

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday December 30, 2025 at 2 o'clock p.m. via ZOOM

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hall called the meeting to order at 2:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Hall led the Pledge and said an opening prayer.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT: The Borough Clerk read the following statement:

In compliance with Chapter 231 of PL 1975, notice of this meeting was given by way of annual notice filed with the Borough Clerk, Courier Post, The Retrospect, posted on the bulletin board in the Borough of Stratford Municipal Building and on the Borough's website, giving the date and time of the meeting and that it would be held via electronic conference provided by zoom only.

ROLL CALL:

MAYOR LINDA HALL	PRESENT
COUNCIL PRESIDENT MICHAEL TOLOMEO	PRESENT
COUNCILWOMAN JESSICA FARRELL	ABSENT
COUNCILMAN PATRICK GILLIGAN	PRESENT
COUNCILWOMAN DAWN MARTIN	ABSENT
COUNCILMAN STEPHEN GANDY	PRESENT
COUNCILMAN BOB BOVE	PRESENT
MICHELLE HACK, BOROUGH CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR	PRESENT

PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Councilman Gandy motioned to open the public portion on agenda items only. Councilman Gilligan seconded the motion, which carried with all members present voting in favor in a voice vote. No one came forth to speak therefore closing the public portion. Councilman Tolomeo motioned to close the public portion for agenda items. Councilman Bove seconded the motion, which carried with all members voting in favor.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTIONS # 25:194– # 25:200 were presented as a Consent Agenda. The Clerk read each resolution by title only. Councilman Gilligan motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilman Bove seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

25-194	APPOINTMENT OF A FULL TIME EMPLOYEE IN THE DPW – MALIKY REYES
25-195	CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES DUE TO TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN TAX EXEMPT STATUS Blk 30 Lot 13
25-196	CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES DUE TO TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN TAX EXEMPT STATUS Blk 71 Lot 35
25-197	ADOPTING SAFETY POLICIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH (PEOSH) REQUIREMENTS
25-198	APPOINTMENT OF A POLICE OFFICER – JAMES KELLY
25-199	APPOINTMENT OF A POLICE OFFICER – JOSEPH ROMANO
25-200	CHANGE IN CUSTODIAN OF PETTY CASH FUND

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS # 25:194– # 25:200

Councilman Bove motioned to adopt Resolutions which was seconded by Councilman Gilligan. Motion carried with all members voting in favor in a roll call vote.

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APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Councilman Bove motioned to approve the payment of the bills. Councilman Gandy seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor

Wire checks 502007 through 502015
Payroll checks 622445 through 62597 and
Automated checks 40259 through 40270
Various electronic transfers and potential interim payments to
Atlantic City Electric, Constellation Energy, PSE&G, and South Jersey Gas

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Motion was made by Councilman Bove seconded by Councilman Gilligan to open the meeting to the public for Good and Welfare. Motion carried with all members voting in favor. No one came forth to speak therefore closing the public portion. A motion was made by Councilman Gandy, seconded by Councilman Bove to close the Good and Welfare portion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

ADJOURN:

Councilman Gilligan motioned to adjourn the meeting and Councilman Tolomeo seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Michelle Hack, RMC
Borough Clerk and Administrator