickup and cleanup at Yellin School, Parkview School and Vassar Ave. ball fields
  - Clearing of debris from storm drains after rain
  - Bi-weekly town wide metal/appliance collection

Councilman Collins asked to table the Public Works report for the next meeting

**PUBLIC EVENTS** Councilwoman Linda Hall announced the upcoming spring events. She stated annual Easter Egg Hunt and Fire Department Flower Sale will continue this year. There will be a Miss Stratford and a Little Miss Stratford Pageant this year and if anyone has any suggestions to forward them to her.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- ORDINANCE 2019:01 – BOND ORDINANCE

Hartman motioned to open the public hearing on ordinance 2019:01. Lomanno seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Voice Vote.

There were no comments from the public.

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Collins motioned to close the public hearing on ordinance 2019:01. Lomanno seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Voice Vote.

Green motioned to adopt Ordinance 2019:01. Lomanno seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- ORDINANCE 2019:02 – AMEND CHAPTER 10.44 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED “TRAFFIC SCHEDULES”

This is the first reading and introduction, the public hearing for this ordinance will be on March 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m..

WHEREAS, the Governing Body desires for the betterment of the community and the general health and welfare of its citizens making an amendment to the Borough Code Chapter 10.44, entitled “Traffic Schedules”; and

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 01. Amend 10.44.100 – “School Crosswalks”, Section B – “Crosswalks” to add a new crosswalk listed as “Laurel Road and Atlantic Avenue”

SECTION 02. All Ordinances and provisions thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 03. If any article, section, sub-section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision or invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions or provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 04. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication in accordance with the laws of the state of New Jersey.

Hartman motioned to approve the introduction of Ordinance 2019:02. Hall seconded the motion and all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

- ORDINANCE 2019:03 – AMEND CHAPTER 10 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED “VEHICLES IN TRAFFIC”

This is the first reading and introduction, the public hearing for this ordinance will be on March 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m..

WHEREAS, the Governing Body desires for the betterment of the community and the general health and welfare of its citizens making an amendment to the Borough Code Chapter 10 entitled “Vehicles in Traffic”; and

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 01. Amend Chapter 10 – “Vehicles in Traffic” to add Section 10.04.085, to be entitled “Left turns prohibited” to read as follows:

“No person shall turn a vehicle to make a left turn from Parkview Road into Parkview School located at 123 Parkview Road between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

No person shall turn a vehicle to make a left turn from Parkview School located at 123 Parkview Road onto Parkview Road between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.”

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SECTION 02. All Ordinances and provisions thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 03. If any article, section, sub-section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision or invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions or provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 04. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication in accordance with the laws of the state of New Jersey.

Hartman motioned to approve the introduction of Ordinance 2019:03. Lomanno seconded the motion and all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

○ ORDINANCE 2019:04 – SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR REDEVELOPMENT AND REVISION AND CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES

This is the first reading and introduction, the public hearing for this ordinance will be on March 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m..

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 that 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 Redevelopment and Revision and Codification of Ordinances in the total amount of \$25,000.00.
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 \$5,000.00 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 March 14, 2019, 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.
6. A copy of the adopted ordinance will be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

Green motioned to approve the introduction of Ordinance 2019:04. Hall seconded the motion and all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

Lomanno motioned to add Resolution 2019:63 into the consent agenda. Hall seconded the motion, with Lomanno, Collins, Green, and Hall in favor, and Hartman opposed in a Roll Call Vote. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS 2019:46 THROUGH 2019:59 AND 2019:63 WILL BE DONE AS A CONSENT AGENDA

The Clerk stated that Council can at this time request to remove any of the resolutions from the consent agenda and they can be voted on separately. There were no requests to remove any of the resolutions from the consent agenda and the Clerk read the resolutions by title.

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- RESOLUTION 2019:46 – AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE UNDER STATE CONTRACT WITH INDEMIA & SECURITY USA LLC, FOR A POLICE LIVESCAN UNIT

WHEREAS, it was determined that there exists the immediate need for one (1) LiveScan Unit for the Borough of Stratford Police Department; and

WHEREAS, it was determined that a purchase agreement with INDEMIA & SECURITY USA LLC, 5515 East La Palma Avenue, Suite 10 Anaheim, CA 92807 for one (1) LiveScan Machine for the base sum of \$22,532.00 & one (1) printer in the sum of \$1086.15; and

