

State of New York  
County of Fulton  
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Stratford Town Board held on Thursday, November 8, 2012 at the municipal building located at 120 Piseco Rd.

Present:

Robert Johnson Jr.	---	Supervisor
Allan Perkins	---	Councilman
Bernard Leavitt	---	Councilman
Lorraine Rumrill	---	Councilwoman
Dawn Youker	---	Councilwoman
Mark Snowman	---	Superintendent
Diana Massicotte	---	Town Clerk
Lita Hillier	---	Bookkeeper
Leigh Anne Loucks	---	Assessor
Dave Rackmyre Jr.	---	Code Enforcement Officer

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

Residents attending – Peter and Mary Szczebak, Carolyn Walker, David Cool, Ken Thompson, Allicia Rice, Henry and Dorothy Eifert, Peg Klages, John Ploss, Judy Snowman, Gary Rumrill, Art Hughes from Utica Mack, Rick Woods from Mohawk and John Rode from Tracey Road Equipment.

Bookkeeper Hillier arrived at 6:35 pm.

**PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Supervisor Johnson said they would hear questions on the budget. Allicia Rice asked if the Bookkeeper could explain the second page of the budget and the revenue sources on page 7 and General Fund Highway on pages 10-11.

Ken Thompson wanted to know how to obtain copies of the Financial Report. Bookkeeper Hillier said he would have to foil the Town Clerk for a copy.

George Hayes from Bickford Road asked about emergency vehicles getting to his property. There is not enough of a right of way to get the emergency vehicles down the road and turn around.

On a motion made by Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to maintain the road

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

Mr. Abare asked if he could have 90 days to cleanup his mother’s yard. The Board gave him the time with no fines from this date forward. It was discussed that the Junk Yard Law should be given to the residents who received a ticket.

On a motion made by Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilman Leavitt to close the budget part of the meeting.

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

## **REPORTS**

Superintendent Snowman gave his report for September as follows:

### **Equipment**

Men dismantled screening plant.  
Working on truck #6 dump box and sander area.  
Hanson brought roller and black top machinery.  
County roller arrived so we can apply shoulders to newly paved roads.  
Men mounting plows and sanders on heavy trucks for winter months.  
Trucks greased.  
Men working on tires.  
Truck #7 had three rims that were broke, new rear tires were mounted.

### **Roads**

Ongoing road check is done for beavers and pot holes.  
Cold patching on Kelly Road, Gleason Road, Bickford Road, Stewarts Landing Road and Red House Road.  
West Shore Road, checked culvert that needs replacing and also ditching.  
Sweeping Voorhees and Middle Sprite Roads, getting ready for paving.  
Paving of Voorhees and Middle Sprite Roads is complete.  
Signs put on roads for low shoulder.  
Large tree cut out of Middle Sprite Road.  
Ditching East Shore Road.

### **Garage**

Posts installed for awning.  
Lumber for awning delivered.  
Men building the awning off the back of barn over the wood stove

### **Miscellaneous**

Men screening sand and mixing salt for winter roads.  
Worked on budget request forms.  
Mixing gravel for roads.  
Went to Hansens for more cold patch.  
Met with John Curly to discuss price of paving and chip seal for 2013.  
Went to old Austin farm on Hadcock Road to discuss pipe replacement, water runs across road due to a crushed pipe.  
Storm knocked power out. Many trees down, men busy removing trees and brush from highways.

Superintendent Snowman read the bids for the truck. He said he would table the decision until he had an opportunity to go over them.

The following bids were received on the truck:

Kenworth of Buffalo, NY, Inc.  
5 Fritz Blvd.  
Albany, NY 12205

2013 T800 Kenworth with Henderson Plow Equipment ----- \$185,677.00  
2013 T800 Kenworth with Equipment supplied by T&T ----- \$184,912.00

Mohawk Valley Freightliner  
703 Oriskany Boulevard  
Yorkville, NY 13405

Bid 1 – 2014 114 SD ordered unit with Viking Equipment ---- \$179,498.00  
2014 114 SD ordered unit with Tenco Equipment ----- \$182,431.00

Bid 2 – 2013 114 SD Stock Unit with Viking Equipment ---- \$183,395.00  
2013 114 SD Stock Unit with Tenco Equipment ----- \$186,328.00

Tracy Road Equipment  
6803 Manlius Center Road  
E. Syracuse, NY 13057

2014 Conventional Style Cab and Chassis with Hydraulic plow Equipment and dump body:

Bid 1 – \$186,684.00    Bid 2 – \$183,284.00    Bid 3 - \$192,891.00

Utica-Mack, Inc.  
9426 River road  
Marcy, NY 13403

2014 Bid - \$186,797.00

Supervisor Johnson had the representatives introduce themselves.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Perkins to move into an executive session at 7:40 pm regarding a personnel matter with the Assessor.

