

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING/REDEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP AGENDA
FEBRUARY 9, 2023
6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

The February 9, 2023 Stratford Borough Agenda Meeting/Redevelopment Workshop.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER:

STATEMENT OF ADVERTISEMENT:

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.

ROLL CALL:

MAYOR JOSH KEENAN	STUART PLATT, BOROUGH SOLICITOR
COUNCIL PRESIDENT STEPHEN GANDY	STEVEN BACH, BOROUGH ENGINEER
COUNCILMAN JAMES KELLY	RON MORELLO, POLICE/OEM COORDINATOR
COUNCILWOMAN LINDA HALL	JOHN D. KEENAN JR, ACTING BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR
COUNCILWOMAN TINA LOMANNO	BILL BRAY, BOROUGH CLERK
COUNCILMAN PATRICK GILLIGAN	
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL TOLOMEO	

PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: *(5 min per person)*

Motion to go to open public portion on agenda items only:

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote _____

Motion to close public portion on agenda items:

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote _____

POLICE/ OEM REPORT:

ENGINEER REPORT:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Dec. 27, 2022 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Jan. 5, 2023 REORGANIZATION MEETING

Jan. 10, 2023 REGULAR MEETING

Motion: _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

OLD BUSINESS:

REPORT #1

UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS OF ORDINANCES

ORD. 23:1

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

ORD. 23:2

ORDINANCE TO AMEND Chapter 3.16 - FIVE-YEAR TAX EXEMPTION AND ABATEMENT LAW

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NEW BUSINESS:

REPORT #2 UPCOMING INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES
ORD. 23:3 AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE CHAPTER 15.20 – FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTIONS 23:28 THROUGH 23:40 WILL BE DONE AS A CONSENT AGENDA - Council can at this time request to remove any of the resolutions from the consent agenda and they can be voted on separately.

- RES. 23-28 AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR SAFE AND SECURE GRANT
- RES. 23-29 AUTHORIZE REFUND OF TAX OVER PAYMENT
- RES. 23-30 AUTHORIZE 2022 RESERVE BUDGET TRANSFERS
- RES. 23-31 AUTHORIZE SSA WITH STRATFORD BOE – ROAD SALT
- RES. 23-32 AUTHORIZE CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR TAX ASSESSMENT SOFTWARE
- RES. 23-33 AUTHORIZE SSA AMENDMENT
- RES. 23-34 AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF GRANT FUNDS TO STRATFORD AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION
- RES. 23-35 AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE SESSION – CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS/DPW; NEGOTIATIONS-
BERLIN ROAD PHASE II; ATTORNEY CLIENT MATTERS
- RES. 23-36 AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF DWI CHECKPOINT GRANT
- RES. 23-37 AUTHORIZE RENEWAL OF EMPLOYEE DENTAL PROGRAM AGREEMENT
- RES. 23-38 APPROVE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT – STRATFORD SWIM CLUB FESTIVAL
- RES. 23-39 AUTHORIZE GRANT APPLICATION - DISTRACTED DRIVING
- RES. 23-40 AUTHORIZE ENGINEERING SERVICES - NJDOT FY23 AID- CENTRAL & KIRKWOOD III

Motion: _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

BUSINESS LICENSE: LENNY’S AUTO REPAIR , LLC – 72 BERLIN ROAD

Motion: _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

GOOD AND WELFARE: (5 min per person)

Motion to open the meeting to the public for Good and Welfare:

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote _____

Motion to close the public portion for Good and Welfare:

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote _____

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to go into Executive Session:

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote _____

Motion to leave Executive Session:

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote _____

ADJOURN:

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote _____

RESOLUTION 23:28
SAFE AND SECURE GRANT PARTICIPATION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford wishes to apply for funding of approximately \$16,200.00 for a project under the State of New Jersey Safe and Secure Police Officer Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Stratford Borough Council has reviewed the accompanying application and has approved said request; and

WHEREAS, the Subaward number is 23-0432; and

WHEREAS, the Subaward period is between April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the project is a joint effort between the Department of Law and Public Safety and Stratford Borough for the purpose of funding a full-time police officer; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford authorizes that fringe benefits will be provided as matching funds to the grant;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council to authorize the application and execute all required documents to obtain the Safe and Secure Grant Funding.

