

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024
6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Borough Clerk Bill Bray 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 – PRESENT
COUNCILMAN PATRICK GILLIGAN – PRESENT
COUNCILWOMAN TINA LOMANNO – PRESENT
COUNCILWOMAN DAWN MARTIN – PRESENT
COUNCILMAN STEPHEN GANDY – PRESENT
COUNCILMAN JIM KELLY – PRESENT
JUSTIN STRAUSSER, BOROUGH SOLICITOR – PRESENT
RON MORELLO, CHIEF POLICE EXECUTIVE/OEM – ABSENT
JOHN D. KEENAN JR, BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – PRESENT

Borough Clerk Bill Bray stated the Borough is experiencing power failures and the meeting would be conducted quickly to allow Mayor, Council and Borough staff to resume their storm response duties.

PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

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

There were no comments.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

DECEMBER 27, 2023 YEAR END MEETING
JANUARY 4, REORGANIZATION MEETING

A motion was made by Councilman Kelly, seconded by Councilman Tolomeo with all members present voting aye by Roll Call Vote except Councilwoman Lomanno who abstained from the Jan. 4 Reorganization Minutes. who abstain because she was not at the meeting.

REPORTS: Councilman Gilligan stated in an effort to expedite the meeting due to the ongoing winter storm, the reports will be listed as submitted and spread in their typical format in the meeting minutes.

ORDINANCE & PROPERTY - Zoning Code Officer's Inspection Report for the month of December 2023.

Total number of properties inspected/reinspected: 6

Total number of Warning given: 6

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Total Number of Pending Issues: 3
Total number of properties brought into compliance: 3
Total number of citations issued: 5

2023 Year End Code Enforcement Report

Total number of properties inspected: 425
Total number of Warning given: 502
Total number of citations issued: 82

POLICE - The reports are as follows:

December 2023:

25 Adult arrests	0 Juvenile arrests,
0 Assaults to Police	4 Simple assaults Complaints,
11 Criminal Mischief Complaints	24 Harassment complaints,
666 Other investigations and complaints	0 Burglary
1 Robberies	9 thefts in the amount of \$6,345.00
\$925.00 in stolen property recovered	1 motor vehicle thefts,
7 D.W.I. arrests	8 Narcotics arrests,
331 Traffic summonses issued	26 Motor vehicle accidents,
9 injuries from accidents (0 pedestrian)	24 Alarm activations
With 103 Total Crime Reports Taken, and 707 Total Calls for Police Service	

Dec. 26, 2023 - A Strong Armed Robbery occurred to a patron at Tim Hortons. The victim had jewelry stolen by force. Stratford Police arrested a 35-year old Camden man attempting to board a PATCO Train.

December 23, 2023 -Officer Morello identified a man wanted by Gloucester Twp. and Voorhees Twp. Police for 2-armed robbery of small businesses. As a result, a SWAT Team arrested the man in Pine hill recovering the proceeds and a handgun. 32-year-old Pine Hill Man was charged by Stratford with Eluding Police. He remains in the Camden County Jail.

Over the past few months, there has been an uptick of pedestrian accidents along with White Horse Pike. Please drive slowly with an eye for pedestrians crossing. Some of the accidents involved drunk or drugged pedestrians.

2023 Year End Police Activity Report

321 Adult arrests	3 Juvenile arrests,
5 Assaults to Police	59 Simple assaults Complaints,
46 Criminal Mischief Complaints	142 Harassment complaints,
6,758 Other investigations and complaints	3 Burglary
2 Robberies	Thefts in the amount of \$1,165,187.00
\$219,359.00 in stolen property recovered	10 motor vehicle thefts,
59 D.W.I. arrests	76 Narcotics arrests,
44,371 Traffic summonses issued	231 Motor vehicle accidents,
54 injuries from accidents (7 pedestrian)	249 Alarm activations
With 1,206 Total Crime Reports Taken, and 8,110 Total Calls for Police Service	

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EXECUTIVE STATEMENT
Chief Police Executive Ronald Morello

On behalf of the Stratford Police Department, it is my distinct pleasure to present the 2023 Annual Report for the Borough of Stratford Police Department.

