

**STAFFORD TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MAY 11, 2021**

Mayor Myhre calls the Stafford Township Council Meeting to order with the Salute to the Flag and the reading of 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 2021. NOTIFICATION AND PUBLICATION OF THESE MEETINGS WERE GIVEN TO THREE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS AND POSTING OF SAME ON THE MUNICIPAL BULLETIN BOARD.”

**ROLL CALL:**

Dr. Guariglia-present, Mr. Henken-present, Mr. Krier-present, Mr. Pfancook-present, Mr. Williams-present, Mr. Steadman-present, Mayor Myhre-present

**PROCLAMATIONS**

Jaime Cornejo-“Good Samaritan” Proclamation

Dominic Sari-“Mayors’ Scholar” Proclamation

**LIBRARY WORKSHOP**

Ocean County Administrator-Carl W. Block

Henry Mancini-Library Commissioner

Susan Quinn-Library Director

Messimo F. Yessi-Architect

All spoke on the construction and planning of the Ocean County Library

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION 2021-157**

**AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE NEW JERSEY LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION BOND ACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW LIBRARY FACILITY IN STAFFORD TOWNSHIP**

**Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-157** was made by Paul Krier and seconded by Dr. Guariglia

RCV: All in favor- Dr. Guariglia, Mr. Henken, Mr. Krier, Mr. Pfancook, Mr. Williams, Mr. Steadman, Mayor Myhre

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION 2021-158**

**AUTHORIZING THE READING OF THE 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF STAFFORD BY TITLE AT THE PUBLIC HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-8**

**Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-158** was made by Mr. Krier and seconded by Dr. Guariglia

RCV: All in favor- Dr. Guariglia, Mr. Henken, Mr. Krier, Mr. Pfancook, Mr. Williams, Mr. Steadman, Mayor Myhre

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

**5 MINUTE LIMIT PER INDIVIDUAL**

Mayor Myhre opened public comment on the 2021 Municipal Budget

There being no public comment Mayor Myhre closed public comment on the 2021 Municipal Budget

**BOND SALE SUMMARY TO GOVERNING BODY**

Bond Anticipation Notes

General Obligation Bonds

Douglas Gannon provided the Governing Body an analysis prepared by the Township’s Financial Advisor summarizing the Bond Sale.

**ORDINANCE FIRST READING & INTRODUCTION**

**ORDINANCE 2021-14**

**DESIGNATING NO PARKING AREAS ON FORECASTLE AVENUE**

Motion to introduce Ordinance 2021-14 on first reading was made by Mr. Pfancook and seconded by Mr. Williams  
RCV: All in favor-Dr. Guariglia, Mr. Henken, Mr. Krier, Mr. Pfancook, Mr. Williams, Mr. Steadman, Mayor Myhre

**PLEASE NOTE THE ABOVE ORDINANCE WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AT THE  
MAY 25, 2021 TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING**

**ORDINANCE SECOND READING & FINAL ADOPTION**

**ORDINANCE 2021-06**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION  
OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, APPROPRIATING \$8,272,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING  
THE ISSUANCE OF \$7,858,400 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF,  
AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF STAFFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY**

Mayor Myhre opened public comment

There being none public comment was closed

Motion to adopt Bond Ordinance 2021-06 on second reading was made by Mr. Henken and seconded by Mr. Krier  
RCV: All in favor-Dr. Guariglia, Mr. Henken, Mr. Krier, Mr. Pfancook, Mr. Williams, Mr. Steadman, Mayor Myhre

**ORDINANCE 2021-07**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS WATER/SEWER UTILITY EQUIPMENT,  
APPROPRIATING \$3,706,250 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,000,000 BONDS  
AND NOTES TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE  
TOWNSHIP OF STAFFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY**