CERTIFICATION

I, Bill Bray, Borough Clerk, do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and complete copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a public meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford at a meeting held on February 9, 2023.

BILL BRAY, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 23:29

WHEREAS, an overpayment has occurred in the Tax Collector's office for Block 88 Lot 16, due to the Camden County Board of Taxation Judgment reducing the Prior Year Omitted/Added Assessment from 3 months to 2 months.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford, that the overpayment amount of \$82.59 be disbursed to the property owner, Alejandro Soto.

CERTIFICATION

I, Bill Bray, Borough Clerk, do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and complete copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a public meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford held on February 9, 2023.

BILL BRAY, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 23:30
AUTHORIZE 2022 RESERVE BUDGET TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-58 provides for appropriation transfers during the first three (3) months of the succeeding fiscal year, when it has been determined that it is necessary to expend for any of the purposes specified in the budget an amount in the excess of the sum appropriated therefore and where it has been further determined that there is an excess in any appropriation over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose of such appropriation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer Robin Sarlo, be and the same is hereby authorized to make transfers among the 2022 Municipal Reserve Budget as follows:

FROM:

Gasoline	<u>\$3,300.00</u>
TOTAL	\$3,300.00

TO:

Street Lighting	\$1,400.00
Natural Gas	<u>\$1,900.00</u>
TOTAL	\$3,300.00

CERTIFICATION

I, Bill Bray, Borough Clerk, do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and complete copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a public meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford held on February 9, 2023.

BILL BRAY, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 23:31
AUTHORIZING SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH STRATFORD BOARD OF
EDUCATION TO PURCHASE ROAD SALT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford is desirous to enter into a Shared Service Agreement with the Stratford Board of Education for supplying road salt for Stratford Board of Education to purchase; and

WHEREAS, Stratford Board of Education desires to enter into a three-year agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to authorize the execution of the Shared Service Agreement between the Borough of Stratford and Stratford Board of Education for three years for road salt.

CERTIFICATION

I, Bill Bray, Borough Clerk, do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and complete copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a public meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford at a meeting held on February 9, 2023.

BILL BRAY, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 23:32
AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF TAX ASSESSMENT SOFTWARE CONTRACT
WITH BRT TECHNOLOGIES, LLC

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford wishes to renew its a contract with BRT Technologies, LLC for Tax Assessment Software; and

WHEREAS, Computer services for MOD IV and CAMA Tax Systems and extra billing are necessary in the Borough of Stratford; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to authorize the execution of the contract with BRT Technologies, LLC for Tax Assessment Software.

CERTIFICATION

I, Bill Bray, Borough Clerk, do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and complete copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a public meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford at a meeting held on February 9, 2023.

BILL BRAY, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 23:33

**Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
FORM 1B – DMHAS Youth Leadership Grant**

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA) established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey. In coordination with GCADA, the New Jersey Department of Human Services/Division on Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) has awarded a Youth Leadership Grant to the GCADA Municipal Alliance Program.

WHEREAS, The Stratford Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Stratford Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Stratford Borough Council has applied for DMHAS Youth Leadership funding through the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Camden;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Stratford Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of an application for DMHAS Grant funding for the Sterling Municipal Alliance for Year One Grant Term 7/1/22 – 6/30/23 in the amount of:
DMHAS Grant Funding \$7500.00
2. The Stratford Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

CERTIFICATION

I, Bill Bray, Borough Clerk, do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and complete copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a public meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford held on February 9, 2023.

BILL BRAY, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 23:34
AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF GRANT FUNDS TO STRATFORD AMBULANCE
ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford applied for FEMA grant funds to support EMS services; and

WHEREAS, FEMA awarded the Borough of Stratford grant funds to reimburse costs incurred in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford is desirous to transfer these grant funds to the Stratford Ambulance Association; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to authorize the transfer of FEMA grant funds to the Stratford Ambulance Association in the amount of \$90,354.43.

CERTIFICATION

I, Bill Bray, Borough Clerk, do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and complete copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a public meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford at a meeting held on February 9, 2023.

BILL BRAY, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 23:35

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.