WHEREAS, the purchase agreement for the LiveScan unit is not subject to the mandatory bid requirements for municipalities in the State of New Jersey, as having been procured pursuant to State Contract #A1520; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for the purchase under Stratford Borough Bond Ordinance # 2019-01 and will be available on March 4, 2019.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Borough of Stratford, that Mayor and Borough Clerk of the Borough are hereby authorized to execute the purchase agreement with INDEMIA & SECURITY USA LLC for one (1) LiveScan Unit, licenses, software, hardware, associated warranties & Printer in the total amount of \$27,126.79 under New Jersey State Contract #Contract #A1520

- RES. 2019:47 – AUTHORIZE EXECUTION – 2019 BOROUGH ENGINEER CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford appointed Steven Bach of Bach Associates, 304 White Horse Pike, Haddon Heights, New Jersey as the Borough Engineer for 2019; and

WHEREAS, Engineering services are necessary to promote the public health, safety and welfare in the Borough of Stratford; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to authorize the execution of the agreement with Steven Bach of Bach Associates. as the Borough Engineer for the Borough of Stratford for 2019 subject to the solicitor's approval.

- RES. 2019:48 – AUTHORIZE EXECUTION - 2019 BOROUGH AUDITOR CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford appointed Bowman & Company as the municipal auditors for 2019; 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 Bowman & Company as the auditors for 2019.

- RES. 2019:49 – AUTHORIZE EXECUTION - 2019 BOROUGH SOLICITOR CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford appointed Stuart Platt of Platt & Riso, P.C. as the Borough Solicitor for 2019; 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 Stuart Platt of Platt & Riso, P.C. as Borough Solicitor for the Borough of Stratford for 2019.

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○ RES. 2019:50 – AUTHORIZE EXECUTION 2019 BOROUGH REDEVELOPMENT SOLICITOR CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford appointed M. James Maley of Maley Givens, P.C. as the Redevelopment Solicitor for 2019; 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 M. James Maley of Maley Givens, P.C. as Redevelopment Solicitor for the Borough of Stratford for 2019.

○ RES. 2019:51 – AUTHORIZE EXECUTION – 2019 REDEVELOPMENT PLANNER CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford appointed Pamela Pellegrini of Maser Consulting P.A., the Redevelopment Planner for 2019; 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 Pam Pellegrini of Maser Consulting, P.A. as Redevelopment Planner for the Borough of Stratford for 2019.

○ RES. 2019:52 – REFUND TAX OVERPAYMENT (BLOCK 56, LOT 27)

WHEREAS, an overpayment was received in the Tax Collector's office for Block 56, Lot 27 - 104 Suburban Terr;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford the amount of \$1146.38 be disbursed to Bruce J. McIntosh for the overpayment.

○ RES. 2019:53 – REFUND TAX OVERPAYMENT (BLOCK 92, LOT 9)

WHEREAS, a payment was received from CoreLogic Tax Service in the Tax Collector's office for Block 92, Lot 9 - 5 Green Tree Road;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford the amount of \$1,641.31 be disbursed to CoreLogic Tax Service for the overpayment.

○ RES. 2019:54 – REFUND TAX OVERPAYMENT (BLOCK 101, LOT 17)

WHEREAS, an overpayment was received in the Tax Collector's office for Block 101, Lot 17 - 39 Sunnybrook Road;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford the amount of \$19.02 be disbursed to CoreLogic Tax Service for the overpayment.

○ RES. 2019:55 – AUTHORIZE A MONTH TO MONTH AGREEMENT FOR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL UNDER THE CAMDEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25 adopted December 21, 2017, the Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders authorized and awarded a contract to Camden County Energy Recovery Associates, LP, 445 South Street, Morristown, New Jersey 07960, for Bid A-61/2015 - 3" Year Option, for Disposal of Solid Waste for Camden County and Various Camden County Agencies and Municipalities, under the Camden County Cooperative Pricing System, ID #57-CCCPS, for the term commencing January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, the Division of Purchasing is in the process of re-procuring these services through a publicly advertised bid; and

WHEREAS, pending the award of bid for a new contract, both parties have agreed to extend the current contract for a period of 30 days with the same rates, terms and conditions in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the 2018 year contract between Camden County Energy Recovery Associates, L.P., for Bid A-61/2015, (Third Year Option) be and the same is hereby extended for a period of thirty (30) days at the same rates, terms and conditions pending the re-procurement of said services by the County of Camden.

