

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING/REDEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 06, 2024
6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Borough Deputy Clerk John Keenan called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

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 – ABSENT
STUART PLATT, BOROUGH SOLICITOR – PRESENT
STEVEN BACH, BOROUGH ENGINEER - PRESENT
RON MORELLO, POLICE CHIEF - PRESENT
JOHN D. KEENAN JR, BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – PRESENT

STATEMENT OF ADVERTISEMENT: The Deputy 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.

PROCLAMATION: The Deputy Clerk read a Proclamation for Annual Gun Violence Day June 7, 2024. Denise Sellers from Stratford was present with other local supporters. The Proclamation was present to Ms. Sellers.

PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Councilman Tolomeo motioned to open the public portion on agenda items only. Councilwoman Lomanno seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a voice vote.
No one from the public had any comments.
Councilman Gilligan motioned to close the public portion for agenda items. Councilwoman Lomanno seconded the motion, which passed with all members present voting in favor in a voice vote.

POLICE/OEM REPORT: Ron Morello provided the following report of the Stratford Borough Police Department Activities for May 2024.

- 5/1 During the morning hours, Sgt. Jess attempted to stop a reckless driver on Atlantic Avenue. The driver failed to stop and continued on Laurel Road, thru the Nursing home and at a high rate of speed down. He crossed over onto Walnut Avenue where he lost control and totaled two parked cars near the street end. The male fled on foot, swam across Laurel Lake.
- 5/2 During the late afternoon hours, officers responded to a report of a male exposing and gratifying himself on the firehouse parking lot. They arrived to find the crazed individual, who proceeded to resist arrest and to make matters worse, he spat directly in the young arresting officers face. The officer is receiving on-going treatment infections disease prevention.
- 5/5 A phantom tree removal service unlawfully removed a decent sized tree on a front law on Temple Avenue.

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- 5/11 During the afternoon hours, we were called to a home on Whitman Avenue for a report of an unconscious, unresponsive 72-year-old male. The man was found to be deceased of natural causes.
- 5/13 During the morning, we were called by Gloucester Twp. Police to search the wooded area along Parkview Road for a suicidal man, wanted by their department after a domestic violence crime. The person's telephone was pinging within a ½ mile of Parkview School. Our initial canvass did not turn up anything. later.
- 5/15 During the afternoon hours, we were called to check on the well-being of a 70-year-old female, Officers entered the Jefferson Avenue apartment and found the women deceased of natural causes.
- 5/18 During the afternoon, we were called to a father-son domestic on Winding Way where the son physically assaulted his father.
- 21st Back-to-back nights, bikes were stolen outside of Rite Aid, one was recovered on Evergreen Rd, and the second, very expensive \$700.00 bike remains missing. Both were unlocked.
- 5/23 During the afternoon hours, we were called by a neighbor on Sleepy Hollow who saw two men running from a home on Overhill Road. Investigation found the home had been burglarized thru a rear window.
- 5/24 During the afternoon, an indignant resident in the Boro Hall created such a disturbance police were called for the safety of the staff.
- 5/29 Overnight, a vehicle was stolen from Bryant Avenue. The vehicle had the key fob inside when stolen. The car was recovered unattended in Pleasantville three days later.
- 5/30 During the afternoon hours, we arrested the man who burglarized a senior citizens home in April near Wine Nova. A 55-year-old, career criminal and transient was charged with the crimes and possession of stolen property.

FIRE REPORT: Chief Lemmerman presented the Fire Report for May 2024.

ENGINEER REPORT:

Mr. Bach stated the written report was submitted to Council. He highlighted some of the work.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

May 09, 2024 AGENDA MEETING

May 14, 2024 REGULAR MEETING

A motion was made by Councilman Tolomeo, seconded by Councilwoman Martin with all members present voting aye by roll call vote, with the exception of Councilman Tolomeo who had to abstain due to being absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

REPORT #1

UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS OF ORDINANCES

ORD. 24:07

AUTHORIZE FINANCIAL AGREEMENT – 72 BERLIN ROAD, B. 52, L. 15

ORD. 24.08

2024 BOND ORDINANCE

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NEW BUSINESS:

REPORT #2 UPCOMING INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES
ORD. 24:09 AMEND SEWER RATE 2024

RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Keenan reviewed the proposed resolutions. No one from Council removed or added to the consent agenda. Resolutions 24:77 through 24:72 were approved as a consent agenda.