Mayor Myhre to opened public comment

There being none Mayor Myhre closed public comment

Motion to adopt Bond Ordinance 2021-07 on second reading was made by Mr. Krier and seconded by Mr. Williams  
RCV: All in favor-Dr. Guariglia, Mr. Henken, Mr. Krier, Mr. Pfancook, Mr. Williams, Mr. Steadman, Mayor Myhre

**ORDINANCE 2021-08**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE BEACH HAVEN WEST-DESIGN PHASE IV, APPROPRIATING  
\$137,500 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$137,500 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE  
A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF STAFFORD, IN  
THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY**

Mayor Myhre opened public comment

There being none Mayor Myhre closed public comment

Motion to adopt Bond Ordinance 2021-08 on second reading was made by Mr. Pfancook and seconded by Mr. Henken  
RCV: All in favor-Dr. Guariglia, Mr. Henken, Mr. Krier, Mr. Pfancook, Mr. Williams, Mr. Steadman, Mayor Myhre

**ORDINANCE 2021-09**

**BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING IN PART BOND ORDINANCE NO 2020-23 ADOPTED JULY 14, 2020,  
PROVIDING FOR THE BEACH HAVEN WEST SEWER REPLACEMENT-PHASE III PROJECT, IN ORDER  
TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION THEREFOR BY \$2,500,000 FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF  
\$2,700,000, TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED BONDS AND NOTES TO BE ISSUED TO FINANCE A  
PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF BY \$2,500,000 FOR A TOTAL DEBT AUTHORIZATION OF  
\$2,700,000, AND TO INCREASE THE ALLOCATION OF THE APPROPRIATION TO COSTS PERMITTED  
UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF STAFFORD, IN THE COUNTY  
OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY**

Mayor Myhre opened public comment

Sharon McKenna-Leeward Road-Would like to know what the interest rate would be on the amended bond  
ordinance

There being no further Mayor Myhre closed public comment

Motion to adopt Bond Ordinance 2021-09 on second reading was made by Mr. Pfancook and seconded by Mr. Krier  
RCV: All in favor-Dr. Guariglia, Mr. Henken, Mr. Krier, Mr. Pfancook, Mr. Williams, Mr. Steadman, Mayor Myhre

**ORDINANCE 2021-10**

**ADDING SECTION 211-4.1 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED “ADDITIONAL PROHIBITED USES”**

**Mayor Myhre opened public comment**

**Jennifer Jaime- 4<sup>th</sup> St., Cedar Bonnet Island-questioned why the Township is enacting an ordinance to prohibit the operation of any one or more classes of cannabis establishments, distributors, or delivery services anywhere in the municipality.**

**Andrew Shattuck-Harvey Cedars-Spoke in support of allowing operation of any one or more classes of cannabis establishments. He also requests the Township table the ordinance.**

**There being no further Mayor Myhre closed public comment**

Motion to adopt Bond Ordinance 2021-10 on second reading was made by Mr. Krier and seconded by Dr. Guariglia

RCV: All in favor-Dr. Guariglia, Mr. Henken, Mr. Krier, Mr. Steadman, Mayor Myhre

Mr. Pfancook and Mr. Williams voted no

**ORDINANCE 2021-11**

**AMENDING ORDINANCE 214 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STAFFORD ENTITLED “RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA”**

**Mayor Myhre opened public comment**

**There being none Mayor Myhre closed public comment**

Motion to adopt Bond Ordinance 2021-11 on second reading was made by Dr. Guariglia and seconded by Mr. Krier

RCV: All in favor-Dr. Guariglia, Mr. Henken, Mr. Krier, Mr. Pfancook, Mr. Williams, Mr. Steadman, Mayor Myhre

**ORDINANCE 2021-13**

**DESIGNATING NO PARKING AREAS, STOP SIGNS, AND SPEED LIMITS FOR STAFFORD PARK RESIDENTIAL STREETS**

**Mayor Myhre opened public comment**

**There being none Mayor Myhre closed public comment**

Motion to adopt Bond Ordinance 2021-13 on second reading was made by Mr. Henken and seconded by Mr. Williams