The Stratford Police Department is responsible for enforcing state statutes and municipal ordinances, investigating crimes, and providing a multitude of services while maintaining a safe community for our residents to live and work in. As you review this report, you will find that the Stratford Police Department is meeting and or exceeding its mission, statement, while effectively handling all responsibilities delegated to our agency. I am confident you will agree that the officers of our department have done an exceptional job keeping our community safe while providing our residents with the best services possible.

I look forward to continue working with the governing body to enhance the services we provide and to continue making the Borough of Stratford a safe place to live and work. As 2023 closes, I must take this moment to recognize the 8 years of solid leadership provided by Mayor Josh Keenan. While kindness and his genuine good nature are his strongest attributes, the Mayor's ability to govern and lead with dignity was remarkable and worthy of imitation. The Stratford Police Department welcomes Mayor-Elect Linda Hall. We know public safety will be a top priority of Mayor Hall's administration as well.

Fire Department the report submitted is as follows:

The Stratford Fire Department responded to 35 Alarms 2 Drills in the month of December 2023, for a total of 327 Alarms and 18 Drills.

	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Building Fires	1	18
Alarm Systems	7	105
Dwelling Fires	1	19
Investigations	8	53
Rescues & M.V.A.'s	6	52
Wires, Trees Down	1	20
Brush Fires	1	4
Car Fires	0	0
Assist Ambulance, Police, Public	10	56
Drills	2	18

Emergency Medical Service: The report is as follows:

Total calls for December 2023 – 87 YDT - 948

Office of Emergency Management

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT DECEMBER 2023

Deputy OEM Coordinator Tim Hall volunteered to assist with traffic and set up for the Christmas Tree Lighting Public Event at Yellin School.

In accordance with our subscription ordinance governing EMS Services. Jefferson Hospital, Rowan Medicine, Rowan School of Osteopathic Medicine and Laurel Manor Nursing Home all registered and paid their annual fees to the Stratford Ambulance Association to provide EMS Services for their facilities under our shared service agreement.

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These subscription fees along with the Stratford Ambulance Annual Fundraising Drive allows for our Ambulance Service to be completely independent of the Municipal Budget.

Under our structure, no municipal tax dollars are spent to pay the Magnolia / Stratford shares EMS service agreement.

PUBLIC WORKS & LIGHTING The report is as follows:

Sewer Utility/Public Works

Monthly report - December, 2023

- 1.) Leaf collection, both leaf vacuums are out Monday through Friday up to December 22, 2023. The 26th through the 29th one leaf vacuum out.
- (2.) Removed fall flags and installed winter flags.
- (3.) Leaf clean ups were done at all parks and Borough Buildings.
- (4.) Chipped branches left at curb side.
- (5.) Installed new heater filters at the Police Department.
- (6.) Leaf clean up at Sterling Arms Condo.
- (7.) Cut up a tree that fell at Overhill Rd and Parkview Rd. All branches and logs removed from the roadway.
- (8.) Repaired Storm drain at college Circle. The metal Pipe was sleeved with a plastic pipe to repair it from leaking.
- (9.) Fire Extinguisher inspection revealed three out of date extinguishers, taken to Nat Alexanders for tank inspection.
- (10.) There were 20 calls for sewers backups during the month December 2023.

PUBLIC EVENTS – The report is as follows:

Our Holiday House Decorating Contest was a huge success. We had 23 houses join our contest this year. We'd like to thank each resident who entered the contest. This contest is always a fun way to get residents of our town involved in the holiday season.

Our winners for the 2023 House Decorating Contest were:

- 1st Place- The Wiseman Family
- 2nd Place- The DiGiacomo Family
- 3rd Place- The Solomon and Houchins Family
- 4th Place- The Evans Family
- 5th Place- The Sexton Family
- 6th Place- The Coigne Family

All of the houses and winners were posted on the town's Facebook Page.

Upcoming Events

We are planning to hold the Little Miss Stratford and Miss Stratford Pageant at the end of March or beginning of April. All information about the pageant and applications will be posted on the website once details are finalized.

