

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
DECEMBER 30, 2024
2:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: THE STRATFORD SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING FOR DECEMBER 30, 2024

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER:

STATEMENT OF ADVERTISEMENT:

Notice of this meeting has been placed in The Retrospect, and was posted on the Borough Hall Bulletin Board stating the time and the place of the meeting.

ROLL CALL:

MAYOR LINDA HALL	STUART PLATT, BOROUGH SOLICITOR
COUNCIL PRESIDENT MICHAEL TOLOMEO	RON MORELLO, POLICE/OEM COORDINATOR
COUNCILMAN STEPHEN GANDY	JOHN D. KEENAN JR, ADMINISTRATOR
COUNCILMAN JIM KELLY	STEPHENIE CIANFRANI, DEPUTY CLERK
COUNCILWOMAN DAWN MARTIN	
COUNCILMAN TINA LOMANNO	
COUNCILMAN PATRICK GILLIGAN	

PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS AND GOOD AND WELFARE:

Motion to go to open public portion:

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote: _____

Motion to close public portion:

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote: _____

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTIONS:

RES.24:164	CANCEL GRANT BALANCES
RES.24:165	REFUND OF CANCELLED CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEE
RES.24:166	REFUND OF CANCELLED CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEE
RES.24:167	AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION 50% OF PROPERTY TAXES DUE TO TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN TAX EXEMPT STATUS
RES.24:168	APPOINT TRIAD ASSOCIATES AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT FOR 2025
RES.24:169	APPOINT DANIEL KUEHNL AS FIRE POLICE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT
RES.24:170	AWARD COUNTY CO-OP BID FOR RECYCLING MATERAILS FOR 10 YEARS – OMNI RECYCLING HOLDINGS, LLC

Motion: _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

ORDINANCES:

ORD. 24-13 AMENDING CHAPTER 6.04 ENTITLED DOGS AND CATS, SUPPLEMENTING 6.04.060

Motion: _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

ADJOURN:

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote: _____

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RESOLUTION 24:164

WHEREAS, various grant receivable balances remain on the Borough’s Grant Fund Balance Sheet which have been researched and are no longer valid; and

WHEREAS, appropriated grant reserves remain on the Borough’s Grant Fund Balance Sheet which have been researched and are no longer valid; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel the following receivable balances and/or appropriated grant reserve balances from the Borough’s Grant Balance Sheet.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of new jersey, that the following Grant Receivable and Grant Reserve Appropriation balances be cancelled by the Chief Financial Officer

<u>Grant Title</u>	<u>Receivable Cancelled</u>	<u>Appropriation Cancelled</u>
2021 NJDOT-Homestead	\$1,924.74	\$1,924.74
2022 CDBG-ADA Improvements	\$1,810.85	\$1,810.85
2023 CDBG-Coolidge/Wellington	\$129.16	\$129.16
Municipal Alliance-DMHAS	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
WHP Strategic Enforcement	\$20.00	\$20.00
2024 Pop-Up Party Prevention	\$120.94	\$120.94

CERTIFICATION

I, Stephenie Cianfrani, Deputy 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 December 30, 2024.

STEPHENIE CIANFRANI
DEPUTY BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 2024:165
REFUND OF CANCELLED CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEE

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford has received payment for construction permit 23-135 from Sunrun Installation Services, Inc. in the amount of \$626.00; and

WHEREAS, the homeowner has decided not to move forward with the project and to cancel the permit; and

WHEREAS, the contractor has requested a refund of the permit fee; and

WHEREAS, cancelled construction permits may be refunded to the requestor with the exception of the DCA Training fee of \$36.00, and 25% of the permit fee of \$147.50.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to refund cancelled construction permit 23-135 to Sunrun Installation Services, Inc. in the amount of \$442.50.

CERTIFICATION

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STEPHENIE CIANFRANI
DEPUTY BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 24:166
REFUND OF CANCELLED CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEE

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford has received payment for construction permit 23-190 from Sunrun Installation Services, Inc. in the amount of \$549.00; and

WHEREAS, the homeowner has decided not to move forward with the project and to cancel the permit; and

WHEREAS, the contractor has requested a refund of the permit fee; and

WHEREAS, cancelled construction permits may be refunded to the requestor with the exception of the DCA Training fee of \$59.00, and 25% of the permit fee of \$122.50.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to refund cancelled construction permit 23-190 to Sunrun Installation Services, Inc. in the amount of \$367.50.

CERTIFICATION

I, Stephenie Cianfrani, Borough Clerk, do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted at a public meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford at a meeting held on December 30, 2024.