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

The meeting was called back from recess at 8:20 pm to the regular meeting.

Assessor Loucks reported as follows:

Status update meeting was held on October 23 with Mike Maxwell, Karen Quinn, Bob Jacobs and Assessor. There are some serious issues.

1. She received the property records cards the second week in October. There were no pictures on any of the cards, nor were there any local addresses on 50% of the cards. There are some issues with consistency with regard to how properties are collected, classified, square footage and utility availability.
2. The main concern of Bob Jacob's was that property that he and Karen had collected earlier did not show the same inventory as Mike's property record card. Mike's card did not contain many of the improvements on the property.

To rectify these issues, I have contacted Fulton County and they are preparing a disc with all of the pictures on the RPS file, as Mike no longer has them and they were removed from my computer when the County set it up for the database. The pictures will have to be printed, identified and then attached to the appropriate card. The general procedure will take place with the address labels printed at the County and affixed to the cards.

As for the discrepancies in the inventory, the Assessor is finishing up review of the cards and when completed will be returned to Mike so he can make all necessary changes on the database. The Assessor will batch print inventories for each parcel for roll years 2012 and 2013. She will go through each parcel, State Land, vacant and residential and compare the inventory. She will physically verify them.

The Assessor has not been able to gain access to the County database from the Town Hall. The County suggested upgrading the internet, as well as getting a more up to date router.

Assessor Loucks passed out a letter dated November 1, 2012 from Robert Jacobs, Real Property Analyst II explaining the meeting which was held on Tuesday, October 23. The next meeting is scheduled at 10:00 am on Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at the Town Hall.

Supervisor Johnson mentioned that our building had been hit. He asked five contractors to submit a bid for the work. We received one bid from TNV Home Improvement for \$2,100.00. Supervisor Johnson called the insurance company and was told we could proceed.

**RESOLUTION 16-2012**

**RESOLUTION BY TOWN BOARD APPOINTING TNV HOME IMPROVEMENTS TO REPAIR BUILDING**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Community Center had received damage from the outside when a vehicle hit the building,

**WHEREAS**, the Town received a bid for the work from TNV Home Improvement to repair damaged section of wall, fix plates, siding, sheathing, sheetrock and paint inside for a bid in the amount of \$2,100.00 which will be paid by the Town property insurance, and

**RESOLVED**, that the Stratford Town Board does hereby accept this bid of \$2,100.

Supervisor Johnson read a letter from the Dolgeville Food Pantry for donations. The Board felt donations to the Food Pantry should be on an individual basis.

He read information regarding the Stratford Christmas Party for the children, which will be put on by the Seniors and the Town. A letter was read from the Masons asking for a donation for their Children's Christmas Party.

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Perkins to donate \$500 to the Stratford Children's Christmas Party and \$250 to the Masonic Children's Christmas Party

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

**RESOLUTION 17-2012**

**RESOLUTION BY TOWN BOARD TO APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF A BOND TO PURCHASE THE 2013 - 2014 SNOW PLOW TRUCK**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the State Comptroller asked for authorization from the Town Supervisor to execute the application for the issuance of a bond allowing the Town to purchase the 2013 – 2014 Snow Plow Truck,

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Supervisor execute the application for the issuance of a bond for purchase of the 2013 – 2014 Snow Plow Truck.

Code Enforcement Officer Rackmyre's read his report as follows:

New Permits: 120 Piseco Road – Roof  
1162 Stewart Landing – Engineered Septic  
Highway Dept. – Addition (Storage)

Made follow up inspections and code related phone calls.  
Two tickets were issued.  
Referred an individual to the APA for possible project.

CEO Rackmyre said he finished his continuing education for the year. The State put together a list of CEO's in case of storm emergencies. CEO Rackmyre is on standby.

Councilman Leavitt asked if the Board could have a copy of the tickets. CEO Rackmyre said he could do it after the tickets were issued. CEO Rackmyre explained the procedure for issuing the permits.

Bookkeeper Hillier passed out the Treasurer's Report for October.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION #18-12**

**ADOPTION OF 2013 BUDGET**

Offered by: Councilwoman Rumrill

Seconded by Councilman Leavitt

Ayes 5 Johnson, Perkins, Rumrill, Leavitt, Youker

Nays 0

**WHEREAS**, the Stratford Town Board held its Regular meeting on November 8, 2012,

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that this governing body adopts the final budget at a total of \$1,063,146.00 which includes the fire district of \$46,000.00.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Leavitt to approve the Board meeting minutes of October 11, 2012.

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

Nays 0

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

Motion made by Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to approve the bills on Abstract #11.

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

Nays 0

Abstracts to be paid in the following amounts:

Highway Fund	Voucher Nos. 129 through 142	\$108,857.83
General Fund	Voucher Nos. 175 through 195	\$ 13,749.56

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana B. Massicotte  
Town Clerk