

**STAFFORD TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**May 23, 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-present, Mr. Jeffries-present, Mr. Marchal-absent, Ms. McKenna-present Mr. Smith-present, Mr. Taylor-present, Mayor Spodofora-present.

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION 2017-162**

**Accepting and Approving the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan Revised May 2, 2017 and adopted by the Stafford Township Planning Board on May 22, 2017**

Motion to adopt Resolution 2017-162 was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Fessler.

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

**ORDINANCES-SECOND READING & FINAL DISPOSITION**

**ORDINANCE 2017-11**

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STAFFORD, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STAFFORD TO INCLUDE BLOCK 77.02, LOT 1 INTO THE HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT**

**Mayor Spodofora opened public comment. There being none public comment was closed.**

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-11 on second reading was made by Mr. Fessler, seconded by Mr. Smith.

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

A copy of Ordinance 2017-11 is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

**ORDINANCE 2017-12**

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STAFFORD, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE STAFFORD TOWNSHIP LAND USE CODE, IN PARTICULAR SECTION 211-27, HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL ZONE, TO PERMIT MEDICAL USES**

**Mayor Spodofora opened public comment. There being none public comment was closed.**

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-12 on second reading was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Fessler.

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

Mr. Marchal-absent

A copy of Ordinance 2017-12 is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

**ORDINANCE 2017-14**

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STAFFORD, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 167 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE, ENTITLED "RUBBISH AND GARBAGE COLLECTION" TO UPDATE THE FEES FOR AUTOMATED TRASH AND RECYCLING CONTAINERS.**

**Mayor Spodofora opened public comment. There being none public comment was closed.**

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-14 on second reading was made by Mr. Fessler, seconded by Ms. McKenna.

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

Mr. Marchal-absent

A copy of Ordinance 2017-14 is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

**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 2017-151**

**Authorizing the release of a performance bond for block 147.111, lot 118.01, A/K/A 785 NJSH Route 72 East**

**Resolution 2017-152**

**Authorizing an amendment to the 2017 Budget to allow for the insertion of a special item of revenue**

**Resolution 2017-153**

**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 2017-154**

**Awarding a contract for the demolition, removal of debris, backfilling and grading of 247 Pulley Avenue**

**Resolution 2017-155**

**Authorizing a release of a cash performance guarantee for property known and designated as Block 118.01, Lot 82.03 aka 478 Oak Avenue**

**Resolution 2017-156**

**Authorizing a release of a cash maintenance guarantee for property known and designated as Block 13, Lot 38.03**

**Resolution 2017-157**

**Appointing Robert Gaestel as the Supervisor for the Stafford Township Zoning Department**

**Resolution 2017-158**

**Authorizing the assessment of a lien against properties in the Township of Stafford**

**Resolution 2017-159**

**Appointing Tanek Hood as Alternate III to the Stafford Township Zoning Board of Adjustment**

### **Resolution 2017-160**

**Supporting Legislative action requiring the State Public Defender's Office to represent defendants in Superior Court Bail Hearings for those eligible defendants charged with disorderly person offenses or petty disorderly person offenses in lieu of the Township Public Defender**

### **Resolution 2017-161**

**Authorizing the release of a maintenance guarantee for property known and designated as block 44.127, lot 3**

### **Resolution 2017-163**

**Authorizing certain personnel actions-seasonal help Public Works Dept**

**Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda of May 23, 2017-(Resolution 2017-154 pulled prior to the vote.**

Motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Taylor.

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

Mr. Marchal-absent

### **VOUCHER RESOLUTION**

**Authorizing the payment of bills in the amount of \$4,263,335.78**

Motion to pay the bills was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Fessler.

RCV: Mr. Fessler, Mr. Jeffries, Ms. McKenna, Mr. Smith, Mr. Taylor, Mayor Spodofora.