Stratford Senior Events:

January 17 1:00-2:00 Bingo hosted by Laurel Manor

January 24 1:00-3:00 Cooking Classes hosted by the Food Bank of South Jersey

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

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FINANCE & REVENUE The report is as follows:
BOROUGH FINANCIAL REPORT – December 2023
Balance as of 11-30-2023 – \$2,378,303.21
Total Receipts – \$386,041.07
Total Disbursements – \$1,650,070.39
Balance as of 12-31-2023 – \$1,114,272.89
Total in other Funds - \$2,392,273.74

OLD BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING & ADOPTION: There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE 24:1 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

**ORDINANCE 24:01
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION
LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford in the County of Camden, finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY2024 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$191,406.35 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford, in the County of Camden, a majority of the full authorized membership of the governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY2024 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Stratford shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$191,406.35 and that the CY2024 municipal budget for the Borough of Stratford be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced to be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Councilwoman Lomanno made a motion to introduce Ordinance 24-01 on first reading. Councilman Kelly seconded the motion with all members present voted in favor in a Roll Call Vote. Mr. Bray stated the public hearing will be held at the February 13 meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Bray reviewed the proposed resolutions. No one from Council removed or added to the consent agenda. Resolutions 24:28 through 24:28 were approved as a consent agenda.

RES. 24-28 AWARD CONTRACT FOR ADA WATER COOLER/ BOTTLE FILLER PROJECT

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

BUSINESS LICENSE: Mr. Bray stated the application was reviewed by the Stratford Police Department and authorized for approval. Councilman Kelly made a motion to approve the Business License for

ROB’S KITCHEN – 804 N. White Horse Pike

Councilwoman Lomanno seconded the motion which was adopted by Council by unanimous roll call vote of members present.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Wire checks	501636	through	501648		
Payroll checks	58804	through	58935	and	
Automated checks	38186	through	38264		
Various electronic transfers and potential interim payments to Atlantic City Electric, Constellation Energy, PSE&G, and South Jersey Gas					

Councilwoman Lomanno 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: Condensed		Bid: Y	State: Y	Other: Y
Vendors: All	Include Non-Budgeted: Y			Exempt: Y
Rcvd Batch Id Range: First	to Last			

Vendor #	Name	PO #	PO Date	Description	Status	Amount	Void Amount	Contract	PO Type
KAYADAM	ADAM KAY	24-00008	01/04/24	Medical Expense Reimb 2023	Open	472.09	0.00		
AMAZ0015	Amazon Capital Services	23-01485	11/29/23	PD:Streamlight Batterys+Switch	Open	5.39	0.00		
		23-01525	12/05/23	PD: SL Switch Cover Boot Kit	Open	46.05	0.00		
						<u>51.44</u>			
AUTOZ010	AUTO ZONE, INC.	23-01658	12/28/23	PD:32-16: Coil+Stabilizer Bar	Open	112.98	0.00		
AUTOZ02	AUTOZONE, INC.	23-01655	12/28/23	DPW: Leaf Vac: Plastic Weld	Open	9.76	0.00		
BACHASSO	BACH ASSOCIATES PC	23-01667	12/29/23	SJGasRdOpen:OH/Sum/Rolling/SBrk	Open	411.25	0.00		
		23-01668	12/29/23	Velocity StratLub2023-5	Open	220.00	0.00		
		23-01669	12/29/23	LAUREL MANOR: STRATLUB2023-1	Open	1,912.50	0.00		
		23-01670	12/29/23	Stratfrd sr Liv StratLub2021-1	Open	183.75	0.00		
		23-01671	12/29/23	Laurel Mills STRATLUB2019-1C	Open	376.75	0.00		
		23-01672	12/29/23	E.Laurel Rd:Revelop Planning	Open	260.00	0.00		
		23-01673	12/29/23	Beaver Cir/Temple Ave Swr Rprs	Open	2,695.00	0.00		
		23-01674	12/29/23	RESURF COOLDG/WELLINGTN/BRYANT	Open	13,200.00	0.00		
		23-01675	12/29/23	Eng. Svc. General - NOV.2023	Open	145.00	0.00		
		23-01676	12/29/23	Recreational storg STRAT2023-6	Open	130.00	0.00		
		23-01677	12/29/23	CANREA (STRATLUB2023-4) B9,L16	Open	1,281.75	0.00		
						<u>20,816.00</u>			
BOROU015	BOROUGH OF AUDUBON	24-00037	01/05/24	Shared Svcs Agreemnt:Court Svc	Open	17,666.66	0.00		
BRTTECH	BRT TECHNOLOGIES LLC	24-00036	01/05/24	TAX ASSESSOR SOFTWARE'23 (BAL)	Open	170.00	0.00		
CAMDE130	CAMDEN COUNTY M U A	24-00040	01/05/24	Sewer Service 12/01-02/29/2024	Open	352.00	0.00		
CAMDE140	CAMDEN COUNTY MAYORS ASSO	24-00060	01/08/24	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP 2024 HALL	Open	500.00	0.00		
CERTI010	CERTIFIED TIRE & AUTO SERV LLC	23-01611	12/14/23	FD: #6419: 4 Tires	Open	920.33	0.00		
		23-01619	12/19/23	FD: #E64 (4) Tires	Open	2,439.48	0.00		
						<u>3,359.81</u>			
CIT00010	CIT	24-00033	01/05/24	PATROL OFFICE COPIER LEAS 2026	Open	132.00	0.00		

