

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

CALL TO ORDER:

The July 6, 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:

JUNE 8, 2023 AGENDA MEETING
JUNE 8, 2023 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING
JUNE 13, 2023 REGULAR MEETING

Motion: _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

OLD BUSINESS:

REPORT #1	UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS OF ORDINANCES
ORD. 23:8	AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF \$650,000 IN BONDS/NOTES

NEW BUSINESS:

REPORT #2	UPCOMING INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES
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BLOCK PARTY: GREEN TREE ROAD, 7/1/23 3 pm – 10 pm.

Motion: _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTIONS 23:100 THROUGH 23:108 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. 23-100 APPOINT FIREFIGHTER DUTY CREW MEMBERS
- RES. 23-101 AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR LABOR DAY DWI CRACKDOWN GRANT
- RES. 23-102 ESTABLISH STRATFORD OEM CERT FIRST AID DIVISION
- RES. 23-103 APPOINT CROSSING GUARD
- RES. 23-104 APPOINT TRASH & RECYCLING PART TIME LABORER
- RES. 23-105 APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #1 – ADA IMPROVEMENTS TO MUNICIPAL FACILITIES
- RES. 23-106 AUTHORIZE SSA – MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE AGAINST DRUGS & ALCOHOL
- RES. 23-107 AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING – NEGOTIATIONS FOR BERLIN ROAD PHASE II
- RES. 23-108 APPOINT FIREFIGHTER

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 23:100
APPOINT DUTY CREW MEMBERS**

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency awarded to the Borough of Stratford a grant under its Staffing Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Program, EMW-2021-FF-01599 in the amount of \$479,662.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Fire Department has a need for fire fighters to provide fire and emergency response services between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday;

WHEREAS, the part-time duty crew will receive compensation of \$12 per hour stipend, not to exceed 30 hours per week.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford to approve the following appointments of Duty Crew members effective July 6, 2023.

Robert Bove
Matthew Stout
Stephen Gagliardi
Vincent Jess
Steven Previterra

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 July 6, 2023.

BILL BRAY, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 23-101

AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR 2023 LABOR DAY DWI CRACKDOWN GRANT WITH THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY & TRAFFIC SAFETY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,000.00

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Police Department will apply for the 2023 Labor Day DWI Crackdown 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 Labor Day DWI Crackdown Grant in the amount of \$7,000.00 with the New Jersey Department of Highway and Traffic Safety.

CERTIFICATION

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**BILL BRAY, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK**

RESOLUTION 23-102

**ESTABLISH A VOLUNTEER FIRST AID DIVISION
UNDER THE STRATFORD OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
CERT TEAM**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford has a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT);
and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford has identified a need to raise awareness of public health issues, and create opportunities for Borough youth to explore careers in health, emergency medical service or public service; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to assist residents with basic first aid services and establish the capacity to provide such services at various public events; but not to, in any way replace Stratford's BLS and ALS services provided by our licensed providers, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford to partner with the Stratford Ambulance Association, LLC to create an all Volunteer First Aid Division within the department of the Office of Emergency Management.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council establishes the Division of First Aid to be staffed by community volunteers that are vetted and approved by the Stratford Office of Emergency Management Coordinator and Stratford Ambulance Association LLC.

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**BILL BRAY, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK**

RESOLUTION 23:103
APPOINTMENT OF CROSSING GUARD

WHEREAS, the Mayor & Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford finds that for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Municipality, that the appointment of Crossing Guards to serve school crossing and other functions that Crossing Guards may serve in accordance with 40A:14-146.14 & 40A:9-154.1

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor & Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford to appoint:

John Laino – Crossing Guard

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BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 23:104

**APPOINT PART-TIME EMPLOYEES TO THE TRASH & RECYCLING
DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford has created a trash and recycling department for the benefit of the residents; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford is desirous to make an appointment for a part time position to ensure adequate staffing is maintained as herein described:

Dahmir Robertson – Part-Time Laborer – Effective June 21, 2023

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Borough Council approves the above listed appointment to the Department of Trash and Recycling.

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**BILL BRAY, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK**

RESOLUTION 23:105
APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 – VARIOUS ADA IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford awarded a contract to Kavi Construction LLC of Berlin, NJ for Various ADA Improvements in the amount of \$143,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has recommended a Change Order #1 for the project; and

WHEREAS, Change Order #1 was developed to itemize and authorize those changes in the amount of \$24,676.70.

WHEREAS, Change Order #1 results in a net increase of the contracted amount to \$167,676.70.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, that the following Change Order #1 documenting a net increase in the sum of \$24,676.70 (17.25%) for a total contract cost of \$167,676.70 is hereby authorized.

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BILL BRAY, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 23:106

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 9/1/23 – 9/30/25 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.

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BILL BRAY, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 23:107

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.

_____ (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.

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

_____ (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 July 6, 2023 that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on July 6, 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

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BILL BRAY, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 23:108
APPROVE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

WHEREAS, the Stratford Fire Company shall submit Firemen's Association Application for Membership to the governing body for their approval; and

WHEREAS, an application for Edward M. Boyle of Stratford, NJ has been submitted;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford to approve the Firemen's Association Application for Membership for Edward M. Boyle.

CERTIFICATION

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BILL BRAY, RMC
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