

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
MAY 14, 2024  
6:30 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:** THE STRATFORD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FOR MAY 14, 2024

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER:**

**STATEMENT OF ADVERTISEMENT:**

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.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:** (5 min per person)

Motion to go to open public portion on agenda items only:

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Voice Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion to close public portion on agenda items:

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Voice Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

**REPORTS:**

ORDINANCE & PROPERTY	Councilman Patrick Gilligan
FINANCE & REVENUE	Councilwoman Tina Lomanno
POLICE	Councilman James Kelly
EMERGENCY SERVICES	Councilman Michael Tolomeo
PUBLIC WORKS & LIGHTING	Councilman Stephen Gandy
PUBLIC EVENTS	Councilwoman Dawn Martin

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ORD. 24:05** TITLE 39 STATUTES STRATFORD COMMONS HOA

Motion to open the public hearing on ORD. 24:05: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Voice Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion to close the public hearing on ORD. 24:05: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Voice Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion to adopt ORD 24:05 \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ RCV: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORD. 24:06** AMEND CH 10.44 TRAFFIC SCHEDULES

Motion to open the public hearing on ORD. 24:06: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Voice Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion to close the public hearing on ORD. 24:06: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Voice Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion to adopt ORD 24:06 \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ RCV: \_\_\_\_\_

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ORD. 24:07** AUTHORIZE FINANCIAL AGREEMENT-72 BERLIN RD, B.52, L. 15  
(Public Hearing will be June 11, 2024)

Motion to Introduce ORD. 24:07 on First Reading by Title Only

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ RCV: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORD. 24:08** 2024 BOND ORDINANCE (Public Hearing will be June 11, 2024)

Motion to Introduce ORD. 24:08 on First Reading by Title Only

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ RCV: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTIONS:**

THE BELOW LISTED RESOLUTIONS WILL BE ADOPTED AS A CONSENT AGENDA

Council may at this time request to remove any of the resolutions from the consent agenda and they can be voted on separately.

RES. 24:73 APPOINT FIRE DUTY CREW MEMBER – MEGAN MOHAN

RES. 24:74 INTRODUCE 2024 BUDGET

RES. 24:75 ESTIMATED TAX RATE 2024

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ RCV: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

Animal checks		through		
Manual checks		through		
Payroll checks		through		and
Payroll checks		through		
Automated checks		through		
Various electronic transfers and potential interim payments to				

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ RCV: \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**GOOD AND WELFARE:**

Motion to open the meeting to the public for Good and Welfare: (5 min per person)

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Voice Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion to close the public portion for Good and Welfare:

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Voice Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

**ADJOURN:**

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Voice Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

**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.

Introduced: April 9, 2024

Adopted: May 14, 2024

**ATTEST**

**APPROVED**

\_\_\_\_\_  
John D. Keenan Jr.  
Borough Administrator  
Borough Deputy Clerk

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Linda Hall  
Mayor

## 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 April 09, 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 14th day of May 2024 at 6:30 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.

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John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC

Borough Administrator

Borough Deputy Clerk

**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:

<b>Name of Street</b>	<b>Sides</b>	<b>Location</b>
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.

Introduced: April 09, 2024

Adopted: May 14, 2024

ATTEST:

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Mayor Linda Hall

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

**RESOLUTION 24:73  
APPOINT DUTY CREW MEMBER**

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Emergency Management Agency awarded to the Borough of Stratford a grant under its Staffing Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Program, EMW-2021-FF-01599 in the amount of \$479,662.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Stratford Fire Department has a need for fire fighters to provide fire and emergency response services between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday;

**WHEREAS**, the part-time duty crew will receive compensation of \$72 per shift stipend, not to exceed 5 shifts per week.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford to approve the following appointment of a Duty Crew member effective May 14, 2024.

Megan Mohan

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Bill Bray, 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 May 14, 2024.

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John D. Keenan, Jr. RMC  
Deputy Borough Clerk

**RESOLUTION 24:74**  
**INTRODUCE THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD,**  
**COUNTY OF CAMDEN FOR THE YEAR 2024**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following statements of revenues and appropriation shall constitute the Municipal Budget of the Borough of Stratford for the year 2024 and the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford does hereby approve the following, as the budget for the year 2024; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said budget be published in the Retrospect and a public hearing will be held via electronic video conference provided by Zoom on June 11, 2024 at 6:30 PM at which time and place objections to said budget for the year 2024 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., 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 May 14, 2024.