___XX___ (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. DPW Contract

_____ (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.

___XX___ (7) ***Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney-Client Privilege:***
The topic of discussion is related to Litigation; Berlin Road Phase II; Attorney Client Matters

_____ (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 via electronic video conference in public session on February 9, 2023 that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on February 9, 2023 at approximately 6:30 p.m. 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.

CERTIFICATION

I, Bill Bray, Borough Clerk, do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and complete copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a public meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford held on February 9, 2023.

BILL BRAY, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 23:36

ACCEPTING A CAMDEN COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE DWI CHECKPOINT GRANT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Police Department has applied to the Camden County Prosecutor's Office for a DWI Checkpoint Grant #AL-23-45-04-07 in the amount of \$1,610.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Police Department would receive said grant in the amount of \$1,610.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to accept the Camden County Prosecutor's Office DWI Checkpoint Grant #AL-23-45-04-07 in the amount of \$1,610.00.

CERTIFICATION

I, Bill Bray, Borough Clerk, do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and complete copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a public meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford held on February 9, 2023.

**BILL BRAY, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK**

RESOLUTION 23:37
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF EMPLOYEE DENTAL CARE BENEFIT PROGRAM
AGREEMENT WITH JOHN D. KERNAN, D.M.D., P.A.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford seeks to continue providing its employees with an optional dental care benefit program; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford previously entered into said agreement with John D. Kernan, D.M.D., P.A. and wishes to re-enter into said agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford to authorize the execution of the agreement between John D. Kernan, D.M.D., P.A. and the Borough of Stratford for optional dental care benefit program for its employees.

CERTIFICATION

I, Bill Bray, Borough Clerk, do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and complete copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford held on February 9, 2023.

BILL BRAY, RMC, CMR
BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 23:38
APPROVE SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE – STRATFORD SWIM CLUB BOOSTER CLUB
FOOD TRUCK & CRAFT FESTIVAL

WHEREAS, Stratford Swim Club Booster Club has applied to the Borough of Stratford an application for a Special Event License; and

WHEREAS, the Special Event License will be for their Food Truck & Craft Festival to be held on Saturday, May 13, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the various municipal departments have reviewed the application prior to presenting to the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the following conditions are being made of the applications which all must be satisfied in compliance with the Borough of Stratford Ordinance 2009:28;

Hours of operation: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.,
Event: Stratford Swim Club Food Truck & Craft Festival, Saturday, May 13, 2023

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to approve the Special Event License with the above conditions for the Stratford Swim Club Booster Club.

CERTIFICATION

I, Bill Bray, Borough Clerk, do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and complete copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a public meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford held on February 9, 2023.

BILL BRAY, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 23:39

APPROVING APPLICATION FOR 2023 DISTRACTED DRIVER GRANT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY AND TRAFFIC SAFETY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,000.00

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Police Department will apply for the 2023 Distracted Driver Grant in the amount of \$7,000.00 with the New Jersey Department of Highway and Traffic Safety; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council is supportive of the Stratford Police Department's application for the 2023 Distracted Driver Grant in the amount of \$7,000.00 with the New Jersey Department of Highway and Traffic Safety.

CERTIFICATION

I, Bill Bray, Borough Clerk, do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and complete copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a public meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford held on February 9, 2023.

**BILL BRAY, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK**

RESOLUTION 23:40

**RESOLUTION OF BOROUGH OF STRATFORD AUTHORIZING THE
BOROUGH ENGINEER TO DESIGN AND PUBLICLY BID THE FY2023 NEW
JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RECONSTRUCTION OF
CENTRAL AVENUE & KIRKWOOD AVENUE – PHASE III**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has allocated \$284,650 of Fiscal Year 2023 Municipal Aid Funding to the Borough of Stratford; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford wishes to utilize said funding;

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has submitted a proposal to the Borough of Stratford with two (2) options regarding breakdown of fees;

WHEREAS, Option 1 utilizes the newly introduced option provided by the NJDOT for five percent (5%) design fee reimbursement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, formally approves Option 1 of the submitted proposal from the Borough Engineer dated February 6, 2023.

CERTIFICATION

I, Bill Bray, Borough Clerk, do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and complete copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a public meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford at a meeting held on February 9, 2023.

**BILL BRAY, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK**