

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 09, 2024
6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Borough Deputy Clerk John Keenan called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 Hall led the Pledge and said an opening prayer.

ROLL CALL:

MAYOR LINDA HALL – PRESENT
COUNCIL PRESIDENT MICHAEL TOLOMEO – ABSENT
COUNCILMAN PATRICK GILLIGAN – PRESENT
COUNCILWOMAN TINA LOMANNO – ABSENT
COUNCILWOMAN DAWN MARTIN – PRESENT
COUNCILMAN STEPHEN GANDY – PRESENT
COUNCILMAN JIM KELLY – PRESENT
DONNA PLATT, BOROUGH SOLICITOR – PRESENT
CRAIG REILLY, BOROUGH ENGINEER – PRESENT
RON MORELLO, CHIEF POLICE EXECUTIVE/OEM – PRESENT
JOHN D. KEENAN JR, BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR/DEPUTY CLERK – PRESENT

PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

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

John Gentless - 111 Union Ave. – Inquired about the shared service with the new Ryan Homes. Mr. Keenan explained it was for collecting trash and recyclables at \$400 per home per year.

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

REPORTS:

Councilman Gilligan present the report for:

ORDINANCE & PROPERTY - Zoning Code Officer's Inspection Report for the month of March 2024.

Total number of properties inspected – 40

Total number of notices – 32

Total number of summons – 15

Total number of properties brought into compliance: 6

Councilwoman Lomanno presented the report for:

FINANCE & REVENUE The report is as follows:

BOROUGH FINANCIAL REPORT –March 2024

Balance as of 2-29-2023 – \$1,749,301.34

Total Receipts – \$808,197.54

Total Disbursements – \$2,316,047.43

Balance as of 3-31-2024 – \$241,451.45

Total in other Funds - \$2,910,395.68

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Councilman Kelly presented the report for:

POLICE - The reports are as follows:

March 2024:

23 Adult arrests	2 Juvenile arrests,
0 Assaults to Police	5 Simple assaults Complaints,
6 Criminal Mischief Complaints	18 Harassment complaints,
579 Other investigations and complaints	0 Burglary
0 Robberies	7 thefts in the amount of \$11,221.00
\$3,225 in stolen property recovered	0 motor vehicle thefts,
5 D.W.I. arrests	8 Narcotics arrests,
404 Traffic summonses issued	27 Motor vehicle accidents,
8 injuries from accidents (1 pedestrian)	21 Alarm activations

With 82 Total Crime Reports Taken, and 687 Total Calls for Police Service

Councilman Tolomeo present the Emergency Services reports:

Fire Department the report submitted is as follows:

The Stratford Fire Department responded to 32 Alarms 2 Drills in the month of March 2024, for a total of 31 Alarms and 2 Drills.

	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Building Fires	1	9
Alarm Systems	9	13
Dwelling Fires	1	4
Investigations	2	11
Rescues & M.V.A.'s	5	15
Wires, Trees Down	2	12
Brush Fires	0	0
Car Fires	0	0
Assist Ambulance, Police, Public	10	25
Drills	2	7
Inspections	6	12

Stratford Ambulance: March 2024

Councilman Gandy presented the report for Councilman Tolomeo:

There were 65 calls for ambulance service, with a total for the year of 211.

Councilwoman Martin presented the report for:

PUBLIC EVENTS – The March 2024 report is as follows:

There's an old proverb that says, "It takes a village" which basically means that an entire community of people must provide for and interact positively with children for those children to experience and grow in a safe and healthy environment. After planning and participating in our Annual Egg Hunt, I'm proud to say that Stratford is a community that truly works together to provide the children and residents of our town with positive opportunities to socialize and interact with each other.

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I'd like to thank the Stratford Fire Company, especially Mr. Riebel for coordinating transportation for the Easter Bunny to our annual egg hunt and Mr. Gentless for safely driving the Easter Bunny on the fire truck to Parkview School's fields. Malikia and the borough workers were a tremendous help from early in the morning to the end of the event. They helped deliver equipment, set up, assisted throughout the day and Malikia was the last one to leave the field. I'd like to thank Miss and Little Miss Stratford for their help during the egg hunt and also prior to the egg hunt when they spent their valuable time filling goodie bags for the children in our town. We had some very special helpers working in the snack stand cooking hot dogs; Mayor Hall and Miss Stratford's mom as well as Mrs. Overpeck. I'd also like to thank SAO for allowing us to use their facilities and coordinating their practice and clean up schedules so we could have full access to all three fields. As always, I'd like to thank the Stratford Police Department for supporting our community and ensuring that all Stratford events are safe and well monitored. The children in our community thoroughly enjoyed our Egg Hunt and interacting with the Easter Bunny, our firemen and police officers.

Golden Egg Winners of Squishmallows were:

1st Place- Cole Brison, Jack Souders, Evelyn Meyers, Josh Free, McKenna Poener

2nd Place- Ian Marion, Juniper Kupiec, Joey Bernek, Simeon George, Lila Rossi

3rd Place- Hanna Chernets, Arjay Lifford, Oliver Conroy, Baker Thomas, Gavin Wyatt

Our next Borough Event is the Miss and Little Miss Stratford Pageant which will be held on Friday, April 26 at Yellin School's gymnasium. Please come out and support the girls of our town as they display their poise and talent. Thank you to everyone who expressed an interest in being a judge, we currently have enough judges.

Bruce Associates, 1st Colonial Bank, the Platt Law Group, Bach Associates, Bowman & Company, Paparone Builders and Days2remember have made generous donations to our Miss Stratford Pageant.

As of today, only one resident has reached out regarding the 4th of July parade. If you would like to offer suggestions or help with the planning of the parade or events following the parade, please contact me, Councilwoman Martin.

Upcoming Events in Stratford

April 13, 14, 20 and 21- Tarkill Travel Soccer Tryouts at Yellin School

Fields. Pre-Registration on the Tarkill website is required

April 26- Little Miss and Miss Stratford Pageant beginning at 6pm

May 4- Stratford Town Wide Yard Sale 8am-3pm

Sponsored by the Stratford Swim Club

May 18- 11-4 pm Food Truck and Craft Show

Sponsored by the Stratford Swim Club

May 22- DARE Graduation 2:00 at Yellin School

May 23-25 John Paul II Carnival 6:00-11:00

Stratford Senior Events:

April 10th 1:00-2:00pm BINGO with prizes hosted by Laurel Manor

April 17th 1:00-2:00 Cooking Class hosted by the Food Bank of South Jersey

April 26th 4:00-6:00 Magic and Myth Night with local author Tony DiGerolamo

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If residents plan to participate, please RSVP by email StratfordSeniorCenter@Outlook.com or by phone to (856) 783-0600.

OLD BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING & ADOPTION:

ORD. 24:04 ORDINANCE 24:42 TREE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT – Councilwoman Martin motioned to open the public hearing on Ordinance 24:04. Councilman Kelly seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Voice Vote.

Mr. Gentless of 111 Union Ave inquired if any changes had been made. Mr. Keenan stated no changes were made. No other public comments were made.

Councilman Gandy motioned to close the public hearing on Ordinance 24:04. Councilman Gilligan seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a Voice Vote. Councilman Gilligan made a motion to adopt 24:04. Councilman Kelly seconded the motion with all members present voting in favor by Roll Call Vote.

ORDINANCE 24:04
AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH CHAPTER 2.48 - TREE REMOVAL

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford:

SECTION I. Purpose:

An ordinance to establish requirements for tree removal and replacement in Borough of Stratford to reduce soil erosion and pollutant runoff, promote infiltration of rainwater into the soil, and protect the environment, public health, safety, and welfare.

SECTION II. Definitions:

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this ordinance clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When consistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The use of the word "shall" mean the requirement is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- A. “Applicant” means any “person”, as defined below, who applies for approval to remove trees regulated under this ordinance.
- B. “Critical Root Radius (CRR)” – means the zone around the base of a tree where the majority of the root system is found. This zone is calculated by multiplying the diameter at breast height (DBH) of the tree by 1.5 feet. For example: a tree with a 6” DBH would have a CRR = 6”x1.5’ = 9’.
- C. “Diameter at Breast Height (DBH)” means the diameter of the trunk of a mature tree generally measured at a point four and a half feet above ground level from the uphill side of the tree. For species of trees where the main trunk divides below the 4 ½ foot height, the DBH shall be measured at the highest point before any division.
- D. “Hazard Tree” means a tree or limbs thereof that meet one or more of the criteria below. Trees that do not meet any of the criteria below and are proposed to be removed solely for development purposes are not hazard trees.
 1. Has an infectious disease or insect infestation;
 2. Is dead or dying;

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3. Obstructs the view of traffic signs or the free passage of pedestrians or vehicles, where pruning attempts have not been effective; or
 4. Is causing obvious damage to structures (such as building foundations, sidewalks, etc.);
- E. “Person” means any individual, resident, corporation, utility, company, partnership, firm, or association.
- F. “Planting strip” means the part of a street right-of-way between the public right-of-way and the portion of the street reserved for vehicular traffic or between the abutting property line and the curb or traveled portion of the street, exclusive of any sidewalk.
- G. “Resident” means an individual who resides on the residential property or contractor hired by the individual who resides on the residential property where a tree(s) regulated by this ordinance is removed or proposed to be removed.
- H. “Street Tree” means a tree planted in the sidewalk, planting strip, and/or in the public right-of-way adjacent to the portion of the street reserved for vehicular traffic. This also includes trees planted in planting strips within the roadway right-of-way, i.e., islands, medians, pedestrian refuges.
- I. “Tree” means a woody perennial plant, typically having a single stem or trunk growing to a considerable height and bearing lateral branches at some distance from the ground.
- J. “Tree Caliper” means the diameter of the trunk of a young tree, measured six (6) inches from the soil line. For young trees whose caliper exceeds four (4) inches, the measurement is taken twelve (12) inches above the soil line.
- K. “Tree removal” means to kill or to cause irreparable damage that leads to the decline and/or death of a tree. This includes, but is not limited to, excessive pruning, application of substances that are toxic to the tree, over-mulching or improper mulching, and improper grading and/or soil compaction within the critical root radius around the base of the tree that leads to the decline and/or death of a tree. Removal does not include responsible pruning and maintenance of a tree, or the application of treatments intended to manage invasive species.

SECTION III. Regulated Activities:

A. Tree Replacement Requirements

1. Any person who removes one or more street tree(s) with a DBH of 2.5” or more, unless exempt under Section IV, shall be subject to the requirements of the Tree Replacement Requirements Table below.
2. Any person, who removes one or more tree(s), as defined as Tree removal, with a DBH of 6” or more per acre, unless otherwise detailed under Section IV, shall be subject to the requirements of the Tree Replacement Requirements Table.

The species type and diversity of replacement trees shall be in accordance with Appendix A

Replacement tree(s) shall:

1. Be replaced in kind with a tree that has an equal or greater DBH than tree removed **or** meet the Tree Replacement Criteria in the table below;
2. Be planted within twelve (12) months of the date of removal of the original tree(s) or at an alternative date specified by the municipality;
3. Be monitored by the applicant for a period of two (2) years to ensure their survival and shall be replaced as needed within twelve (12) months; and
4. Shall not be planted in temporary containers or pots, as these do not count towards tree replacement requirements.

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Tree Replacement Requirements Table:

Category	Tree Removed (DBH)	Tree Replacement Criteria (See Appendix A)
1	DBH of 2.5” (for street trees) or 6” (for non-street trees) to 12.99”	Replant 1 tree with a minimum tree caliper of 1.5” for each tree removed
2	DBH of 13” to 22.99”	Replant 2 trees with minimum tree calipers of 1.5” for each tree removed
3	DBH of 23” to 32.99”	Replant 3 trees with minimum tree calipers of 1.5” for each tree removed
4	DBH of 33” or greater	Replant 4 trees with minimum tree calipers of 1.5” for each tree removed

B. Replacement Alternatives:

1. If the municipality determines that some or all required replacement trees cannot be planted on the property where the tree removal activity occurred, then the applicant shall do one of the following:
 - a. Plant replacement trees in a separate area(s) approved by the municipality.

SECTION IV. Exemptions:

All persons shall comply with the tree replacement standard outlined above, except in the cases detailed below. Proper justification shall be provided, in writing, to the municipality by all persons claiming an exemption.

- A. Residents who remove less than four (4) trees per acre that fall into category 1, 2, or 3 of the Tree Replacement Requirements Table within a five-year period.
- B. Tree farms in active operation, nurseries, fruit orchards, and garden centers;
- C. Properties used for the practice of silviculture under an approved forest stewardship or woodland management plan that is active and on file with the municipality;
- D. Any trees removed as part of a municipal or state decommissioning plan. This exemption only includes trees planted as part of the construction and predetermined to be removed in the decommissioning plan.
- E. Any trees removed pursuant to a New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) or U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved environmental clean-up, or NJDEP approved habitat enhancement plan;

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- F. Approved game management practices, as recommended by the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife;
- G. Hazard trees may be removed with no fee or replacement requirement.

SECTION V. Enforcement:

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Borough Code Enforcement Officer during the course of ordinary enforcement duties.

SECTION VI. Violations and Penalties:

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a Warning Notice and potential fine of \$50.

SECTION VII. Severability:

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase, and finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause or reason shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION VIII. Effective Date:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.

Appendix A

Approved list of Replacement Tree Species &
Planting Standards for Borough of Stratford

Source: Atlantic City Electric - Compatible Tree Species for Planting Near Non NERC Electric Power Lines

Acceptable for Planting Beneath Lines:

Hedge Maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>	25 – 30’ mature height
Redbud	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	15 – 20’ mature height
Fringetree	<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	15 – 18’ mature height
Dogwood	<i>Cornus florida</i>	15 – 25’ mature height
Kousa Dogwood	<i>Cornus kousa</i>	16 – 18’ mature height
Thornless Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus crusgalli inermis</i>	18 – 20’ mature height
Crabapple	<i>Malus spp.</i>	20 – 25’ mature height
Japanese Black Pine	<i>Pinus thunbergii</i>	20 – 25’ mature height
Purpleleaf Plum	<i>Prunus cerasifera</i>	15 – 20’ mature height
Japanese Flowering Cherry		
Columnar	<i>Prunus serrulata ‘Amonagawa’</i>	20 – 25’ mature height
Spreading	<i>Prunus serulata ‘Kwanzan’</i>	20 – 25’ mature height
Goldenchain Tree	<i>Laburnum X watereri</i>	25 - 30’ mature height
Trinity Flowering Pear	<i>Pyrus callerya ‘trinity’</i>	15 – 20’ mature height

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Winterberry	<i>Ilex verticallata</i>	4 – 8’ mature height
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Acceptable for Planting Adjacent (20'+ away) to Lines:

Thornless Honeylocust	<i>Gleditsia triacanthos var.inermis</i>	35 – 50’ mature height
Goldenrain Tree	<i>Koelreuteria paniculata</i>	25 – 30’ mature height
Japanese Tree Lilac	<i>Syringa amurensis japonica</i>	25 – 35’ mature height
Allegheny Serviceberry	<i>Amalanchier laevis</i>	25 – 40’ mature height
Leyland Cypress	<i>Cupressocyparis leylandi</i>	20 – 40’ mature height

5/06

NEW BUSINESS:

INTRODUCTION

ORD.24:05 TITLE 39 STATUTES STRATFORD COMMONS HOA

Motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, seconded by Councilman Gandy to introduce this Ordinance, with all Council voting aye.

BOROUGH OF STRATFORD ORDINANCE #24-05

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ENFORCEMENT OF TITLE 39 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO BE APPLIED TO THE PROPERTY OWNED BY STRATFORD COMMONS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. LOCATED IN THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD

WHEREAS, Stratford Commons Homeowners Association, Inc. has requested that the Borough enforce Subtitle 1, Title 39 of the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey at the property located at Block 53.01, known as Sydney Lane in the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 39:5A-1 authorizes the enforcement of Subtitle 1, Title 39 of the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey, the Motor Vehicle and Traffic Statutes, on private property, quasi-or semi-private property upon receipt of a written request; and

WHEREAS, the Stratford Commons Homeowners Association, Inc. requested, by letter dated April 5, 2024 that the Borough of Stratford enforce Title 39, of the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey within its property, to include Municipal Ordinances for related offenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey:

Section 1. The request made by Stratford Commons Homeowners Association, Inc. in the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey to have Subtitle 1, Title 39 of the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey be applied to its property located as the entire Block 53.01 in the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey is hereby approved.