○ RES. 2019:56 – AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT FOR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL UNDER THE CAMDEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford is a member of the Camden County Purchasing Co-Operative: and

WHEREAS, the county advertised and received bids for Solid Waste Disposal; and

WHEREAS, the bids were opened on December 14, 2018 at 11:00; and

WHEREAS; Camden County Energy Recovery Associates, L.P., 445 South Street, Morristown, NJ 07960 the sole bidder complied with the specifications and bid the base rate of \$78.00 per ton for the term of one year commencing on or about February 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, with four (4) one-year option, said options to be exercised at the sole discretion of the County; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Chosen Freeholders to award the contract to Camden County Energy Recovery Associates, LP, 445 South Street, Morristown, New Jersey 07960, for Bid A-48/2018, Disposal of Solid Waste for County of Camden, various County Agencies and various Camden County Municipal Cooperative Purchasing Members; and

WHEREAS, in past years Stratford has utilized the County Purchasing cooperative for Solid Waste Disposal successfully,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to authorize the agreement with the Camden County Purchasing Cooperative and Camden County Energy Recovery Associates, L.P. at the rates listed in it's proposal Bid A-48/2018.

○ RES. 2019:57 – CANCEL IMPROVEMENT PORTION OF PRELIMINARY TAXES FOR BLOCK 62, LOT 2 AS PART OF PILOT

WHEREAS, an application has been received from Stratford Square Urban Renewal at 222 S White Horse Pike, Block 62, Lot 2, for a PILOT and;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council has determined that Stratford Square Urban Renewal will be taxed on the land portion only for Block 62, Lot 2 as part of the PILOT agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford to cancel the improvement portion of the preliminary tax in the amount of \$28,528.12 for the 1st quarter 2019 and \$28,528.11 for the 2nd quarter 2019.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that property taxes billed for the 1st and 2nd quarter 2019 taxes in the amount of \$57,056.23 be canceled.

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- RES. 2019:58 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ENGINEER TO MAKE APPLICATION AND THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CAMDEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AGREEMENT FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2019

WHEREAS, the Camden County Improvement Authority provides funding for certain infrastructure improvements under Community Development Block Grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has chosen to submit an application for Program Year 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford has agreed to apply for funding for the following project:

RECONSTRUCTION OF COOLIDGE AVENUE, HUNT AVENUE  
AND BISHOP TERRACE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute A Camden Authority Improvement Authority Community Development Grant Agreement for Program Year 2019.

- RES. 2019:59 – APPOINT CERTIFIED RECYCLING REPRESENTATIVE TO SUBMIT REPORT

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection has required the person submitting the Municipal Annual Recycling Report be a certified individual; and

WHEREAS, to be certified there are many courses, fees and time expended; and

WHEREAS, the Jill McCrea of Sewell, NJ has agreed to be the certified individual to represent the Borough of Stratford in submitting the Annual Recycling Report.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body to appoint Jill McCrea of Sewell, NJ to be the certified recycling representative to submit the NJ DEP Municipal Annual Recycling Report for the Borough of Stratford for the fee of \$750.00.

- RES. 2019:63 – A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 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 N.J.S.A. 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.

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\_\_\_\_\_ (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. These items are for #7 of the Executive Session Resolution for matter relating to litigation, negotiations, and the Attorney-Client Privilege.

\_\_\_\_\_ (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 February 12, 2019 that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on February 12, 2019 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.

Collins motioned to approve the consent agenda. Hall seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

○ RES. 2019:60 – APPOINTMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL CLERK FOR THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the appointment of a MUNICIPAL CLERK in the Borough of Stratford in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey; and

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7:00 P.M.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-133 states that the term of office of the Municipal Clerk shall be three years and that the term shall be deemed to have begun as of the actual date upon which a person serving as municipal clerk is appointed; and

WHEREAS, Ben Angeli has successfully completed the required five courses offered through Rutgers, The State University, and passed the required State examination administered by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs and has been certified as a Registered Municipal Clerk in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 174, Law of 1985.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that Ben Angeli be appointed Municipal Clerk for a term of three (3) years in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:9-133.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs.
2. Ben Angeli, RMC
3. John Fabriitis, CFO

Hartman motioned to approve the resolution. Collins seconded the motion, with Hartman and Green in favor, and Lomanno, Collins, and Hall opposed in a Roll Call Vote. Motion did not carry.

○ RES. 2019:61 – APPOINTMENT OF CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL/INSPECTORS (BUILDING INSPECTOR, ZONING OFFICER AND BUILDING SUBCODE OFFICIAL/PLAN REVIEW)

WHEREAS, a need exists in the Borough Construction Department for licensed construction officials and inspectors to serve and provide inspection services; and

WHEREAS, the following licensed construction officials/inspectors have previously performed these services for the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the following licensed officials/inspectors are qualified to provide services to the Borough in the following capacities:

Albert Hallworth Jr.	Building Inspector and Zoning Officer
Al Reilly	Building Subcode Official/Plan Review

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of Stratford in the County of Camden and in the State of New Jersey hereby approves the appointment of the aforementioned licensed construction officials and inspectors.