RCV: All in favor-Dr. Guariglia, Mr. Henken, Mr. Krier, Mr. Pfancook, Mr. Williams, Mr. Steadman, Mayor Myhre

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ARE CONSIDERED ROUTINE AND WILL BE ENACTED WITH A SINGLE MOTION. ANY ITEMS REQUIRING EXPENDITURE ARE SUPPORTED BY A “CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS” BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER. ANY ITEM REQUIRING DISCUSSION WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA. ALL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS WILL BE REFLECTED IN FULL IN THE MINUTES.**

**RESOLUTION 2021-159**

**APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

**RESOLUTION 2021-160**

**ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF LEA FITZPATRICK AS MEMBER OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**RESOLUTION 2021-161**

**ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF TYLER NICKEL AS SEASONAL LABORER**

**RESOLUTION 2021-162**

**ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF MICHAEL MATELSKI AS AN ALTERNATE III MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

**RESOLUTION 2021-163**

**APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION WHICH IS PART OF THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM**

**RESOLUTION 2021-164**

**APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE LOAN REPAYMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED IN PERRY'S LAKE**

**RESOLUTION 2021-165**

**APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING HORIZON DENTAL BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION 2021-166**

**AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 TO THE CONTRACT WITH EARLE ASPHALT COMPANY FOR THE ATLANTIS AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS PHASE I PROJECT**

**RESOLUTION 2021-167**

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR SPORTS COURT RESURFACING FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021 TO PMG SM PA, LLC d/b/a SEALMASTER**

**RESOLUTION 2021-168**

**SUPPORTING NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES REJECTING THE PETITION OF NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY FOR A 25 PERCENT CUSTOMER RATE INCREASE**

**RESOLUTION 2021-169**

**AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 AND FINAL PAYMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH A.E. STONE., INC., FOR THE ATLANTIS AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS-PHASE II PROJECT**

**RESOLUTION 2021-170**

**APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH DAVID PHELAN**

**RESOLUTION 2021-171**

**APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A RECREATION GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS-CALVARY COTTAGE**

**RESOLUTION 2021-172**

**APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A RECREATION GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS-MANAHAWKIN LAKE PARK**

**RESOLUTION 2021-173**

**ACKNOWLEDGING AND DIRECTING IMPLEMENTATION OF AWARD ISSUED BY THE NEW JERSEY PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION IN THE INTEREST ARBITRATION BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP AND THE PBA/SOA**

**RESOLUTION 2021-174**

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021 TO AISH FIRE PROTECTION CO.**

**APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL**

**Cousins Maine Lobster-Investigated and approved by the Stafford Township Police Department**

**Motion to adopt the consent agenda of May 11, 2021 was made by Mr. Pfancook and seconded by Mr. Krier  
RCV: All in favor-Dr. Guariglia, Mr. Henken, Mr. Krier, Mr. Pfancook, Mr. Williams, Mr. Steadman, Mayor Myhre**

**AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,603,017.70**

**Motion to pay the bills was made by Mr. Steadman and seconded by Mr. Williams**

**RCV: All in favor-Dr. Guariglia, Mr. Henken, Mr. Krier, Mr. Pfancook, Mr. Williams, Mr. Steadman, Mayor Myhre**

## **GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS**

Mayor Myhre-Took a moment to state that he welcomes all opinions and will continue to work for all the residents of Stafford Township. The Township building is now open without an appointment to the public with some restrictions. Mask wearing is still required in the building. Mayor will be holding a zoom meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup> for Stafford Park Development. The meeting will begin at 6:00 pm. Information to join the zoom meeting will be posted on the Stafford website. It has been reported that COVID-19 cases are declining. 37% of Stafford residents are now fully vaccinated, and 46% have received at least one dose. There are many sites in town where residents can obtain the Covid-19 vaccine. Additional sites available can be obtained through the Ocean County Health Department. For any resident needing assistance obtaining information or making appointments contact Deb Budesa of the Stafford Recreation department. She can be reached at 609-597-1000 ext. 8583. Mayor reported on the Natural Lands Trust acquisitions to be preserved for open space. Stafford Township has preserved 839 acres. Street lights in Stafford Park Blvd and Recovery Road have been installed. Morris Boulevard paving will begin at the end of May. Drainage work will be done first then paving. The Beach Haven West sewer rehab phase II begins. A Boy Scout cleanup will be held at Atlantic Hills this weekend. Drive thru rabies clinic this weekend at the Municipal Building. For information contact the Animal Control Department at 609-597-1000 ext. 8526.

