

State of New York  
County of Fulton  
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Stratford Town Board held on Tuesday, May 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
Leigh Anne Loucks	---	Assessor

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

Residents attending – Judy Snowman, Peter Szczebak, Gary Rumrill, Brian Alling, Peg Klages and John Barthelmess.

**PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Brian Alling was at the meeting for the Fire Department. He asked if they could tap into the outdoor furnace. Superintendent Snowman said he did not see a problem but would check out the feasibility of it. Gary Rumrill asked if using the outdoor boiler would be part of the Fire Department’s contract with the Town. Supervisor Johnson said that he saw Gary’s point, but felt that any way the Town and the Fire Department could work together would be beneficial to all.

Leigh Anne Loucks reported that her dog had bitten one of her children. It was not a serious bite, but they took her to the emergency room to be sure. The dog was up to date on all shots. The doctor notified the Sheriff and Public Health. Leigh Anne called the Dog Warden to come to the house to check on the dog, but the Warden did not show up until the following week.

**REPORTS**

CEO Rackmyre reported the following new permits were issued:

1 East Shore Road	Garage
120 South Shore Road	Remodel (Structural/renewal)
298 Seeley Road	Mobile Home Replacement, Renewal

A Certificate of Compliance was issued to 6157 St. Hwy. 29A for a Wood Stove.

Violation Notices were sent to the following:

2316 Co Hwy 119	Trash and Debris
5673 St Hwy 29	Trash and Debris, Junk Vehicles
6161 St Hwy 29A	Trash and Debris
6101 St Hwy 29A	No permit for roof replacement

CEO Rackmyre made several code related phone calls, follow-up inspections, follow-up inspections on last month's violations, discussed projects with several residents and advised them of the codes and town laws, and referred a resident to the APA.

Assessor Loucks reported that the Town needs a third person for the Bar. Lynn Stalnaker has expressed an interest in becoming a member. Brian Alling said he would serve.

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Perkins to appoint Brian Alling as a Primary member to the BAR and Lynn Stalnaker as an alternate.

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

Assessor Loucks met with Supervisor Johnson, Michael Maxwell and three representatives from NYSORPTS May 1 to go over the Reval process and procedure. A summary of the proceeding, copy of the RFP, Maxwell's proposal and a signed copy of the contract was given to each Board member and the Town Clerk. A public information meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at 6:30 pm. Mr. Maxwell will explain the Data Collection process and answer any questions. An informational letter will be mailed to property owners to give them the opportunity of refusing entry to the Data Collector or request that no one come onto their property.

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 or they may be adjourned for a different date.

Superintendent Snowman gave the following report for April:

#### **Equipment**

Charlie rebuilt little sander, took plows off trucks and painted the plows and truck frames, mounted pump on tree truck, took I beam out of truck #8 to be rebushed, took sander grates off and put on dump tarps, worked on dozer idler shocks, installed new sander chain on small sander and changed tires on truck #8 from winter to summer. Jim, Roy and Lenny painted plows and parts, dismantled truck #6 and loaded dumpsters with waste metal. Bill ran two loads of junk tires to the County waste.

#### **Roads**

Bill sweeping sand off Middlesprite, Voorhees, Seeley Road, Pleasant Lake Roads and Stewarts Landing Roads.

Jim grading Edick Road.

Supervisor Snowman raked Hawes, Piseco, Edick, Bickford, Youker, Powerhouse, Bliss, Dugway and Middlesprit Roads. He did a complete road check for ditches and pot holes, went to Marcy Hydraulic for parts, helped Ron Aldrich install the new outside boiler, marked trees for a new plow turn around at Pleasant Lake, checked report of missing signs on Stewarts Landing Road, (will replace) inspected the bridge on Seeley Road, concrete work is needed on the footings,

**Garage**

Jim, Roy and Lenny installed a three foot used pipe at new entrance on 29A, cleared wood off the property lines and organized Town Barn property with culvert pipe and guardrails, changed location of sand pile to back of property,

**Miscellaneous**

George Sacrider's agreed to sell the Town sand and gravel. New prices for sand: \$2.75 per yard, gravel: \$1.50 per yard, Cobblestone: \$5.00 per yard.

Superintendent Snowman compiled the following Price Comparison for the cost of dirt:

**8 HOUR DAY DRAWING FROM BAUDER'S PIT**

	<b><u>Per Load</u></b>	<b><u>20 Loads</u></b>
Sand	\$38.50	\$ 770.00
Gravel	\$21.00	\$ 420.00
Cobblestone	\$70.00	\$1,400.00

**8 HOUR DAY DRAWING FROM HANSON'S PIT**

Sand	\$129.50	\$2,580.00
Gravel	\$101.50	\$2,050.00
Cobblestone	\$150.50	\$3,010.00

**8 HOUR DAY SCREENING SAND, GRAVEL AND STONE IN TOWN OF STRATFORD**

	\$11.20	\$224.00
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**PRICE COMPARISON: COST OF FUEL FOR ONE DAY**

	<b><u>Per Truck</u></b>	<b><u>3 Trucks</u></b>
Out of Town	\$212.50	\$637.50
In Town	\$ 85.00	\$255.00

We purchased the used screening plant from Jersey Field for \$10,000.00.

Met with engineer regarding gravel pits in Town and obtaining mining permits.

Attended monthly meeting of Town Superintendents in Ephratah.

There was no Treasurer's report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Councilwoman Youker asked about the BTI program. Mr. Szczebak reported some of the areas in Town along the brooks were posted not allowing the application of the BTI. They were doing the best they could under the circumstances.

Supervisor Johnson announced that 22 dogs were vaccinated at the Rabies Clinic and Clerk Massicotte reported six dogs were licensed.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Rumrill and seconded by Councilman Leavitt for the Board to go into executive session at 7:04 pm to meet with CEO Rackmyre. Motion made by Supervisor Johnson and seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to bring the meeting back to order at 7:38 pm.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motions made by Councilman Leavitt, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to approve the Board meeting minutes of April 12 and 16, 2012.

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

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Leavitt to approve the bills on Abstract #5.

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

Bills to be paid in the following amounts:

Highway Fund	Voucher Nos. 51 through 62	\$9,010.93
General Fund	Voucher Nos. 61 through 87	\$4,593.54

With no further business, on a motion of Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Leavitt, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Massicotte  
Town Clerk