Section 2. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or the application of this ordinance to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Revealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions inconsistent or in opposition to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section 4. Effective. This ordinance shall take effect after publication and passage in accordance with law.

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ORD.24:06 AMEND CH. 10.44 TRAFFIC SCHEDULES

Motion was made by Councilman Gandy, seconded by Councilwoman Martin to introduce this Ordinance, with all Council voting aye.

ORDINANCE 24-06

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10.44, ENTITLED TRAFFIC SCHEDULES OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford (the “Borough”) is a municipal corporation organized and operating under the laws of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2, the Governing Body is authorized to enact and amend ordinances as deemed necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and as may be necessary to carry into effect the powers and duties conferred and imposed upon the Municipality by law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford that the Code of the Borough of Stratford is hereby amended, revised and/or supplemented as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 10.44 entitled Traffic Schedules, 10.44.030 entitled Schedule III – No Stopping or standing of the Code of the Borough of Stratford is hereby supplemented:

Name of Street	Sides	Location
Sydney Lane	All	Entire length

SECTION 2. Except as set forth in Section 1 above, the balance of the Code of the Borough of Stratford shall not be affected by this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. All Ordinances contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are inconsistent herewith.

SECTION 4. If the provisions of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order of judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon posting, publication, and final passage in the manner prescribed by law.

RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Keenan reviewed the proposed resolutions. No one from Council removed or added to the consent agenda. Resolutions 24:64 through 24:67 were approved as a consent agenda.

Motion was made by Councilman Gilligan, seconded by Councilman Kelly with all members present voting aye by Roll Call Vote.

- RES.24:64 TOTAL DISABLED VET – B. 6, L. 12, 14 COOPER AVE
- RES.24:65 AUTHORIZE APPLIC POLICE GRANT FY23-24 CONSOLIDATED RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE/SAFETY \$156,000
- RES.24:66 AUTHORIZE SHARED SERVICE STRATFORD COMMONS HOA – TRASH/RECYCLING COLLECTION
- RES.24:67 GRANT APPLICATION COUNTY OPEN SPACE – SAO \$25,000

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Wire checks	501671	through	501682		
Payroll checks	59213	through	59341	and	
Automated checks	38431	through	38517		

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Various electronic transfers and potential interim payments to
Atlantic City Electric, Constellation Energy, PSE&G, and South Jersey Gas

Councilman Gandy motioned to approve the payment of the bills. Councilman Kelly seconded the motion, with all members present voted in favor in a Roll Call Vote.

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P.O. Type: All Include Project Line Items: Yes Open: N Paid: N Void: N
 Range: First to Last Rcvd: Y Held: Y Aprv: N
 Format: Detail without Line Item Notes Bid: Y State: Y Other: Y Exempt: Y
 Vendors: All Include Non-Budgeted: Y
 Rcvd Batch Id Range: First to Last

Vendor # Name	PO # PO Date Description	Contract PO Type	Acct Type Description	Stat/Chk	First Rcvd	Chk/Void	1099
	Item Description	Amount Charge Account			Enc Date Date	Date Invoice	Excl
ATLAN030 ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC							
24-00353	03/21/24 Traff Signal:Laurel Rd Mar'24						
1	Traff Signal:Laurel Rd Mar'24	37.39	4-01-31-435-000-200	B STREET LIGHTING OE	R	03/21/24 03/25/24	5500 0877 872 N
24-00354 03/21/24 SUPPLY & SERVICE FEB 24 USE							
1	SUPPLY & SERVICE FEB 24 USE	3,055.73	4-01-31-430-000-200	B ELECTRICITY	R	03/21/24 03/21/24	N
2	SUPPLY & SERVICE FEB 24 USE	2,483.39	4-01-31-435-000-200	B STREET LIGHTING OE	R	03/21/24 03/21/24	5500 0691 760 N
3	SUPPLY & SERVICE FEB 24 USE	283.42	T-03-00-695-000-000	B PARKS OPEN SPACE RECREATION	R	03/21/24 03/21/24	N
4	SUPPLY & SERVICE FEB 24 USE	1,171.32	T-03-00-696-000-000	B PARKS - RECREATION FACILITIES/FIELDS	R	03/21/24 03/21/24	N
5	SUPPLY & SERVICE FEB 24 USE	1,350.02	4-07-55-502-000-250	B SEWER UTILITY ELECTRICITY	R	03/21/24 03/21/24	N
		<u>8,343.88</u>					
Vendor Total:		8,381.27					