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CIT00010	CIT				Continued				
		24-00049	01/08/24	Pol Upstairs Copier: Lease	Open	69.00	0.00		
		24-00050	01/08/24	B.H. Copier:'23 Lease (Bal)	Open	173.52	0.00		
		24-00051	01/08/24	Pol Clerks Ofc Copier Lease'28	Open	<u>119.00</u>	0.00		
						493.52			
COLLI015	COLLINS, ZACHARY								
		23-01651	12/28/23	2023 MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT	Open	346.34	0.00		
COMCA010	COMCAST								
		23-01681	12/29/23	COM CNT:INTERNT 12/21-01/20/24	Open	139.89	0.00		
		24-00039	01/05/24	INTERNET SERVICE JAN 2024	Open	<u>253.74</u>	0.00		
						393.63			
COMPU045	COMPUTER SQUARE INC								
		24-00038	01/05/24	RMS ANNUAL MAINT,ETIX,MDT LIC	Open	7,480.00	0.00		
COVAN005	COVANTA ENERGY LLC								
		24-00020	01/05/24	Trash Tonnage DEC'23(255.23)TN	Open	22,952.86	0.00		
SUNSATNL	DAVID CHERUBINI								
		24-00006	01/03/24	Fall Pumpkins: Additional	Open	130.00	0.00		
ROMEODOM	DOMINIC ROMEO								
		23-00215	02/14/23	Clothing Allowance 2023	Open	210.42	0.00		
		23-00216	02/14/23	2023 Medical Reimbursement	Open	<u>562.44</u>	0.00		
						772.86			
ECHEL010	ECHELON FORD INC.								
		23-01653	12/28/23	32-3: Screws + Nuts	Open	47.20	0.00		
		23-01660	12/28/23	32-16: Engine Bracket	Open	<u>125.00</u>	0.00		
						172.20			
ELITE020	ELITE HEATING & AIR CONDIT,INC								
		23-01576	12/08/23	Stratford CC: Replc Furn Motor	Open	2,100.00	0.00		
FAIRB005	FAIRBORN EQ MID-ATLANTIC LLC								
		23-01625	12/19/23	FD: Door Repair	Open	1,488.50	0.00		
FARRE020	FARRELL, THOMAS								
		23-01644	12/28/23	MEDICAL EXPENSE REIM 2023	Open	900.00	0.00		
FRANK050	FRANKLIN TRAILERS INC								
		23-01649	12/28/23	DPW:F250 wiring for Brine Syst	Open	10.76	0.00		
GAGLI030	GAGLIARDI III, FRANK								
		23-00363	03/29/23	Cell Phone Reimbursements 2023	Open	150.00	0.00		
GARDE065	GARDEN STATE SECURITY GROUPLLC								
		23-01577	12/08/23	Stratfrd CC:REPLC FIREALRM PNL	Open	1,940.23	0.00		
		24-00041	01/05/24	Alarm Monitr:1/1/24 to 3/31/24	Open	<u>294.00</u>	0.00		
						2,234.23			

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HOMED010	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES								
		23-01586	12/11/23	CREDIT CARD PURCHASES DEC'2023	Open	138.30	0.00		
		23-01615	12/19/23	BH Basement: Shelv/Hooks/Bins	Open	622.24	0.00		
		23-01622	12/19/23	FD: Trash Bags (42 Gal)	Open	84.40	0.00		
		23-01623	12/19/23	FD: Lighting for 911 Memorial	Open	38.84	0.00		
						883.78			
INDEP015	INDEPENDNT ANIMAL CARE SVC LLC								
		23-00119	01/26/23	Animal Control Contract 2023	Open	400.00	0.00		
IACPNET	INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF								
		24-00056	01/08/24	ACTIVE DUES 01/01/24-12/31/24	Open	190.00	0.00		
JESSD005	JESS, DYLAN								
		23-01629	12/20/23	2023 Medical Reimbursement	Open	900.00	0.00		
JESSV010	JESS, VINCE								
		24-00055	01/08/24	2023 Medical Reimb (Bal)	Open	21.53	0.00		
JOHNS020	JOHNSON, BRET								
		24-00069	01/08/24	2024 Retire Health Care Reimb	Open	3,540.64	0.00		
KAVIC005	KAVI CONSTRUCTION, LLC								
		24-00026	01/05/24	CDBG ADA IMPROVEMENTS-PAY #3	Open	43,011.90	0.00	23-00001	C
KDIC0010	KDI								
		23-01652	12/28/23	VOL COL BH COPIER TO 12/08/23	Open	60.72	0.00		
KEENA010	KEENAN JR, JOHN D								
		23-01643	12/28/23	Pub Events:Holiday Decorations	Open	237.27	0.00		
LAURE010	LAUREL LAWNMOWER SERVICE, INC.								
		23-01654	12/28/23	DPW: Chain Saw Parts	Open	90.97	0.00		
LEXIS005	LEXISNEXIS RISK SOLUTIONS								
		24-00014	01/04/24	Monthly Contract+Searchs 12/23	Open	32.00	0.00		
LOCAL005	LOCALITY MEDIA DBA FIRST DUE								
		23-01624	12/19/23	FD:Inventory Manag Prg Renewal	Open	3,850.00	0.00		
LOWES010	LOWES COMPANIES INC								
		23-01528	12/05/23	Credit Card Purchases Dec'23	Open	519.66	0.00		
MAJES005	MAJESTIC OIL CO INC								
		23-01661	12/29/23	DYED ULS DIESEL FUEL	Open	2,846.96	0.00		
MCCAR005	McCarthy Tire Svc Co of NJ LLC								
		23-01648	12/28/23	FD: Road Service: Unit 64-12	Open	445.00	0.00		
NEWJE010	NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER								
		23-01679	12/29/23	Water Usage NOV 14 to DEC 13	Open	404.11	0.00		

