

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2026
6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT The Borough Clerk read the following statement: In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, public notice of this meeting has been provided to the Courier Post, The Retrospect and is posted on the Official Bulletin Board Borough Hall.

PRAYER: By: Father Rene Canales, Our Lady of Guadalupe

OATHS OF OFFICE:

- Councilman Bob Bove conducted by Magnolia Mayor BettyAnn Cowling-Carson for a three-year term expiring December 1, 2028.
- Councilwoman Jessica Farell conducted by Assemblyman Louis D. Greenwald for a three-year term expiring December 1, 2028.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Linda Hall
Councilman Patrick Gilligan
Councilman Michael Tolomeo
Councilman Stephen Gandy
Councilman Bob Bove
Councilwoman Dawn Martin
Councilwoman Jessica Farrell

Police Chief Ron Morello
Borough Clerk and Administrator Michelle Hack

NOMINATION BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT: (One Year Term)
Motion: _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCIL PRESIDENT 2026: To: _____

APPOINTMENT OF 2026 COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

FINANCE AND REVENUE

DIRECTOR: Mike Tolomeo
Assoc. Member: Dawn Martin
Assoc. Member: Stephen Gandy

EMERGENCY SERVICES

DIRECTOR: Jessica Farrell
Assoc. Member: Stephen Gandy
Assoc. Member: Patrick Gilligan

POLICE

DIRECTOR: Patrick Gilligan
Assoc. Member: Bob Bove
Assoc. Member: Dawn Martin

PUBLIC WORKS

DIRECTOR: Stephen Gandy
Assoc. Member: Mike Tolomeo
Assoc. Member: Bob Bove

PUBLIC EVENTS

DIRECTOR: Dawn Martin
Assoc. Member: Mike Tolomeo
Assoc. Member: Jessica Farrell

ORDINANCE/PROPERTY

DIRECTOR: Bob Bove
Assoc. Member: Patrick Gilligan
Assoc. Member: Jessica Farrell

Motion: _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR WITH CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL:

Fire Line Officers:

One Year Term

*Chief of Department- Michael J. Lemmerman #6401
 Deputy Chief- Robert Bove #6402
 Battalion Chief Brian Martin #6403
 Captain Brian Worthington Sr. #6404
 Captain Daniel Camburn #6405
 Lieutenant Dylan Jess #6406
 Lieutenant Matthew Meyers #6407
 Engineer Vincent Jess #6408
 Safety Officer Stephen Gagliardi #6409
 Safety Officer Michael Meyers #6410
 Fire Police- Daniel Kuehnl*

Motion: _____

Second: _____

RCV: _____

APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR WITH CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL:

Boards and Committees:

Joint Land Use Board, Class III – <i>Bob Bove</i>	One Year Term
Joint Land Use Board, Secretary, <i>Kristina Rauer</i>	One Year Term
Board of Education Liaison – <i>Dawn Martin</i>	One Year Term
Park Commission Liaison – <i>Jessica Farrell</i>	One Year Term
Police Matrons – <i>Kristina Rauer, Patricia Riebel</i>	One Year Term

Motion: _____

Second: _____

RCV: _____

APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR WITH NO CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL NEEDED:

Joint Land Use Board, Class II – <i>Ron Morello</i>	One Year Term
Joint Land Use Board, Class IV- <i>Michael Chicolo</i>	Four Year Term
Joint Land Use Board, Class IV – <i>Tim Hall</i>	Four Year Term
Board of Health – <i>Kim Berdine</i>	Three Year Term
Municipal Coordinator of Aging – <i>Mary Ann D'Agostino</i>	One Year Term

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTIONS 01-2026 THROUGH 27-2026 WILL BE DONE AS A CONSENT AGENDA

Council can request to remove any of the following resolutions from the agenda to be voted on separately.

- RES. 2026-01 Appointment of Solicitor – *Jeffrey Brennan, Esq. Baron & Brennan P.A.*
 RES. 2026-02 Appointment of Engineer – *Steven M. Bach- Bach Associates*
 RES. 2026-03 Appointment of Auditor – *Bowman & Company LLP*
 RES. 2026-04 Appointment of Court Personnel
 RES. 2026-05 Appointment of Police Chaplain – *Fr. Rene Canales*
 RES. 2026-06 Appointment of Public Agency Compliance Officer – *Michelle Hack*
 RES. 2026-07 Appointment of Town Historian – *Carole Dadino*
 RES. 2026-08 Appointment of Redevelopment Planners – *Steven M. Bach- Bach Associates*
 RES. 2026-09 Award of Contract for Affordable Housing Planner Consultant Services – *Leah Furey Bruder - LFB Land Planning*
 RES. 2026-10 Appointment of Risk Management Consultant- *Christopher Powell- Hardenbergh Insurance Group*
 RES. 2026-11 Appointment of Statewide Fund Commissioner – *Michelle Hack*
 RES. 2026-12 Appointment of Special Law Enforcement Officers
 RES. 2026-13 Depositories for Borough Funds and Cash Management Plan
 RES. 2026-14 Time and Place for Meetings
 RES. 2026-15 Publication of Legal Notices
 RES. 2026-16 Parliamentary Procedures

RES. 2026-17	Temporary Budget for 2026
RES. 2026-18	Custodian for Borough Facilities
RES. 2026-19	Authorize Tax Assessor Settle Certain Appeals
RES. 2026-20	School Crossing Guards
RES. 2026-21	2026 Annual Holidays
RES. 2026-22	Approve Bank Signatories
RES. 2026-23	Establishing Remote Meeting Procedures and Requirements
RES. 2026-24	Authorizing A Change in Custodian of Petty Cash Fund
RES. 2026-25	Appointing Pensions and Benefits Certifying Officer and Certifying Supervisor
RES. 2026-26	Appointment of Emergency Management Coordinator & Deputy Emergency Management Coordinators
RES. 2026-27	Appointment of Fund Commissioners for 2026

Motion: _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Linda Hall
 Councilman Patrick Gilligan
 Councilman Michael Tolomeo
 Councilman Stephen Gandy
 Councilman Bob Bove
 Councilwoman Dawn Martin
 Councilwoman Jessica Farrell

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Motion to open the meeting to the public for Good and Welfare:

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote: _____

Motion to close the public portion for Good and Welfare:

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote: _____

ADJOURN:

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote: _____