

## **STAFFORD TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**April 25, 2017**

Mayor John R. Spodofora calls the Stafford Township Council Meeting to order with the Salute to the Flag and the Open Public Meeting Statement. TIME: 7:00 PM

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT:** “THIS MEETING COMPLIES WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT BY ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH MEETING DATES FOR 2017. NOTIFICATION AND PUBLICATION OF THESE MEETINGS WERE GIVEN TO THREE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS AND POSTING OF SAME ON THE MUNICIPAL BULLETIN BOARD”.

**ROLL CALL:** Mr. Fessler-absent, Mr. Jeffries-absent, Mr. Marshal-present, Ms. McKenna-present, Mr. Smith-present, Mr. Taylor-present, Mayor Spodofora-present.

### **PROCLAMATIONS**

Proclamation was read by Mayor Spodofora proclaiming the town as Pinkahawkin for the month of May-Paint the Town Pink

### **ORDINANCES-FIRST READING**

#### **Ordinance 2017-13**

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STAFFORD, COUNTY OF OCEAN STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH STAFFORD PROPERTIES RESIDENTIAL URBAN RENEWAL, LLC AND CONSENT TO TRANSFER**

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-13 on first reading was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Taylor

RCV: All in favor: Mr. Marchal, Ms. McKenna, Mr. Smith, Mr. Taylor, Mayor Spodofora

Mr. Fessler and Mr. Jeffries absent.

A copy of Ordinance 2017-13 is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **Resolution 2017-132**

**Authorizing the reading of the 2017 Budget for the Township of Stafford by Title at the Public Hearing in accordance with the requirements of NJSA 40:A:4-8.**

Administrator James Moran read the 2017 Municipal Budget by Title

Mayor Spodofora then opened Public Comment on the 2017 Municipal Budget. There being none the Mayor closed Public Comment and asked for a Motion to Adopt the 2017 Municipal Budget.

#### **Resolution 2017-135**

**Adopting the 2017 Municipal Budget**

Motion to adopt the 2017 Municipal Budget was made by Ms. McKenna and seconded by Mr. Marchal.

RCV: All in favor: Mr. Marchal, Ms. McKenna, Mr. Smith, Mr. Taylor, Mayor Spodofora

Mr. Fessler and Mr. Jeffries-Absent

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

***CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE AND WILL BE ENACTED BY A SINGLE MOTION. ANY ITEMS REQUIRING EXPENDITURE ARE SUPPORTED BY A "CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS" BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER. ANY ITEMS REQUIRING DISCUSSION WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA".***

**Resolution 2017-133**

Declaring an emergency for the water main relocation route 72 East Road project and authorizing payment to the contractor, SL Macintyre Underground LLC.

**Resolution 2017-134**

Authorizing contracts with certain approved state of NJ vendors for contracting units pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a

**Resolution 2017-136**

Approving and authorizing certain personnel actions-Seasonal Help

**Resolution 2017-137**

Authorizing the sale of surplus property no longer needed for public use on an on-line auction website, [www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com)

**Resolution 2017-138**

Awarding contracts for the purchasing and delivery of various water and sewer chemicals for the Stafford Township Cooperative Pricing System

**W/S RESOLUTION**

**W/S Resolution 2017-11**

Authorizing the Water & Sewer collector to cancel water and/or sewer charges

**License Applications under the Consent Agenda:**

Stafford Township Fire Department new member-Frank L. Melillo

**Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda of April 25, 2017** was made by Mr. Marchal and seconded by Ms. McKenna.

RCV: All in favor: Mr. Marchal, Ms. McKenna, Mr. Smith, Mr. Taylor, Mayor Spodofora. Mr. Fessler and Mr. Jeffries-absent

**VOUCHER RESOLUTION**

**Authorizing the payment of bills in the amount of \$3,437,844.12**

Motion to pay the bills was made by Mr. Marchal and seconded by Mr. Taylor.