RES.24:77 AWARD ROAD BID FOR HILLSIDE ROAD – EARLE ASPHALT CO. - \$334,813.13
RES.24:78 APPOINT TRIAD ASSOCIATES FOR 2024 COAH HOUSING ADMINISTRATOR
RES.24:79 APPOINT BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR AS MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON
RES.24:80 AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE SESSION – FSHC v STRATFORD; LAUREL MILLS v STRATFORD
RES.24:81 AUTHORIZE MOU WITH STRATFORD BOE – RESOURCE OFFICERS 2024-2025
RES.24:82 AUTHORIZE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE BID – CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY 2024-2026
RES.24:83 APPOINT SUBSTITUTE CROSSING GUARD – WILLIAM A. RIEBEL
RES.24:84 AUTHORIZE TO DISPOSE OF VEHICLE – 2013 FORD TAURUS MIN BID \$950.

Motion was made by Councilman Gilligan, seconded by Councilman Tolomeo with all members present voting aye by roll call vote.

BUSINESS LICENSE: GEMINI VENUE LLC, 222 S. WHITE HORSE PIKE, UNIT G2

Motion was made to approve the license by Councilwoman Lomanno, seconded by Councilman Tolomeo, with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Tolomeo thanked the police and fire chief for their work. Also, to the Fire Department for responding and assisting Somerdale during the Memorial Day holiday house fire.

Councilman Gilligan – recognized the 80th anniversary of D Day.

Councilwoman Martin – It was an honor to plan the Memorial Day ceremony with Mr. Keenan and Mayor Hall. I'd like to thank Borough Council, Kadence Dira, the representatives from our town organizations, Miss and Little Miss Stratford and their courts, our police department as well as the residents that attended and paid tribute to the brave men and women who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. A special thank you to Chief Lemmerman and his duty crew for their participation in the Flag Raising Ceremony.

On behalf of borough council, I'd like to take a moment to congratulate the students of Stratford who graduated from Paul VI today and those that will be graduating from Yellin Intermediate School and Sterling High School in the upcoming weeks.

Upcoming Events in Stratford

June 14th- Sterling graduation and Parkview's Preschool graduation
June 15th- SAO end of season celebration and fundraiser at Stratford Swim Club
June 17th- 8th grade graduation at Yellin
June 19th Tarkill in person fall registration and fundraiser at Lena's Water Ice 6:30-8:30

Stratford Senior Events:

June 12th 1:00-2:00 Craft and Cookies sponsored by Bratton Law Group

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June 19th 1:00-2:00 BINGO hosted by Laurel Manor.

June 26th 1:00-3:00 Social Hour

June 28th 4:00-6:00 Senior Prom (Dinner, Dancing and Dress to Impress) Sponsored by Bratton Law Group and Glenn Yeary Photographer

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

Councilwoman Lomanno – Nothing to report.

Mayor Hall thanked the many local organizations who attended and participated in the Annual Memorial Day ceremony. She attended the DARE graduation at Yellin School, and the JP2 Carnival.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Motion was made by Councilman Tolomeo, seconded by Councilwoman Lomanno to open the meeting to the public for Good and Welfare with all Council voting aye.

No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Lomanno, seconded by Councilman Tolomeo to close the public portion with all Council voting aye.

Motion was made by Councilman Tolomeo, seconded by Councilwoman Lomanno to enter into Executive Session, with all Council voting aye. Mr. Platt explained the session should take about 30 minutes, and no action was planned after the session, but reserved the right to take action after the session.

Motion made by Councilman Gilligan, seconded by Councilwoman Martin to come out of Executive Session with no action taken in Executive Session. All Councilmembers voted aye.

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Councilman Tolomeo, seconded by Councilman Gilligan with all Council voting aye to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

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