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NJCM0010	NEW JERSEY CONF OF MAYORS	24-00061	01/08/24	2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES	Open	395.00	0.00		
NJDEP025	NJ DEPT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SVC	24-00023	01/05/24	DEC 2023-MONTHLY DOG LIC RPT	Open	2.40	0.00		
NJDISCOV	NJDISCOVERYDOCS.COM LLC	24-00058	01/08/24	ANNUAL RENEWAL ALCOTEST 2024	Open	1,070.00	0.00		
OTISE010	OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY	24-00042	01/05/24	Elevator Maintenance 2024	Open	3,953.64	0.00		
PAVP010	PAVING PLUS LLC	24-00027	01/05/24	2022 NJDOT-CENTRAL/KIRKWOOD II	Open	115,133.44	0.00	23-00003	C
PERKI005	PERKINS, CHERYL	24-00054	01/08/24	Medical Expense Reimb 2024	Open	170.00	0.00		
PETTY010	PETTY CASH	24-00043	01/08/24	START UP 2024 PETTY CASH	Open	75.00	0.00		
QUALI030	QUALITY LANDSCAPING INC	23-01620	12/19/23	FD: Sprinkler Winterization	Open	100.00	0.00		
RSCOM010	R & S COMPUTER SERVICES	24-00035	01/05/24	Monthly Web Updt,Eblast 01/24	Open	214.00	0.00		
RAUERKRI	RAUER, KRISTINA	24-00015	01/04/24	Uniform Reimbursemnt 2023(Bal)	Open	274.52	0.00		
		24-00053	01/08/24	Medical Expense Reimb 2024	Open	503.00	0.00		
						<u>777.52</u>			
REGIS010	REGISTRARS' ASSOCIATION OF NJ	24-00064	01/08/24	B.Bray: Annual Dues	Open	25.00	0.00		
		24-00065	01/08/24	S.McCart: Annual Dues	Open	25.00	0.00		
						<u>50.00</u>			
RIEBE020	RIEBEL, PATRICIA V	24-00030	01/05/24	unif Reimb 2023 (Balance)	Open	76.05	0.00		
MCCARTSH	SHARON MCCART	23-00227	02/21/23	Medical Expense Reimb 2023	Open	384.00	0.00		
STATE030	STATE OF NEW JERSEY	24-00070	01/08/24	JAN 2024-RETIRED GROUP HEALTH	Open	38,379.29	0.00		
		24-00071	01/08/24	DEC 2023-ACTIVE GROUP HEALTH	Open	26,651.08	0.00		
						<u>65,030.37</u>			
STATE080	STATE TOXICOLOGY LABORATO	24-00057	01/08/24	PD: Random Testing 2023	Open	45.00	0.00		
STERL030	STERLING HIGH SCHOOL	24-00045	01/08/24	JAN 2024-REGIONAL SCHOOL TAX	Open	381,666.00	0.00		

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SCHMIDTS	STEVEN SCHMIDT								
		23-01631	12/20/23	2023 MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT	Open	703.00	0.00		
		23-01632	12/20/23	2023 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	Open	900.00	0.00		
						1,603.00			
STRAT030	STRATFORD ATHLETIC ORGANIZATIO								
		24-00063	01/08/24	SAO: Reimb ABI Mach Ls Pymts	Open	605.23	0.00		
STRAT040	STRATFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION								
		24-00044	01/08/24	JANUARY 2024-LOCAL SCHOOL TAX	Open	866,921.67	0.00		
BREAK010	THE BREAKER GROUP INC								
		24-00066	01/08/24	D.Martin: Hosted Email	Open	75.00	0.00		
		24-00067	01/08/24	BORO: OFFSITE BACKUP 2024	Open	350.00	0.00		
		24-00068	01/08/24	BORO: MANAGED IT SERVICES 2024	Open	1,100.00	0.00		
		24-00076	01/09/24	Police Depart Comp Svc 2024	Open	967.00	0.00		
						2,492.00			
PEPBOYS	THE PEP BOYS-MANNY,MOE,& JACK								
		23-01598	12/11/23	2017 Tahoe: Frnt/Rear Brakes	Open	690.77	0.00		
RETRO001	THE RETROSPECT								
		23-01581	12/11/23	LGL AD: Inspec Assessment Book	Open	28.46	0.00		
		23-01630	12/20/23	LGL ADS: Ord 2023-12,13,14,15	Open	179.64	0.00		
		24-00009	01/04/24	LGL ADS:ADPT ORD 2023-11,13-15	Open	155.67	0.00		
						363.77			
THINK005	THINK PAVERS HARDSCAPING, LLC								
		24-00028	01/05/24	2023 CDBG-COOLIDGE/WELLINGTON	Open	211,482.53	0.00	23-00002	C
BOWETHOM	THOMAS J BOWE								
		23-01609	12/14/23	College Dr Pipe Repair	Open	2,500.00	0.00		
TREAS025	TREAS, STATE OF NJ								
		24-00022	01/05/24	4TH QTR 2023-MARRIAGE LICENSES	Open	325.00	0.00		
TREAS010	TREASURER STATE OF N J								
		24-00024	01/05/24	DCA Training Fees 4th Qtr 2023	Open	1,071.00	0.00		
TREAS020	TREASURER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY								
		24-00048	01/08/24	BCFE REG RENEWAL 2024	Open	1,217.00	0.00		
VALVO005	VALVOLINE INSTANT OIL CHANGE								
		23-01541	12/06/23	Pol Veh Oil Changes: Dec'2023	Open	96.75	0.00		
		23-01621	12/19/23	FD: #64-17: Oil Change	Open	31.99	0.00		
		23-01656	12/28/23	FD: 64-19 oil change	Open	38.98	0.00		
		23-01657	12/28/23	FD: 64-18 oil change	Open	31.99	0.00		
		24-00059	01/08/24	32-15: oil change	Open	46.98	0.00		
						246.69			
VERIZ020	VERIZON WIRELESS SERVICES LLC								
		23-01680	12/29/23	CELL SVC 12/20/23-01/19/24	Open	152.10	0.00		