Mr. Marchal-absent

### **MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Spodofora wishes everyone a safe Memorial Day Holiday. There will be a Memorial Day Service held by American Legion Post 511 on Sunday May 28th in the at Memorial Plaza behind Town Hall at 1:30 pm to honor those who served and gave their lives for our country. Southern Regional will also hold a Memorial Day Service on Friday May 26th at 10:30 on the front lawn of the school.

We are continuing our efforts to have berms established along the bay and salt marches to help with storm impact. Research has shown that berms would have reduced the damage to our waterfront properties. A coalition of Mayors has been put together along the Barnegat Bay to address this issue. Stafford will be adopting the new FEMA designations for base flood zones.

Mayor reported on the Stafford Township Fire Department activities for April, and the Stafford Township Police Department activities. Blue Heart Program is a program available for those seeking addiction help. Narcotic users will be able to turn in narcotics in exchange for treatment.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Councilman Taylor-** Millcreek bulkhead should be complete within the next two weeks. The painting of the water tower on Mill Creek will be completed by the middle of June. The Paul Blvd Mill Creek water main replacement contract has been awarded and should be completed by July 1. The Drainage issue on Jennifer Lane has been corrected and the missing pavement has been replaced at Mill Creek Park. Restoration of the Old Baptist Church grounds has been completed. Field work on continues on all the athletic fields. Warren Grove Fire Department are finishing up plans to go before the Pinelands Commission. Student Government day was a great day for students, Governing Body and the employees.

**Councilwoman McKenna-**On May 11<sup>th</sup> Councilman McKenna participated in Red Day-Day of Service to serve worthy organizations and causes in their community. Councilman McKenna thanks Councilman Fessler for making her aware of the need for volunteers in the community. She also thanked Councilman Taylor for taking her student under his wing for student government day as she was not able to attend due to her son graduating from college. Arbor Day was a great success. Councilman McKenna wishes to thank Sherry Roth and AnnMarie Sillitoe for their hard work organizing the event also the public works department and all the volunteers.

**Councilman Smith**-It is never too early to prepare for Hurricane season. We have brochures available on line or you can contact the Stafford Township Emergency Management Office and we will hand deliver to you. June 4<sup>th</sup> Hooked on Fishing not on drugs at Manahawkin Lake children at 12 and younger sponsored by the Police Department, Animal Control and the Municipal Alliance. June 10<sup>th</sup> Founders Day, is a day of Family, Frolic, Food, Friends and Fireworks.

**Councilman Fessler**-Thanks Public Works for doing an astounding job of cleaning up an area of concern. Ferrero Bread company in Ship Bottom has donated breads and desserts to distribute to area churches and also the Atlantic City rescue Mission.

**Councilman Jeffries**-Consulting Job is coming to an end and should be coming back on a regular basis.

### **ADMINISTRATORS REPORT**

Barnacle Drive over the course of the summer will become a right in, right out access to Ocean Acres. Paving on Route 72 is slated to begin from the Garden State parkway to Ash Road and from Marsha to the light at Shop Rite. Electric poles have been moved on Route 72. It is part of the East Road project. The water main is also part of the East Rd. project. The state is in the process of obtaining the right of way acquisition, and construction should begin in the spring of 2018. Mermaid Drive paving is out to bid. The water main project on Mill Creek and the Jonathan to Paul Blvd, project should be completed by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

We received over 300 applications for the Hazard Mitigation grant, and 85 were returned. Thirteen applications were forwarded, and an additional 10 for backup. \$958,000 will be slated for the raising of homes. Mayor Spodofora commended the Administrator and his staff for all their hard work in the processing of the applications.

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

#### **Mayor Spodofora to open public comment**

**John Hoover**-Howard Drive questioned why the Mill Creek community Center had to be torn down- Administrator Moran explained that we had sustained major damage and FEMA and the insurance adjustor determined it was a total loss.

#### **Mayor Spodofora to close public comment**

### **RESOLUTION**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**-Contract Negotiations-Adjournment was made there will be no Resolutions.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Fessler

All in favor: Aye

**TIME: 7:45**

**Respectfully Submitted**

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

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**Mayor John Spodofora**