RCV: All in favor: Mr. Marchal, Ms. McKenna, Mr. Smith, Mr. Taylor, Mayor Spodofora. Mr. Fessler and Mr. Jeffries-absent

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

March 28, 2017-Township Council Meeting

Motion to approve to the Minutes of March 28<sup>th</sup> 2017 was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. McKenna.

RCV: All in favor: Mr. Marchal, Ms. McKenna, Mr. Smith, Mr. Taylor, Mayor Spodofora. Mr. Fessler and Mr. Jeffries-absent

## **QUARTELY FINANCE REPORTS**

Current Fund

Water-Sewer Utility Fund

No action required provided to Governing Body

## **MAYORS COMMENTS**

Mayor Spodofora gave the Police activities report for the month of March 2762 calls for service. If anyone is having a problem with a contractor please notify the Township Police Dept. On April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 the Stafford Police Department was honored with the Ambassador Award from the Governor's Council on Mental Health Stigma. Mayor received a letter from a resident thanking him for implementing the safe exchange area in the Township Parking lot. Mayor expressed his concern over the drug problem in the County and urged residents if they see something please report it to the Police Department.

Councilman Taylor reported on the work being done throughout the town on various sports fields. Air rating and seeding. Lining fields. All planters have been done by the Township Public Works Dept. saving a large amount of money. The refurbishing of the Old Baptist Church on the inside has been completed and they are working on the outside cleaning up etc. They are working on drainage issues on Jennifer and Cindy Drive and Councilman Taylor stated Public Works dept. working very hard throughout the town on repairs.

Councilwoman McKenna encouraged residents to attend Arbor Day festivities at the Ocean Acres Community Center on Friday April 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 PM. Area students submitted Poems, Essays and Posters. The Township year to date has had a cost avoidance of \$72,985.55 for recycling. March's figure alone is \$26,812.20. Please recycle it is a great saving to the Township. Student Government day is Friday May 12<sup>th</sup>. If you are a business in Town interested in Participating in Paint the Town Pink please contact us at Town Hall for information.

Councilman Smith recognized Joe Mazzola for representing the Township at the County Offices. Always bringing informative information back to the Township for Seniors and other residents.

Council Marchal commended our Ball Fields. He stated it is a prime example of what the Town takes pride in. Touch a Truck is scheduled for Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Manahakwin Lake Park. Come out and meet residents and local businesses. Police and Fire Department will be there many vendors. We are expecting the biggest crowd ever. Rain or Shine. There are many activities going on at the Bay Avenue Community Center. A schedule is available on the website or you can call the Recreation dept.

Administrator stated the Water Tower painting is under way and should be done by Memorial Day. Beach Haven West Piping project awarded and in pre-construction should be underway by the end of June. Second phase beginning in Sep and final paving in November.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT: 5 MINUTE LIMIT PER INDIVIDUAL**

Mayor Spodofora to open public comment

Judy Antona-1368 E. Mallard Drive thanked Dave Garrison for the job he did at her property. Stated other residents need to do their part in that area to correct the problem.

There being no further public comment Mayor Spodofora closed public comment.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**-No action will be taken therefore a motion was made to close the Council meeting. Motion was made by Mayor Spodofora and seconded by Mr. Marchal  
RCV: All in favor: Mr. Marchal, Ms. McKenna, Mr. Smith, Mr. Taylor, Mayor Spodofora  
Mr. Fessler and Mr. Jeffries absent

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business a motion was made by Mayor Spodofora to close the Council Meeting and seconded by Mr. Marchal.

Roll Call: All in favor-Mr. Marchal, Ms. McKenna, Mr. Smith, Mr. Taylor, Mayor Spodofora.  
Mr. Fessler and Mr. Jeffries absent

Time: 7:53

**Respectfully submitted**

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**Linda Martin**  
**Acting Municipal Clerk**

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**Mayor John Spodofora**