Councilman Williams-Mr. Williams reported on the operations of the Stafford Township Dial-A-Ride for the month of April. Rides are scheduled by appointment only and buses are being cleaned before, between, and after each run. The Green Team will meet Thursday June 3, at 5:30 pm. Details will be posted on the Township website. A Mask rally was held at the Stafford Board of Education. Attendance was good and he thanked all that attended. Councilman Williams donated a 9 foot Fruit Cocktail Tree to the Community Garden.

Councilman Pfancook-Wished to clarify that the Neptune Basin was repaired by himself specifically and George Yockachonis.

Councilman Krier-Gave the Stafford Township Water and Sewer department report for April, 2021. Daily work was completed such as inspections, water meter readings and repairs, service and maintenance of all vehicles as needed. Pumping just over 59 million gallons of water for the month of April.

Councilman Steadman-The Environmental Commission worked with the Green Team and Governing Body for the Arbor Day Celebration held on April 30<sup>th</sup>. The April Building and Zoning report was given. The dept continues to do an excellent job. Site plan approval was given for the Popeye's in the Shop Rite plaza. Jiffy Lube will be located in Stafford Park. Also an application to be heard for the vacant Burger King on Route 72 and provided an update on vacant stores that are now being occupied.

Councilman Henken-Ocean Ride is now provided free fair rides to and from vaccination sites. Summer Camp is going full swing. Website is up and running for registration. Please visit <https://www.staffordnj.gov/220/Recreation>. Hooked on fishing not drugs is back for its 20<sup>th</sup> year. Sat June 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. The event is open to all children fifteen and younger. Visit Staffordnj.gov for more information. He also provided information on the Miss Stafford Township pageant. For more information contact Jen McBrien at 609-537-1000 ext 8573

Councilman Guariglia-Stafford EMS reports they currently have had 1,106 calls year to date. As the summer season starts please remember to slow down and move over for emergency vehicles. EMS Auxiliary is still accepting application. Visit the website for more information.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT: FIVE (5) MINUTE LIMIT PER INDIVIDUAL-ALL PUBLIC COMMENT TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE MAYOR**

Mayor Myhre opened public comment

Richard Gilchrist-11 Virginia Drive-Mill Creek Garden is now open and running full steam. Anyone wishing to volunteer at the garden contact Deb Budesa at 609-597-1000 ext 8583. The Garden last year made a donation to the Stafford Food Pantries. Mr. Gilchrist requested an update on the Geese issue at the garden. He requested a yield sign on Marsha Drive and asked if the construction department would be providing a card for proof of installation of a new bulkhead.

**Dave Taylor- 467 Coral Lane-Questioned the removal of the Dedication sign to John Spodofora. He is requesting it be placed back on the pavilion.**

**Susan Ackerman-1159 West Mallard Drive-expressed concerns over the traffic near the Old Causeway restaurant. There has been an increase in trash and vehicles being parked on the marsh. She also questioned the plastic bag ordinance.**

**Danielle Saxton-135 Bluejacket Avenue-Owner of Bruno's Barber Shop on East Bay Avenue. Questions the restriction of feathered flags.**

**Linda Pisciotta-377 Leeward Road-Thanked Governing Body for the work done on Leeward Road.**

**There being no further public comment was closed.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Henken

All in favor: AYE

TIME: 10:42 pm