Collins motioned to approve the resolution. Hall seconded the motion and all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

○ RES. 2019:62 – APPOINTMENT OF CONSTRUCTION OFFICIALS (SITE PLAN/HOUSING)

WHEREAS, a need exists in the Borough Construction Department for officials and inspectors to provide inspection services; and

WHEREAS, the following official/inspector has previously performed these duties for the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the following official/inspector is qualified to provide services to the Borough in the following capacities:

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Steve Gagliardi

Site Plan Inspector  
 Housing Inspector

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of Stratford in the County of Camden and in the State of New Jersey hereby approves the appointment of the aforementioned construction official for one year until February 1, 2019.

Hartman motioned to approve the resolution. Collins seconded the motion and all members present voting in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

Animal checks	1793	through	1797	
Manual checks	19878	through	19885	
Payroll checks	49950	through	49951	and
Payroll checks	50039	through	50042	and
Payroll check	50111			
Automated checks	32752	through	32856	
Various electronic transfers and potential interim payments to Line Systems, Monmouth Telecom, SJ Energy, CTOS Rental, and Atlantic City Electric				

Collins motioned to approve the payment of the bills. Hall seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- o Councilwoman Lomanno – None
- o Councilman Collins – Thanked Councilwoman Hall for setting up the citizenship award for the choir.
- o Councilman Green – Asked the Solicitor what the statutory requirement is for having a Borough Clerk. The Solicitor stated the Borough is required to have a Borough Clerk and since the motion to appoint the Borough Clerk for a three-year term failed, the Deputy Borough Clerk will take over the duties and responsibilities in the interim until Mayor and Council appoint a Borough Clerk or Acting Borough Clerk. The Clerk stated that his term does not expire until May as Acting Clerk. The Solicitor stated that state statute does not allow a Registered Municipal Clerk to serve under an acting clerk appointment. Councilman Green stated that he was told that once the Clerk received his certification, Mayor and Council had to act on his appointment as soon as possible. The Solicitor stated the vote could have waited until his acting term expired, but instead the vote had been taken and it failed. Councilman Green commented that this is a result of outside influences.
- o Councilwoman Hall – None
- o Councilman Hartman – Stated the Borough has spent \$4,575.00 on education expenses for the Clerk’s certification and that after tonight the Borough does not have a certified clerk. Councilman Hartman stated that tonight would be his last Council meeting and walked off of the podium.

**GOOD AND WELFARE:**

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Collins motioned to open the meeting to the public for Good and Welfare. Lomanno seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a voice vote.

- Agnes Moore – Laureba Ave. – Expressed disappointment with the Councilmembers who voted in opposition for the Clerk’s reappointment. Stated the Clerk has worked hard for the town and should have been reappointed.
- Joe Hahn – 1 Buttonwood Rd. – Expressed his respect for the Councilmembers who voted in favor for the Clerks reappointment. Would like further information to Councilman Green’s comments. Stated Councilman Hartman should not quit.
- Bruce Perazzelli – 62 Berlin Rd. – Questioned why his OPRA request denied. Asked where the money that was collected for the red-light camera at Berlin and Laurel Road go. Questioned where the money for the vacant/foreclosed property fees go. The Clerk suggested he should call the CFO tomorrow.
- Mike Mancini – 3 Winding Way Rd. – Thanked the Clerk for the time he served to Stratford. Commented that Council should not be berated and disrespected for their vote.

Collins motioned to close the Good and Welfare portion of the meeting. Lomanno seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor in a voice vote

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Lomanno motioned to go into executive session. Collins seconded the motion and all members present voting in favor in a voice vote.

Collins motioned to close executive session. Lomanno seconded the motion and all members present voting in favor in a voice vote.

No action was taken in Executive session.

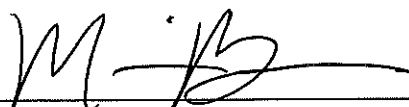
All members that were present before the executive session, were present upon return to open session.

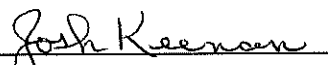
No members of the public were in attendance after the executive session.

**ADJOURN:**

Collins motioned to adjourn the meeting. Lomanno seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

  
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Michaela Bosler, Acting Borough Clerk

  
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Mayor Josh Keenan