

State of New York  
County of Fulton  
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Stratford Town Board held on Thursday, April 12, 2012 at the municipal building located at 120 Piseco Rd.

Present:

Robert Johnson Jr.	---	Supervisor
Allan Perkins	---	Councilman
Bernard Leavitt	---	Councilman
Dawn Youker	---	Councilwoman
Lorraine Rumrill	---	Councilwoman
Mark Snowman	---	Superintendent
Diana Massicotte	---	Town Clerk
Janet VanValkenburgh	---	Deputy Town Clerk
Leigh Anne Loucks	---	Assessor
Lita Hillier	---	Bookkeeper/Budget Officer

Supervisor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30 with the Pledge to the Flag.

Residents attending – Dorothy and Henry Eifert, Judy Snowman, Peter and Mary Szczebak, Gary Rumrill, Carolyn Walker, Susan Fogarty, David Cool.

**PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Gary Rumrill remarked that the Town crew was doing a great job on the roads and the Highway yard looked great. Leigh Anne Loucks asked about the drug testing for the highway workers. Supervisor Johnson said it was suppose to be random.

David Cool wanted to know the reason for buying the dump trailer. Superintendent Snowman said that this equipment made it easier to do the black patch work and the insurance was much lower on the dump trailer than the dump truck which was sold.

Carolyn Walker asked if the voting machine could be sold for scrap metal. Peter Szczebak suggested we use it for the school vote.

**REPORTS**

Superintendent Snowman gave the following report for March:

**Equipment**

The men worked on the trucks, repairing, servicing and washing. They inspected the truck drive trains and all moving parts. The hub was changed on truck #6 and work was done on engine jake brake. Charlie fixed small dump truck, needed steering parts. He also checked the hydraulic pump on the tree truck. Went to Johnstown Dodge for town pickup recall and to have bumper and tailgate painted. Tree Truck brought inside for work.

## **Roads**

Mallet Hill Road – Cleared brush and removed hazardous trees. Firewood brought to barn.

Picked up a load of stone in St. Johnsville to fill pot holes.

Piseco, Dugway and Stewart Landing Roads were patched with crusher run.

Checked Powerhouse Road.

Fixed bad washout on corner of Avery Road.

Started sweeping roads and intersections.

Raked Edick, Bickford, Youker, Powerhouse, Bliss, Dugway and Middlesprit Roads.

## **Garage**

Measured town property, found boundary lines, spoke with adjacent property owner. Got deeds of surrounding area of the town barn from Fulton County Office. Map sketch included with report showing what the men have accomplished in the yard.

Leach field was dug up and pipe was cleaned out. Jim dug out another 50' of leaching, installed drain pipe; drains working much better.

## **Miscellaneous**

Spoke to loggers on Hadcock Road, had bulldozer in the road, skidding logs. Hadcock Road was again plugged with logs and a loader. Called Sheriff for backup to the problem which was resolved.

Roads were posted to 5 tons.

Checked out George Sacrider's sand pit and the Rockwell pit on Dugway Ext.

Attended monthly meeting of Town Superintendents.

Roy, Lenny and Jim started picking up scrap metal for dumpster. The price is now \$300 per ton.

Superintendent Snowman was looking at a 2007 Asphalt Roller with 600 hours priced at \$9,200. He said maybe the money received from the scrap metal, could be used to buy this roller.

Budget Director Hillier said according to the State Comptroller's formula, we can only borrow \$40,000 without going out to permissive referendum or writing the State Comptroller's office for permission to borrow \$115,000 because we are in the APA.

Assessor Loucks reported that Donna Hasbrouck resigned from the BAR effective after the March meeting. If we do not appoint a third person, then the two on the BAR have to agree or it will go to small claims court.

Assessor Loucks reported that she reviewed the proposals and felt the Board should interview Appraisal Consultants, Fitts Appraisal and Maxwell Associates. The Board said there would be a meeting Monday, April 16 at 6:00 pm to interview the three candidates. They will allow half an hour for each interview.

Grievance Day is May 23, 2012 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. All forms and supporting documentation must be submitted to the Assessor's Office no later than May 16, 2012.

The Treasurer's Report was distributed.

CEO Rackmyre reported that there have been several applications for building permits. He discussed their projects and advised them of the codes and town laws. He referred one individual to the APA for a project they were planning on the lake. The following violations were issued:

391 Stewarts Landing Road – Trash and debris, Barn in disrepair.

109 Kelly Road – Trash and debris.

2167 County Highway 119 – Trash and debris.

2175 County Highway 119 – Trash and debris.

117 Kelly Road – Trash and debris.

2190 County Highway 119 – Trash and debris.

189 Bickford Road – House in disrepair.

404 County Highway 104 – Barn in disrepair.

154 Redhouse Road – House and storage building in disrepair, Junk vehicles, trash and debris.

490 Piseco Road – Storage building in disrepair.

122 Winters Road – Trash and debris.

173 Avery Road – House and storage building in disrepair.

Researching owners of a few more properties. Abare property on CoHwy 119 and Perkins on 29 and Avery have till May 1, 2012 as per the agreement I made with them in court over the winter.

If violations are not complied to within 30 days from notice, then an appearance ticket will be issued to appear in court.

I will turn my mileage in on a quarterly basis showing a monthly breakdown. I will be out of town every weekend in April.

The Board went into executive session at 7:20 pm to discuss a personnel matter. The meeting was brought back to order at 7:35 pm. The matter was tabled.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Supervisor Johnson asked the Budget Director if the money put aside for the bus trips for the Seniors could be used for whatever they wanted. Budget Director Hillier said it could only be used for bus trips as was allocated in the 2012 Budget.

Candace Dean sent letter reporting that the BPI treatments have begun, but the water flow is low.

Supervisor Johnson said there would be a Rabies Clinic on April 28, 2012 from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm at the Town Hall, 120 Piseco Road. The cost would be \$5.00 per shot per animal. A proof of past rabies shot is needed to receive a three year certificate, otherwise a one year certificate will be issued. All animals are to be leashed or crated. Aggressive animals must stay in vehicles until their turn.

Assessor Loucks asked about the maintenance computer program. Bookkeeper Hillier said she was checking with Harris regarding the information requested.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motions made by Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to approve the Board meeting minutes of March 8, 2012.

ADOPTED    Ayes    5            Johnson, Perkins, Rumrill, Youker, Leavitt  
                  Nays    0

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Perkins to approve the bills on Abstract #4.

ADOPTED    Ayes    5            Johnson, Perkins, Rumrill, Youker, Leavitt  
                  Nays    0

**NEW BUSINESS**

Supervisor Johnson said he was waiting to hear from Mr. Henderson regarding our HUD account which will be about \$20,000. There are a few residents interested in applying.

Councilwoman Youker asked about the increase cost of the James A. Brennan Memorial Humane Society. Supervisor Johnson replied that this was the only facility in Fulton County and they did increase the yearly amount for their services.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Massicotte  
Town Clerk