

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING/REDEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP AGENDA
MAY 4, 2023
6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

The May 4, 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	DONNA 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:

APRIL 6, 2023 AGENDA MEETING
APRIL 11, 2023 REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 11, 2023 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING

Motion: _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

OLD BUSINESS:

REPORT #1 UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS OF ORDINANCES
NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

REPORT #2 UPCOMING INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

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- ORD. 23-6 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2.04 – ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL
- ORD. 23-7 2023 SALARY ORDINANCE

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTIONS 23:66 THROUGH 23:72 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. 23-66 AUTHORIZE INCREASE IN DEFERRED REGINAL SCHOOL TAX
- RES. 23-67 APPOINT FIRE CHAPLAIN
- RES. 23-68 APPOINT FIREFIGHTER
- RES. 23-69 AWARD CONTRACT FOR CDBG FUNDED ADA IMPROVEMENTS
- RES. 23-70 AUTHORIZE 3-YEAR CDGB COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH CAMDEN COUNTY
- RES. 23-71 ACCEPT FEMA GRANT – WRITING SERVICES REIMBURSEMENT
- RES. 23-72 ACCEPT NJ DCA RECREATION CENTER GRANT

Motion: _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

BUSINESS LICENSES: EL PULGARCITO DE AMERICA RESTAURANT – 205 South White Horse Pike

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 _____

ADJOURN:

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote _____

RESOLUTION 23:66

**RESOLUTION INCREASING DEFERRED REGIONAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX**

WHEREAS, the regional school district tax for the year of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 was raised in the 2022 tax levy in the sum of \$3,024,905.00; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey statute permits the deferral of the cash liability of such school tax up to 50% of the school tax levy, or \$1,512,452.50.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford, that the deferred school tax of the regional school district be increased from a sum of \$1,357,314.50 to a sum of \$1,512,452.50; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution has been duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford and that two (2) certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Division of Local Government Services.

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 May 4, 2023.

**BILL BRAY, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK**

RESOLUTION 23:67

APPOINTMENT OF FIRE CHAPLAIN

WHEREAS, the Stratford Fire Company Chief has recommended Fr. Rene Canales be appointed the Fire Chaplain for the Department for the year 2023; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to appoint Fr. Rene Canales as the Stratford Fire Chaplain for the year 2023.

CERTIFICATION

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**BILL BRAY, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK**

RESOLUTION 23:68
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 Anthony J. Dimitri of Lindenwold, 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 Anthony J. Dimitri.

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BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 23:69
AWARD VARIOUS BOROUGH ADA IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford has received bids for Various Borough ADA Improvements project on April 28, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the lowest bid is from Kavi Construction, LLC of Berlin, NJ in the amount of \$143,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has reviewed the bid documents and consulted with the Municipal CFO and has concluded to recommend the award to the low bidder; and

WHEREAS, the award of said bid is contingent upon the approval of the Borough Solicitor's review; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to authorize the award of the base bid for the Various Borough ADA Improvements project, to Kavi Construction, LLC of Berlin, NJ, in the amount of \$143,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has certified the availability of funds in the amount of \$143,000.00 in the following Grant Account G-02-XX-890-000-000, entitled 2022 CDBG – ADA Improvements.

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 April 28, 2023.

BILL BRAY, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 23:70
RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 3-YEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT
WITH THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford and the County of Camden wish to establish a cooperative means of conducting certain eligible community development and affordable housing activities; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4 et seq.) permits local units such as counties and municipalities to enter into agreements for the provision of joint services; and

WHEREAS, Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, the Housing and Urban-Rural Recovery Act of 1983, the HOME Program Act of 1991, and the Emergency Solutions Grant, as amended, provides federal funds being made available to Camden County for use to carry out eligible Community Development Activities therein; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford will propose certain activities to be carried out under the 2024, 2025 and 2026 Community Development, HOME Programs and Emergency Solutions Grant programs; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid activities are in the best interest of the Borough of Stratford and the County of Camden;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford that the 2024 to 2026 Cooperation Agreement be adopted;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its enactment.

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RESOLUTION 23:71
ACCEPTING FEMA GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,093.06.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford applied to FEMA for grant under Project 007-71220-00 DR4488. CATEGORY Z; and

WHEREAS, FEMA awarded the Borough of Stratford said grant in the amount of \$5,093.06.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to accept the Project 007-71220-00 DR4488. CATEGORY Z Grant in the amount of \$5,093.06

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RESOLUTION 22-72
ACCEPTING NJ DCA RECREATION CENTER GRANT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford applied for a Fiscal Year 2023 Local Recreation Improvement Grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to Revitalize the Stratford Borough Community Center; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford was awarded as \$81,000.00 grant from the program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to accept the Fiscal Year 2023 Local Recreation Improvement Grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs in the amount of \$81,000.00 to Revitalize the Stratford Borough Community Center.

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