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



# 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

## of the Borough of Stratford County of Camden for the fiscal year 2024

### Revenue and Appropriation Summaries

Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	2024	2023
1. Surplus	800,000.00	735,000.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	2,105,198.37	3,961,964.96
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	209,327.00	209,327.00
4. a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	4,559,005.79	4,176,055.04
b) Addition to Local District School Tax		
c) Minimum Library Tax	201,013.89	173,812.42
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget	4,760,019.68	4,349,867.46
Total General Revenues	7,874,545.05	9,256,159.42

Summary of Appropriations	2024 Budget	Final 2023 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	2,889,518.30	2,814,901.19
Other Expenses	2,671,754.15	4,220,278.23
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	917,053.00	810,291.00
3. Capital Improvements	260,147.00	315,650.00
4. Debt Service (Including for School Purposes)	673,072.60	677,039.00
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	463,000.00	418,000.00
Total General Appropriations	7,874,545.05	9,256,159.42
Total Number of Employees	41	41

Dedicated Sewer Utility Budget		
Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	2024	2023
1. Surplus	133,450.49	167,800.00
2. Miscellaneous Revenues	414,000.00	397,392.83
3. Deficit (General Budget)		
Total Revenues	547,450.49	565,192.83
Summary of Appropriations	2024 Budget	Final 2023 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	158,029.49	189,912.83
Other Expenses	184,171.00	183,000.00
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2. Capital Improvements	49,100.00	49,100.00
3. Debt Service	38,150.00	25,180.00
4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	118,000.00	118,000.00
5. Surplus (General Budget)	547,450.49	565,192.83
Total Appropriations	2	2
Total Number of Employees		

Balance of Outstanding Debt				
		Sewer Utility		General
Interest		15,000.00		115,603.60
Principal		34,100.00		557,469.00
Outstanding Balance		153,200.00		2,809,732.25

Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, on May 14, 2024.

A hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held via Zoom on June 11, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at which time and place objections to the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2024 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons. Information regarding online access to the meeting will be available at the Borough's website: <https://www.stratfordnj.org>

Copies of the Budget are available in the office of the Deputy Municipal Clerk, John Keenna, at Borough Hall, 307 Union Avenue, Stratford, New Jersey 08084, (856) 783-0600, and at the Borough's website: <https://www.stratfordnj.org>

**DO NOT PRINT THE FOLLOWING**

*Note to Printer:*

*N.J.S.A. 40A:4-6 requires this advertisement to be printed exactly as shown. The name of the municipality or county and the budget title shall be printed in bold 16 point typeface and the remainder of the summary shall be printed in bold 8 point typeface.*

RESOLUTION 24:75

**WHEREAS**, due to the late adoption of the Borough of Stratford's 2024 Municipal Budget and 2024 Camden County Budget, the Camden County Board of Taxation is unable to certify tax rates for the year 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, without a 2024 certified tax rate the Tax Collector of the Borough of Stratford will be unable to issue 2024 tax bills on a timely basis;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford as follows:

1. The Tax Collector of the Borough of Stratford is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the Borough of Stratford for the third installment of 2024 taxes. The Tax Collector shall proceed and take such actions as are permitted and required by Chapter 72, Public Laws of 1994 and N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.2 and 54:4-66.3.
2. The entire estimated tax levy for 2024 is hereby set at \$19,788,632.04. The estimated tax rate for 2024 is hereby set at 4.821.

CERTIFICATION

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., 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 May 14, 2024.

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

May 14, 2024

**BOROUGH OF STRATFORD**

**COUNTY OF CAMDEN**

	2023		2024	
	<u>Tax Levy &amp; Tax Rate</u>		<u>Est. Tax Levy &amp; Tax Rate</u>	
	<u>Levy</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Levy</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
County	3,453,576.41	0.842	3,522,648.00	0.858
Cty Open Space	104,991.93	0.026	107,092.00	0.026
District School	8,193,770.00	1.998	8,348,664.00	2.034
Regional School	2,798,860.00	0.682	2,992,961.00	0.729
Municipal Open Sapce	57,247.36	0.014	57,247.36	0.014
Municipal Library Tax	173,812.42	0.042	201,013.89	0.049
Municipal	<u>4,176,055.04</u>	<u>1.018</u>	<u>4,559,005.79</u>	<u>1.111</u>
	18,958,313.16	4.622	19,788,632.04	4.821

I hereby certify that the 2024 estimated Tax Levy will exceed the 2023 Tax Levy by 4.37%



Robin Safo  
Chief Financial Officer  
Tax Collector