

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
OCTOBER 8, 2024
6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: THE STRATFORD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FOR OCTOBER 8, 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	STUART PLATT, BOROUGH SOLICITOR
COUNCIL PRESIDENT MICHAEL TOLOMEO	RON MORELLO, POLICE CHIEF/OEM
COUNCILMAN PATRICK GILLIGAN	JOHN D. KEENAN JR, BOROUGH ADMIN.
COUNCILWOMAN TINA LOMANNO	STEPHENIE CIANFRANI, DEPUTY CLERK
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:

NEW BUSINESS:

BUSINESS LICENSE: None

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.

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- RES.24:138 APPROVING CHAPTER 159 - 2024 BVP
- RES.24:139 ACCEPTING 2024 COPS Hiring Grant
- RES.24:140 ACCEPTING DWI TASK FORCE GRANT 2024-2025
- RES.24:141 AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR 2024 HOLIDAY CRACKDOWN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7000.00

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: _____

RESOLUTION 24:138

**CHAPTER 159 – 2024 FEDERAL BULLETPROOF VEST
PARTNERSHIP GRANT
(\$3,539.90)**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:40-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Finance may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Stratford hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Finance to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget for the year 2024 in the amount of Three Thousand, Five-Hundred, Thirty-Nine Dollars and Ninety Cents (\$3,539.90) from the United States Department of Justice, for the “2024 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant”, which item is now available pursuant to the provision of statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of Three Thousand, Five-Hundred, Thirty-Nine Dollars and Ninety Cents (\$3,539.90) be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

2024 FEDERAL BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT

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 at a meeting held on October 8, 2024.

STEPHENIE CIANFRANI
DEPUTY BOROUGH CLERK

RESOLUTION 24:139

**ACCEPTING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ)
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING (COPS)
FY2024 COPS HIRING GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000.00**

WHEREAS, the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) has accepted the Stratford Police Department's Grant Application under Solicitation # O-COPS-2024-172009, as submitted by the Chief of Police.

WHEREAS, the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) declares the demand for the FY2024 COPS Hiring Grant Program was extremely high, and grant applications were received from 573 Law Enforcement Agencies throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, the FY2024 COPS Hiring Grants Program were awarded on a highly competitive basis with only 41% of the applications being awarded, and just 15 awards in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the FY2024 COPS Hiring Grant Program will cover up to 75 percent of the approved entry-level salaries and fringe benefits of full-time officers for 36 months, with a minimum 25 percent local cash match requirement and a maximum federal share of \$125,000 per officer position.

WHEREAS, the FY2024 COPS Hiring Grant Program Award will be used to hire two, full-time sworn, career police officers over the grant period.

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of 36 months of federal funding, the FY2024 COPS Hiring Grant Program requires recipients to retain all sworn officer positions awarded under the CHP award for a minimum of 12 months.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford authorizes the Chief of Police Ronald M. Morello, Municipal Finance Officer Robin Sarlo, Municipal Administrator John D. Keenan Jr, and Mayor Linda Elaine Hall to prepare, execute and submit the necessary documents required to implement the grant and receive funding.

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RESOLUTION 24:140

**GRANT AWARD ACCEPTANCE 2024-2025 STATE NJ
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY & TRAFFIC SAFETY DWI TASK FORCE IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$47,175.00**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford Police Department was awarded the 2024-2025 State-funded DWI Task Force Traffic Safety Grant in the amount of \$47,175.00 from the New Jersey Office of Highway Traffic Safety; and

WHEREAS, these funds are allocated to provide funding for DWI, Traffic Safety Enforcement Patrols, Public Events, Education, Training & RADAR Technology for the Stratford Police Department.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford to accept **New Jersey Office of Highway Traffic Safety Grant Award AL-25-45-04-07**, to detect, deter impaired driving and to improve traffic safety within the neighborhoods of the Borough of Stratford.

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RESOLUTION 24:141

AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR 2024-STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY & TRAFFIC SAFETY 2024 DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER YEAR END HOLIDAY CRACKDOWN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7000.00

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police of the Borough of Stratford Police Department has applied for the 2024 State-funded Highway Traffic Safety Mobilization Grant, 2024 Drive Sober Get Pulled Over, Year End Holiday Crackdown Grant to begin December 6, 2024, in the amount of **\$7000.00** to fund overtime enforcement of DWI and traffic safety within the Borough of Stratford.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stratford to authorize and support Stratford Police Department's Grant Application or to detect and deter impaired driving, within the neighborhoods of the Borough of Stratford throughout the holiday season to begin 12/6/2024 and end 01/01/2025.

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