

State of New York  
County of Fulton  
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Stratford Town Board held on Thursday, March 8, 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

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

Residents attending – Alicia Rice, Dorothy Eifert, Judy Snowman, Peter Szczebak, Gary Rumrill, Carolyn Walker, John and Joan Ploss.

### **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Town Clerk Massicotte announced that the Stratford Town Board Meeting minutes were on line. Peter Galarneau our website designer did a great job.

Alicia Rice announced that the projected school budget would be increased by 2%. March 20 would be the next Board of Education meeting. The information that will be discussed at this meeting will be online March 15.

Gary Rumrill asked if the snow could be pushed back on Avery Road because the plow cut the corner short and the shoulder is soft. He also said that Maillett Hill road looks great after all the work that has been done.

Upon further examination by Supervisor Johnson, the excavator purchase was not put out to bid, so the bids submitted are not valid. A notice was inserted in the paper for bids for the excavator to be read at the next regular Meeting, March 8.

### **REPORTS**

There was no report from the Code Enforcement Officer because he was out of town.

Assessor Loucks asked the Board if they had heard from Donna Hasbrouck regarding the BAR. Assessor Loucks said she thought that she would be resigning from the BAR. Assessor Loucks reported she received an email in January from Donna Hasbrouck regarding her appointment to the BAR.

Assessor Loucks reported that the County would not be prepared to provide valuation services to the Town for its 2013 Reval project. She prepared an RFP to be issued no later than March 15, 2012 which includes data collection and valuation services. She distributed a draft copy to the Board Members to review.

Assessor Loucks requested that Robert Harris, Consultant, review the RFP. She asked for approval for Supervisor Johnson to pay him after his review. His fee is \$30.00 per hour.

Motion made by Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to authorize Supervisor Johnson to pay Consultant Robert Harris when he finished his review.

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

The Board decided to have a special meeting April 10 at 6:00 pm to open the RFP bids. The Town Clerk will put it in the papers.

Highway Superintendent reported that the ice was scraped off Piseco, Seeley, and Dugway roads. The brush was cut and chipped from Mallet Hill Road. All driveways were sanded after ice storm. Pot holes were filled on Bickford and Stewarts Landing Roads. A new cutter blade was put on the pickup snowplow and the chipper was serviced. The men have been splitting wood for the town that was removed because of road hazards. The plow trucks were serviced. Repaired saws and removed sander from small dump truck to get ready for spring work. Charlie welded and rebuilt small dump box bottom because of rust.

Superintendent Snowman found a 1984 bucket utility truck in great shape with new tires. He bought it for \$3,500. The tree truck is licensed and insured.

Superintendent Snowman attended the Fulton County Highway Superintendent's meeting in Bleeker.

The Treasurer's Report was distributed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Superintendent Snowman read the sealed bids received for the Excavator as follows:

Monroe Tractor	\$146,999
Vintage Equipment	206,000
Nortrac	174,900
Montano Co., Inc.	133,640

### **RESOLUTION 11-2012**

### **RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE 2012 HYUNDAI 170W-9 WITH BLADE AND TWO OUTRIGGERS**

On a motion by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Perkins the following resolution was

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

**WHEREAS**, the town of Stratford Town Board on the recommendation of Superintendent Snowman to purchase an excavator for the Highway Department,

**RESOLVED**, to purchase a 2012 Hyundai 170w-9 excavator with blade and two outriggers wainroy swinger coupler 30” excavating and 48” ditching buckets with a three year, 3,000 hour bumper to bumper warranty for the quoted price of \$133,640 from Montano Co.

Superintendent Snowman opened the bid for outdoor furnace. There was only one which was received from North Creek for \$16,400.

**RESOLUTION 12-2012**

**RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE NORTH CREEK OUTDOOR FURNACE**

On a motion by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Leavitt, the following resolution was **ADOPTED** Ayes 5 Johnson, Rumrill, Youker, Leavitt, Perkins  
Nays 0

**WHEREAS**, the town of Stratford Town Board on the recommendation of Superintendent Snowman to purchase an outdoor furnace for the Town Barn,

**RESOLVED**, by the Town Board that the Budget Officer make the following 2012 budget transfers:

To:	A5132.4 – Highway Garage C.E.	\$8,000.00	
From:	A1620.2 – Building E.Q.		\$5,000.00
From:	A1990.4 – Contingent		\$3,000.00

**RESOLVED**, to purchase the North Creek Outdoor Boiler with automatic igniter for the quoted price of \$16,400.

Supervisor Johnson said he had talked to Mr. Henderson of HUD regarding the sale of the Polgar property. The reimbursement from this sale will give us between \$18,000 and \$20,000 in our HUD account.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motions made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Perkins to approve the Board meeting minutes of February 7, 2012 with two corrections. The bid for the excavator was cancelled and was resubmitted and Allicia Rice would like her remark corrected that she obtained the information off the Department of State website for the law on open government.

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

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

Motion made by Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to approve the bills on Abstract #3.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

Supervisor Johnson read a letter from the committee on the Violet Festival. If anyone would like to enter a float, contact the Violet Festival committee.

Councilwoman Youker suggested that she would like to see a Rabies Clinic for either March or April. Supervisor Johnson said he would contact the Dog Warden.

Peter Szczebak said he would call for information regarding BTI application.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Leavitt, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Massicotte  
Town Clerk