

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2022
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Borough Clerk Bill Bray called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

STATEMENT OF ADVERTISEMENT: The Borough Clerk 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:

JOSH KEENAN, MAYOR – PRESENT
PATRICK GILLIGAN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT – PRESENT
STEPHEN GANDY, COUNCILMAN – PRESENT
JAMES KELLY, COUNCILMAN – PRESENT
MICHAEL TOLOMEO, COUNCILMAN – PRESENT
LINDA HALL, COUNCILMAN – PRESENT
TINA LOMANNO, COUNCILWOMAN – PRESENT
STUART PLATT, BOROUGH SOLICITOR – PRESENT
JOHN D. KEENAN, JR., ACTING BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR - PRESENT
BILL BRAY, BOROUGH CLERK – PRESENT

PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS AND GOOD AND WELFARE:

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

There were no comments.

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

NEW BUSINESS: There was no New Business.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no Old Business.

RESOLUTIONS:

RES. 2022: 124 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT, NJSA 10:4-12
*The matters for executive session will pertain to matters relating to Negotiations – EMS
Service*
RES. 2022:125 APPOINT TRASH & RECYCLING LABORER

Councilman Kelly made the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda of resolutions as submitted, with Councilman Tolomeo making the second and all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Strausser stated the Executive Session is anticipated to last 15 to 20 minutes and action is anticipated afterwards.

Motion was made by Councilman Gandy, seconded by Councilman Tolomeo, with all Council voting aye to enter Executive Session. Council entered Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. Council returned from Executive Session at 8:04 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Lomanno, seconded by Councilman Kelly, with all Council voting aye to come out of Executive Session.

Mr. Bray stated there is Res. 2022-126 for adoption. Mr. Bray read the resolution into the record.

RESOLUTION 2022:126

AUTHORIZING BOROUGH SOLICITOR TO TAKE LEGAL ACTION ON BEHALF OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL AND THE RESIDENTS OF STRATFORD TO PRESERVE EMS

WHEREAS, the Stratford Ambulance Association reached out to the Stratford Governing Body in their time of need to request financial stability and survival for the future; and

WHEREAS, the Stratford Governing Body reviewed options and took action for financial revenue to stabilize the Stratford Ambulance Association for the health and safety of the Borough residents; and

WHEREAS, the Stratford Governing Body has continued to keep the Stratford Ambulance Association informed and part of the decisions in this process; and

WHEREAS, the Stratford Ambulance Association at this time has notified the Stratford Governing Body that it plans to cease EMS operations for the Stratford residents effective September 30, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that it authorizes the Borough Solicitor to take appropriate legal action if necessary or engage in further negotiations on the behalf of the Stratford Governing Body and residents to preserve EMS for their future.

Councilman Tolomeo made the motion to adopt Res. 2022-126, with Councilman Gilligan making the second and all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

ADJOURN:

Councilwoman Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at approx. 8:06 PM. Councilwoman Lomanno seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Bill Bray, RMC
Borough Clerk