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VERIZ020	VERIZON WIRELESS SERVICES LLC				Continued					
		24-00013	01/04/24	MDT Service: 12/24 - 01/23/24	Open	608.22	0.00			
						760.32				
VHRE010	VHR RENTAL & SUPPLY INC.									
		23-01650	12/28/23	DPW: chain Saw Blade	Open	59.98	0.00			
VOORH010	VOORHEES ANIMAL ORPHANAGE									
		24-00034	01/05/24	Animal Shelter Contract 2024	Open	417.00	0.00			
VOORH030	VOORHEES AUTO REPAIR LLC									
		23-01659	12/28/23	32-16:Replc Coil+Stabilzr Bar	Open	172.50	0.00			
		24-00018	01/05/24	Det 2:PW Fluid+Pressure Switch	Open	66.49	0.00			
						238.99				
WBMAS010	W.B. MASON CO INC									
		23-00079	01/13/23	2023 Water for Coolers	Open	13.41	0.00			
		23-01612	12/14/23	Boro: Copy Paper (10 Cases)	Open	377.60	0.00			
		24-00010	01/04/24	2023 Water Cooler Rentals(Bal)	Open	2.85	0.00			
						393.86				
FLEETPH6	WEX BANK-FLEET PHILLIPS 66									
		24-00025	01/05/24	Gasoline Purchases DEC.2023	Open	3,038.82	0.00			
FLEETWEX	WEX BANK-FLEET-WAWA									
		24-00029	01/05/24	Gasoline Purchases DEC 2023	Open	816.11	0.00			
WIREL030	WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS &									
		23-01645	12/28/23	PD: Radio Repair	Open	665.00	0.00			
Total Purchase Orders: 115						Total P.O. Line Items: 0	Total List Amount: 1,805,621.34	Total Void Amount: 0.00		

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Totals by Year-Fund		Budget Rcvd	Budget Held	Budget Total	Revenue Total	G/L Total	Project Total
Fund Description	Fund						
CURRENT FUND	3-01	71,410.42	0.00	71,410.42	0.00	0.00	0.00
SEWER OPERATING F	3-07	<u>4,107.76</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,107.76</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	Year Total:	75,518.18	0.00	75,518.18	0.00	0.00	0.00
CURRENT FUND	4-01	1,325,502.30	0.00	1,325,502.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
TRUST OTHER FUND	4-03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,516.00
SEWER OPERATING F	4-07	<u>1,113.84</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,113.84</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	Year Total:	1,326,616.14	0.00	1,326,616.14	0.00	0.00	4,516.00
GENERAL CAPITAL F	C-04	43,175.43	0.00	43,175.43	0.00	0.00	0.00
SEWER CAPITAL FUN	C-08	<u>2,695.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,695.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	Year Total:	45,870.43	0.00	45,870.43	0.00	0.00	0.00
FEDERAL AND STATE	G-02	350,322.67	0.00	350,322.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
TRUST OTHER FUND	T-03	1,958.52	0.00	1,958.52	0.00	0.00	0.00
ANIMAL CONTROL FU	T-12	<u>819.40</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>819.40</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	Year Total:	2,777.92	0.00	2,777.92	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total of All Funds:		<u>1,801,105.34</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,801,105.34</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,516.00</u>