PSEG0010 P S E & G							
24-00356	03/21/24 Electricity Supply&svc FEB'24						
1	ELECTRICITY SUPPLY&SVC FEB '24	59.00	4-01-31-435-000-200	B STREET LIGHTING OE	R	03/21/24 03/21/24	73 547 720 03 N
Vendor Total:		59.00					

SOUTH050 SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY							
24-00355	03/21/24 NAT GAS SUPPLY&SVC FEB'24 USE						
1	NAT GAS SUPPLY&SVC FEB 24 USE	3,057.56	4-01-31-446-000-200	B NATURAL GAS EXPENSE	R	03/21/24 03/25/24	N
2	NAT GAS SUPPLY&SVC FEB 24 USE	550.26	4-07-55-502-000-251	B SEWER UTILITY GAS (NATURAL OR PROPANE)	R	03/21/24 03/25/24	N
3	NAT GAS SUPPLY&SVC NOV/DEC'23	1,042.09	3-01-31-446-000-200	B NATURAL GAS EXPENSE	R	03/25/24 03/25/24	N
		<u>4,649.91</u>					
Vendor Total:		4,649.91					

Total Purchase Orders: 4 Total P.O. Line Items: 10 Total List Amount: 13,090.18 Total Void Amount: 0.00

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Totals by Year-Fund	Fund	Budget Rcvd	Budget Held	Budget Total	Revenue Total	G/L Total	Total
CURRENT FUND	3-01	1,042.09	0.00	1,042.09	0.00	0.00	1,042.09
CURRENT FUND	4-01	8,693.07	0.00	8,693.07	0.00	0.00	8,693.07
SEWER OPERATING FUND	4-07	1,900.28	0.00	1,900.28	0.00	0.00	1,900.28
	Year Total:	10,593.35	0.00	10,593.35	0.00	0.00	10,593.35
TRUST OTHER FUND	T-03	1,454.74	0.00	1,454.74	0.00	0.00	1,454.74
Total of All Funds:		13,090.18	0.00	13,090.18	0.00	0.00	13,090.18

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See detailed bill list attached to the end of the minutes.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilman Gilligan – Councilman Gilligan congratulated Councilwoman Martin on a great Easter Egg Hunt event. Also thanks SAO for continuing their long honored tradition of the Opening Day event, and Mayor Hall for joining him, the Park Commission and the volunteers from Heroic Gardens at Vet Park this past Saturday.
- Councilwoman Martin – Thanked all those who helped with the Annual Easter Egg Hunt.
- Councilman Gandy – thanked all who helped and participated in the Easter Egg Hunt. He commented the unusual heavy rains has added some added calls for assistance from residents to the fire, police, DPW, and OEM.
- Councilman Kelly – thanked the volunteer veterans who came out to help clean up Vets Park, including the volunteers from the Park Commission. He said Councilwoman Martin is doing a great job with Public Events.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Councilman Kelly motioned to open the meeting to the public for Good and Welfare. Councilman Gilligan seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a voice vote.

John Gentless – 111 Union Ave. – Mr. Gentless asked about the flooding around the new townhomes on Berlin Road. Borough Engineer Craig Reilly responded that their office had made a site visit to the area, and upon further review of the plans, concluded the unusually heavy rains, which in March was 8.5”, when normally it is 4.5”, has made the surrounding wetlands even more wet. He did confirm the adjacent properties were low even prior to construction.

Mr. Gentless inquired about talks with Rowan for more financial assistance annually, and if any new information related to the Methodist Church Taxes. Mr. Keenan stated no new information about the church taxes.

ADJOURN:

Councilman Gilligan motioned to adjourn the meeting at approx. 6:57 PM. Councilman Gandy seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

John D. Keenan, Jr, RMC
Borough Administrator
Borough Deputy Clerk