

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Stratford Town Board held on Thursday, July 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
Leigh Anne Loucks	---	Assessor
Lita Hillier	---	Bookkeeper

Absent:

Dave Rackmyre Jr.	---	Code Enforcement Officer
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Supervisor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with the Pledge to the Flag.

Residents attending – Judy Snowman, Peter Szczebak, Gary Rumrill, Peg Klages, Dorothy and Henry Eifert, Carolyn Walker, David Cool, Ken Thompson, Jim and Carol King, Allicia Rice and Daryl Westhoff.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Allicia Rice asked Supervisor Johnson if he had the breakdown of the Excavator. He said it would be reported on at the next month. She also asked if she could have a copy of the financial report before the next meeting.

Leigh Anne Loucks asked Bookkeeper Hillier if she had an answer regarding the annual maintenance fee. She is working on the issue with the software company. Leigh Anne asked why the Town bought an employee a cell phone. Superintendent Snowman said the Fulton County Highway Officials and the Sherriff's Department requested that he have one with him at all times for emergencies. There was a heated discussion regarding the Highway Department's spending. The monies that have been spent have been accounted for in the 2012 Budget. Money has also been received selling old equipment and metal.

A resident complimented Superintendent Snowman for the work that has been accomplished on Bliss Road, said it was the best he has seen it.

REPORTS

Code Enforcement Officer Rackmyre's report was read by Supervisor Johnson as follows: Reported that two Certificates of Compliance were issued. He is waiting for more information and payment on new permits.

There several follow up inspections and code related phone calls. There are a few violations that will most likely end up with further tickets being issued. The addresses will be included in next month's report.

The issue on Stewart Landing Road is in APA hands. They have sent the owner a letter demanding resolution or they will proceed with further legal action if a resolution cannot be reached between both parties.

Two individuals were referred to APA for projects.

CEO Rackmyre was absent because he was at his full time job.

Supervisor Johnson said that Donald Vedder needed to have paperwork signed which was taken care of by the Code enforcement Officer. He is still waiting to hear from the insurance company. He told Supervisor Johnson that he is very thankful for all the offers of help.

Councilwoman Youker suggested that the Town check into having a Health Care Officer. Supervisor Johnson said he has tried on numerous occasions but so far has no takers. He asked Councilwoman Youker to check into a Health Care Officer for the Town.

Superintendent Snowman gave the following report for May:

Equipment

Jim and Roy put new cutters on mowing machine. Roy and Charlie worked on truck #8. Charlie and Jim worked on trailer brakes. Charlie worked on grader fuel filters, air valves for trailer brakes. Sickle bar broke on the Ford N, old mower is worn out, needs replacing, Orange 6610 mower bearing went bad. Picked up brake parts for trailer and ordered parts for mower. Charlie is rebuilding transmission of small dump truck. Lenny and Charlie rebuilt mower. Charlie worked on shoulder machine and worked on truck #6. F450 tranny rebuilt by Central Transmission. Lenny changing cutter in Ford 6610 tractor. Bill took off the broken mower from the Ford and put the splitter on to split firewood. Roy and Jim moved fuel tank to new location because of wood stove. Picked up new trailer and lawn sweep for the lawn mower from the Tractor Supply. This will be used for the cemeteries in town.

Roads

Wash outs fixed on Piseco and Seeley Roads. Mowed grass on Piseco, Dugway and Red House Roads. Piseco Road graded and graveled dirt end of road. Drew 4 loads of gravel, graded from the bridge to turnaround, then raked it. Road check on upper end of Piseco Road, beavers are plugging road pipes.

Pleasant Lake – Drawing gravel to widen the East Shore Road. Patched holes in pavement at Pleasant Lake. Cold patched West Shore Road. Grass mowed.

Road check up the Edick Road to Wind Fall stream. Hall Road and Edick Road were graveled and graded to fix bad wash outs.

Patched holes on Mallet Hill Road.

Bliss Road graded and new gravel put down and raked.

Shoulders cut on Middle Sprite, Kelly, Voorhees and Bickford Roads.

Grass mowed on Stewarts Landing.

Garage

Met with APA regarding wet lands and new entrance to Town Garage.

Miscellaneous

Cemeteries mowed.

Checked around town for beavers plugging pipes.

Bookkeeper Hillier handed out the Treasurer's report.

Assessor Leigh Anne Loucks felt there were a couple of serious discrepancies in the execution of the Reval project. She felt that the Board had changed their original decision regarding the collection of the data. The Assessor felt she could help with the older residents who were not comfortable with Maxwell coming on their property. Supervisor Johnson discussed the job with Maxwell who said he preferred to do the whole job by himself. Supervisor Johnson reported that after giving it some more thought and discussing it with the Board members, it was felt that to be fair to all residents of the Town, Maxwell should do all the work which he is being paid for, after which Assessor Loucks would be responsible for all parameters of her position as assessor.

Assessor Loucks is still waiting for a response from the letter sent to Mr. Battisti regarding the 2010 SCAR.

Assessor Loucks asked about her clerk's pay check if it shouldn't be paid the following week. Bookkeeper Hillier reported she did not receive it before she went on vacation, but would discuss with the Assessor about having a specific date to turn in her clerk's time.

Assessor Loucks requested copies of the monthly financial reports. Bookkeeper Hillier said she would have to FOIL for it to the Town Clerk. She also wanted a printout of all checks/debits from the line items of her department, as well as any credits that were applied.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Johnson mentioned to Assessor Loucks that her old computer needs to be turned into the Town Clerk and disposed of at the Transfer Station.

Councilwoman Youker said there is property on Piseco Road which needs to be cleaned up.

Supervisor Johnson asked Town Historian Walker how the Band Concert went. She reported that everyone who attended seemed to have a good time.

Supervisor Johnson asked Superintendent Snowman when would the town receive the new Excavator; he said it arrived today, July 12. He was checking on the insurance for it. The men will have to be trained before they can use the equipment.

Hanson has a State contract and thought they could do Town projects. State Auditor suggested that it should be put out to bid, which was done. Superintendent Snowman read the only sealed bid received which was from Hanson Aggregates for \$97,050.05 for black topping as follows:

	<u>COST</u>	<u>DISTANCE</u>
Voorhees Road	\$ 45,201.55	2,900 feet
Middle Sprite Road	\$ 51,848.50	3,400 feet

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Perkins to accept the bid from Hanson Aggregates to black top Voorhees and Middle Sprite Roads for a total of \$97,050.05.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Leavitt to approve the Board meeting minutes of June 14, 2012.

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

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed setting up a meeting with Bill Rawlings for Union negotiations.

Supervisor Johnson asked Assessor Loucks about a voucher for Maxwell. His contract ends May 1, 2013. He is supposed to bill the town monthly. He said he would bill the Town for a partial payment of \$10,000.00 for this year, 2012.

Supervisor Johnson asked Superintendent Snowman if he was going to put the addition on the Town Barn to discuss it with the CEO.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Leavitt to approve the bills on Abstract #7.

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

Bills to be paid in the following amounts:

Highway Fund	Voucher Nos. 76 through 90	\$6,925.59
General Fund	Voucher Nos. 106 through 124	\$7,297.37

Councilman Leavitt made the suggestion that the Town Clerk email any resident that wanted notification of meeting changes. Town Clerk Massicotte said she would have a form for the residents to fill out at the next meeting.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Massicotte
Town Clerk