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Project Description	Project No.	Rcvd Total	Held Total	Project Total
10 WEBSTER-USE VARIANCE	10 WEBSTER	1,281.75	0.00	1,281.75
LAUREL MANOR EXPANSION	LAURELMANR	1,912.50	0.00	1,912.50
LAUREL MILLS	LAURELMILL	376.75	0.00	376.75
RECREATIONAL STORAGE FACILITY	RECSTORAGE	130.00	0.00	130.00
SENIOR LIVING-710 W LAUREL	SENIOR LIV	183.75	0.00	183.75
SJ GAS-STREET OPENINGS	SJGAS	411.25	0.00	411.25
WAREHOUSE SITE PLAN	VELOCITY	220.00	0.00	220.00
Total of All Projects:		4,516.00	0.00	4,516.00

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilman Tolomeo – I hope everyone is being safe during the power outage. The Borough has DPW working on storm response. Please follow the direction of first responders if you need to travel this evening.
- Councilman Gilligan – Nothing at this time.
- Councilwoman Lomanno – Nothing at this time.
- Councilwoman Martin – Nothing at this time.
- Councilman Gandy – Nothing at this time
- Councilman Kelly – Councilman Kelly welcomed to Councilwoman Martin to Borough Council.
- Mayor Hall – Mayor Hall congratulated and welcomed to Councilwoman Martin to Borough Council. Mayor Hall stated she looks forward to working with Councilwoman Martin on Public Events this year. Mayor Hall congratulated Councilman Tolomeo and Councilman Gilligan on their re-election. Mayor Hall stated Borough Council is going to get a lot of good things accomplished this year. Mayor Hall thanked residents for their support in her election and her door will always be open to them. Mayor Hall stated some of the power has been restored in the Borough.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

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

John Gentless, 111 Union Ave – Mr. Gentless asked if the Borough was going to appoint the Borough Professionals. Mr. Gentless stated the Borough could lose litigation on appeal because the name of the solicitor wasn't announced when the resolution for their appointment was approved by Borough Council at its reorganization meeting. Mr. Gentless congratulated Mayor Hall on her election.

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Borough Clerk Bill Bray stated Mr. Gentless is incorrect there is nothing in the state Public Contracts Law that supports any of Mr. Gentless's claims. Mr. Bray stated Mr. Gentless has fabricated his concerns without any factual support. Mr. Bray stated the only requirement is that the contract award is advertised in the official newspaper which was done. Mr. Bray stated the Borough is fully in compliance and it is reckless and irresponsible of Mr. Gentless to suggest otherwise and as a former elected office he should be ashamed of himself. Mr. Bray stated unless Mr. Gentless is going to reference state law by chapter and subsection his comments are baseless. Borough Solicitor Justin Strausser stated Mr. Bray is correct. Mr. Strausser stated the procedures the Borough executed are not fatal to the appointments and the appointments will appear in both the advertisement and the official meeting minutes. Mr. Strausser stated the appointment are in good standing.

Mayor Hall stated Borough Solicitor Stuart Platt also addressed his concern at the Reorganization meeting and the matter is settled.

Lauren Laino – 3 Oak Court – Ms. Laino asked who the trustees are for the Stratford Ambulance Building. Mr. Keenan stated she will need to ask the Ambulance Association Trustees because it is a private organization and not a Borough function. Ms. Laino stated she was the president of the Ambulance Association and never received any notice that the officer had been changed. Mr. Keenan stated she would need to contact the Ambulance Association and suggested sending a letter.

Councilman Tolomeo made a motion to close the public portion, with Councilwoman Martin making a second, and all Council voting aye.

ADJOURN:

Councilman Gilligan motioned to adjourn the meeting at approx. 7:07 PM. Councilman Kelly seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Bill Bray, RMC
Borough Clerk