

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 Farrell 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

**POLICE**

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

**PUBLIC EVENTS**

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

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

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

**PUBLIC WORKS**

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

**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 Kuehl*

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 – <i>Jeffrey Brennan, Esq. Baron &amp; Brennan P.A.</i>
RES. 2026-02	Appointment of Engineer – <i>Steven M. Bach- Bach Associates</i>
RES. 2026-03	Appointment of Auditor – <i>Bowman &amp; Company LLP</i>
RES. 2026-04	Appointment of Court Personnel
RES. 2026-05	Appointment of Police Chaplain – <i>Fr. Rene Canales</i>
RES. 2026-06	Appointment of Public Agency Compliance Officer – <i>Michelle Hack</i>
RES. 2026-07	Appointment of Town Historian – <i>Carole Dadino</i>
RES. 2026-08	Appointment of Redevelopment Planners – <i>Steven M. Bach- Bach Associates</i>
RES. 2026-09	Award of Contract for Affordable Housing Planner Consultant Services – <i>Leah Furey Bruder - LFB Land Planning</i>
RES. 2026-10	Appointment of Risk Management Consultant- <i>Christopher Powell- Hardenbergh Insurance Group</i>
RES. 2026-11	Appointment of Statewide Fund Commissioner – <i>Michelle Hack.</i>
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: \_\_\_\_\_