STEPHENIE CIANFRANI
DEPUTY BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 24:167
AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION 50% OF PROPERTY TAXES DUE
TO TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN TAX EXEMPT STATUS

WHEREAS, an application has been received from James W. Lewis, Jr., 50% owner and resident of 18 Cooper Avenue, Block 6 Lot 11, for an exemption from the payment of property taxes; and

WHEREAS, James W. Lewis, Jr. suffered from a service-connected disability and has been declared 100% permanently and totally disabled by the U.S. Veterans Administration; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has determined that James W. Lewis, Jr. has submitted the required documentation and is entitled to a 50% exemption from property taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford, that James W. Lewis, Jr.'s property shall be placed on the Exempt Property List at 50% effective November 27, 2024.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Tax Collector is authorized to cancel property taxes billed for the 4th Quarter 2024 in the amount of \$612.32 and refund said amount to the property owner's mortgage company, Corelogic.

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DEPUTY BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 24:168

APPOINT TRIAD ASSOCIATES AS THE Administrative Agent as Governed by the New Jersey Fair Share Housing Act (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301, et seq.)

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Borough Council desires to engage the professional services of Triad Associates to assist the Borough of Stratford to perform the duties and responsibilities of Administrative Agent as are governed by the New Jersey Fair Share Housing Act (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq.) (herein referred to as “Act”) and Section 5:80-26.1 et seq. of the regulations promulgated there under (the Rules); and

WHEREAS, Triad Associates has submitted a proposal, detailing the Scope of Services to meet the obligation of the Act, with compensation for such services not to exceed \$50,000.00 per year; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has ascertained there are available sufficient funds for this contract with Triad Associates, in the amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Account T-03-00-705-000-000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to appoint Triad Associates as Administrative Agent for a term of one year commencing January 1, 2025 with compensation not to exceed \$50,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “Professional Service” under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5, which provides inter alia, that no local unit shall be required to advertise for bids for services rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and whose practice is regulated by law, or to advertise for bids for services which are of such a qualitative nature as will not reasonably permit the drawing of specifications of competitive bids all of which classification the aforesaid contract falls with and

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STEPHENIE CIANFRANI

RESOLUTION 24:169

APPOINTMENT OF FIRE POLICE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Fire Chief has recommended the appointment of a representative of the Stratford Fire Department as Fire Police; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Daniel Kuehl as Fire Police for the Stratford Fire Department effective December 30, 2024.

CERTIFICATION

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STEPHENIE CIANFRANI
DEPUTY BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 24:170

AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD TO ENTER INTO A TEN-YEAR CONTRACT WITH OMNI RECYCLING HOLDINGS, LLC UNDER CAMDEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM FOR MARKETING SERVICES OF SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

WHEREAS, the County of Camden received three bids for the provision of marketing services of single-stream recyclable materials under the Camden County Cooperative Pricing System, System Identifier #57-CCCPS; and

WHEREAS, the Camden County Evaluation Committee has reviewed the responses, and has recommended an agreement be awarded to Omni Recycling Holdings, LLC for a term of ten (10) years effective May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2035, at the unit pricing listed in their Proposal dated July 24, 2024 and returnable on September 4, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Camden County Board of Commissioners adopted by Resolution on October 17, 2024 authorizing the same award; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford wants to participate in this Camden County Cooperative Agreement with Omni Recycling Holdings, LLC for a ten (10) year contract effective May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2035; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Council to authorize the participation with the County of Camden Cooperative Agreement with Omni Recycling Holdings, LLC for ten (10) years effective May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2035 and to authorize the execution of any and all contracts and agreements for the same.

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STEPHENIE CIANFRANI
DEPUTY BOROUGH CLERK

ORDINANCE 24-13

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6.04
ENTITLED "DOGS AND CATS"
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 6.04 entitled DOGS AND CATS, 6.04.060 entitled Kennel license – Pet Shops of the Code of the Borough of Stratford is hereby supplemented:

- D. If the location of the kennel is in a C - Commercial District as noted in Chapter 17.24 of the Title 17 ZONING, the maximum number of dogs to be maintained in a kennel shall not exceed seventy-seven (77). The building housing the kennel shall be no closer than one-hundred (100) feet to a residential structure. It is unlawful for the holder of any kennel license to permit any dog or dogs covered thereby to run at large. There can only be one (1) of this type of kennel license.

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.

Introduced: December 10, 2024

Adopted: December 30, 2024

ATTEST:

Mayor Linda Hall

Stephenie Cianfrani
Borough Deputy Clerk

NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE

The ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at the Regular Meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, held on December 05, 2024. It will be further considered for final passage after public hearing thereon, at the meeting of the Governing Body to be held via electronic video conference provided by ZOOM or in the Borough Hall, in the Borough of Stratford on the 30th day of December 2024 at 2:00 PM. To attend the meeting visit, <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6553784906> or enter Meeting ID: 655 378 4906 in the Zoom application.

Copies of the ordinance will be made available during the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting at the Clerk's Office in the Borough Hall to the members of the general public who shall request the same.

Stephenie Cianfrani
Borough Deputy Clerk