

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2023
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Keenan called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Keenan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

STATEMENT OF ADVERTISEMENT: The Acting 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.

PRAYER: Father Rene Canales of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish led the opening prayer.

OATHS OF OFFICE:

Oath of office to Councilman-elect Linda Hall was administered by Commissioner Jonathan Young.

Oath of office to Councilman-elect Tina Lomanno was administered by Commissioner Jonathan Young.

ROLL CALL:

MAYOR JOSH KEENAN – PRESENT
STEPHEN GANDY, COUNCILMAN – PRESENT
PATRICK GILLIGAN, COUNCILMAN – PRESENT
LINDA HALL, COUNCILWOMAN – PRESENT
JIM KELLY, COUNCILMAN – PRESENT
TINA LOMANNO, COUNCILWOMAN – PRESENT
MICHAEL TOLOMEO, COUNCILMAN – ABSENT
RON MORELLO, POLICE CHIEF – PRESENT
JOHN D. KEENAN, JR., ACTING BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – PRESENT
BILL BRAY, BOROUGH CLERK – PRESENT

SELECTION BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

Council President Councilman Gilligan nominated Councilman Stephen Gandy as President of Council, and was seconded by Councilwoman Lomanno. There were no other nominations.
Councilman Gandy was elected all members voting ayes.

OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Oath of office to Council President Patrick Gilligan was administered by Commissioner Jonathan Young.

PROCLAMATION – EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR – CHERYL PERKINS. Councilwoman Lomanno read the proclamation recognizing Cheryl Perkins as the 2022 Stratford Borough Employee of the Year. Commissioner Jonathan Young read a proclamation from Congressman Donald Norcross recognizing her as the Employee of the Year.

APPOINTMENTS OF 2023 COUNCILMATIC COMMITTEES

FINANCE AND REVENUE

DIRECTOR Tina Lomanno
Assoc. Member Linda Hall
Assoc. Member Stephen Gandy

EMERGENCY SERVICES

DIRECTOR Stephen Gandy
Assoc. Member Patrick Gilligan
Assoc. Member Linda Hall

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POLICE

DIRECTOR Patrick Gilligan
Assoc. Member Jim Kelly
Assoc. Member Michael Tolomeo

PUBLIC WORKS

DIRECTOR Michael Tolomeo
Assoc. Member Jim Kelly
Assoc. Member Patrick Gilligan

PUBLIC EVENTS

DIRECTOR Linda Hall
Assoc. Member Michael Tolomeo
Assoc. Member Tina Lomanno

ORDINANCE/PROPERTY

DIRECTOR Jim Kelly
Assoc. Member Tina Lomanno
Assoc. Member Stephen Gandy

Councilman Gandy made a motion to approve the Councilmatic Committee appointments. Councilwoman Lomanno seconded the Motion with all members voting aye.

APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR WITH CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL:

Mayor Keenan appointed the following Fire Line Officers for a one-year term:

- Chief – Michael Lemmerman
- Deputy Chief – Robert Bove
- Deputy Chief – Jeffrey Riebel
- Captain – Michael Lewitt (Engine)
- Captain – Brian Worthington (Squad)
- Captain – Daniel Camburn (Ladder)
- Engineer– Gary Riebel, Sr.
- Safety Officer – Vincent Jess
- Safety Officer – Stephen Gagliardi
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Councilwoman Hall motioned to approve the appointments of the Fire Line Officers. Councilman Tolomeo seconded the motion with all members present voting aye by roll call vote

Historic Preservation Commission – Diane Claypoole, Rosemary Simpkins, Violet Marley	Two Year Term
Joint Land Use Board, Class III – Tina Lomanno	One Year Term
Park Commission Liaison – Jim Kelly	One Year Term
Police Matrons – Kristina Rauer and Patricia Riebel	One Year Term
OEM Coordinator – Ron Morello	Three Year Term
Deputy OEM Coordinators-	Three Year Term
Thomas Farrell, Stephen J. McBride, Tim Hall, Michael Mancini - Communications Director	

Councilman Gilligan made a motion to approve the Mayoral Appointments to Boards and Committees. Councilwoman Lomanno seconded the motion with all members present voting aye by roll call vote.

APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR WITH NO CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL REQUIRED

Borough Clerk Bray read the following Mayoral appointments into the record:

Joint Land Use Board, Class II – Ron Morello	One Year Term
Joint Land Use Board, Class IV – Karen Campbell, S. Tadd Kozeniewski, Rich St. Maur	Four Year Term
Joint Land Use Board, Alternate – Kim Berdine	Two Year Term
Parks Commission – Dr. Joseph Boggi, Kimberly Gilligan, William D’Ambrosino	Five Year Term
Library Board of Trustees – Georgetta Johnson	Five Year Term

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Board of Health – John Keenan
Municipal Coordinator of Aging – Kim Berdine

Three Year Term
One Year Term

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTIONS 2022:01 THROUGH 2022-026 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. 23:01 Appointment of Solicitor – Stuart Platt, Platt Law Group P.C.
- RES. 23:02 Appointment of Engineer – Steve Bach, Bach Associates
- RES. 23:03 Appointment of Auditor – Scott Barron, Bowman & Company
- RES. 23:04 Appointment of Court Personnel
- RES. 23:05 Appointment of Police Chaplain – Fr. Rene Canales
- RES. 23:06 Appointment of Public Agency Compliance Officer – Bill Bray
- RES. 23:07 Appointment of Town Historian – Carole Dadino
- RES. 23:08 Appointment of Redevelopment Planners – Bach Associates
- RES. 23:09 Award of Contract for Affordable Housing Planner Consultant Services - LFB Land Planning
- RES. 23:10 Appointment of Risk Management Consultant
- RES. 23:11 Appointment of Statewide Fund Commissioner
- RES. 23:12 Appointment of Special Law Enforcement Officers
- RES. 23:13 Depositories for Borough Funds and Cash Management Plan
- RES. 23:14 Time and Place for Meetings
- RES. 23:15 Publication of Legal Notices
- RES. 23:16 Parliamentary Procedures
- RES. 23:17 Temporary Budget for 2023
- RES. 23:18 Custodian for Borough Facilities
- RES. 23:19 Authorize Tax Assessor Settle Certain Appeals
- RES. 23:20 School Crossing Guards
- RES. 23:21 2023 Annual Holidays
- RES. 23:22 Authorize SSA for Vehicle Maintenance with Magnolia Borough
- RES. 23:23 Appoint Temporary Full Time Police Officer - Collins
- RES. 23:24 Appoint Temporary Full Time Police Officer - Jess
- RES. 23:25 Appoint Temporary Full Time Police Officer – Morello
- RES. 23:26 Appoint Borough Fire Official

Councilman Gandy made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilman Kelly seconded the motion with all members present voting aye by roll call vote.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Gandy – Councilman Gandy thanks Mayor and Council for their support and selection as Council President. Councilman Gandy thanks his family for joining him for his appointment.

Councilman Gilligan – Councilman Gilligan congratulated Councilwomen Hall and Lomanno and Councilman Gandy on their new terms on council and selection as Council President. Councilman Gilligan wished everyone a Happy New Year.

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Councilwoman Hall – Councilwoman Hall thanked Commissioner Young for attending the meeting and thanks residents for their continued support for another term. Councilwoman Hall stated she was excited about several ongoing projects and the opportunity to continue to work for the residents of the Borough.

Councilman Kelly - Councilman Kelly congratulated Councilwomen Hall and Lomanno and Councilman Gandy. Council Kelly thanked the members of the Fire Department for their quick work putting down a fire at a borough residence over the holiday weekend. Councilman Kelly stated the fire fighters saved the family from a far worse disaster due to their quick response.

Councilwoman Lomanno – Councilwoman Lomanno thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Councilwoman Lomanno thanked Cheryl Perkins for her hard work and stated she was a great addition to the borough staff.

Councilman Tolomeo – Councilman Tolomeo wished everyone a Happy New Year and congratulated Councilwomen Hall and Lomanno and Councilman Gandy.

Councilman Gandy thanked Commissioner Young for attending the meeting. Councilman Gandy stated Commissioner Young has done tremendous work for the people of Stratford as a member of the County Commission. Councilman Gandy also thanked Mary Cruz, Congressman Donald Norcross’s Chief of Staff, who attended the meeting on behalf of the congressman who was delayed in Washington DC. Councilman Gandy stated Rep. Norcross has always helped the Borough and thanked him for the support. Councilman Gandy also thanked Father Rene for attending.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Councilman Gilligan motioned to open the meeting to the public. Councilwoman Hall seconded the motion with all members present voting in favor in a voice vote.

Commission Young congratulated Councilwomen Hall and Lomanno and Councilman Gandy. Commissioner Young stated Camden County is thrilled to have the Mayor and Council in place and looks forward to working with them in the new year.

Stuart Platt thanked Mayor and Council for reappointing his firm to represent and serve the Borough of Stratford. Mr. Platt congratulated Councilwomen Hall and Lomanno and Councilman Gandy.

Councilwoman Lomanno motioned to close this portion of the meeting. Councilman Kelly seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor in a voice vote

ADJOURN:

Councilwoman Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 PM. Councilman Tolomeo seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Bill Bray, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk