

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Stratford Town Board held on Thursday, October 11, 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

Absent:

Dave Rackmyre Jr.	---	Code Enforcement Officer
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Supervisor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm with the Pledge to the Flag.

Residents attending – Peter and Mary Szczebak, Carolyn Walker, Ken Thompson, Allicia Rice, Lynn and Bob Stalnaker, Henry Eifert, Peg Klages, John Ploss, Judy Snowman and Gary Rumrill.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Supervisor Johnson announced that any resident could attend the County Board of Supervisors Budget Meeting. There will be Public Speaking if anyone at the meeting has any comments. Supervisor Johnson said after the County adopts their budget, he will receive the information on what the tax and rate will be on our taxes. He will give the information to the Town Clerk and she can run it off.

Historian Carolyn Walker mentioned that the Stratford School Alumni has been in touch with her to see if the Town would be interested in the sports trophies, the brass plate from the front of school, plus there are five or six uniforms.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilwoman Youker to accept the Stratford School items and have Leo Aubin build a trophy case to match the one already in place.

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

Ken Thompson asked about results from the town audit. Supervisor Johnson said we probably would not have the results for a couple of months.

REPORTS

Superintendent Snowman gave his report for September as follows:

Equipment

Belt loader was worked on.
Truck #8 oil changed and serviced.
New chain installed in small sander.

Roads

Youker Road – Cutting brush out of the roadway and grading road.
Red House Road – Cold patch.
Checked roads for troublesome beavers.
Checked on Edwin Calcutt's driveway to see what could be done at the Town roadway, decided to cold patch the washed out area.
Ditching at 120 West Shore Road, Pleasant Lake, because of plugged ditch, job completed.
Checked roads at Stewarts Landing and Youker Roads.
Checked roads for fallen trees, pot holes and beaver problems.

Garage

Worked on heating system.
Ordered anti-freeze for new boiler.
Picked up anti-freeze and thermostate for outside boiler from Security Supply.

Miscellaneous

Men screened gravel for shoulder mix and started working on winter sand.
Screened winter sand and ordered the salts for the sands.

PROJECTED PLAN FOR HIGHWAY PROJECTS 2013

Starting on the Dugway Road, will pave approximately 2,950' x 19' x 1.5 with super pave at a price totaling \$47,512.50.

Red House Road – will pave approximately 3,750 x 19 x 1.5 with super pave at a price totaling \$58,387.50

Total for these two roads is \$105,900.00.

Would like to chip seal about 2 miles on Piseco Road, from 29A going North. No price yet.

Would like to chip seal about 2 miles on Seeley Road. No price yet.

We need to be thinking about purchasing a new truck. I have inquired at Beam Mack, the total price through April 2013 is \$200,000.00.

We would like to put two new awnings off of the Town Garage. The front awning is to alleviate a water problem. It would measure 16' x 140' at a cost of about \$5,500.00. The back awning

would be for wood storage and small machinery storage and would measure 16' x 120' at a cost of \$4,600.00. Would like to build front awning in the Spring of 2013 and the back awning in the Fall of 2012.

Code Enforcement Officer Rackmyre's report was read by Supervisor Johnson as follows:

New Permits: 110 W. Shore Road – Car Port
427 Powerhouse Road - Garage

One Certificate of Compliance issued. One Certificate of Occupancy issued. One violation notice sent to 164 CoHwy 104. Made follow up inspections and code related phone calls.

CEO received a request for past history on a property from a bank which was researched and the information sent. Referred an individual to the APA.

Bookkeeper Hillier passed out the Treasurer's Report for August and September.

Assessor Loucks reported as follows:

Small Claims Assessment Review decision was received in the Town's favor. There will be no reduction of the assessment for the Stewart Landing property.

The Board of Supervisors of Fulton County decided earlier this year to go with a County wide database that is to be maintained at the County. The data will no longer be maintained on individual computers, but will be entered via internet to the database at the County. Assessor Loucks will not be able to access property specific information from home, it will have to be done at the office.

Mike Maxwell has completed the data entry of all information and pictures for the Town. Data mailers are expected to be mailed out the week of October 15th, pending any issues at the County level. There is an open house scheduled at the Town Hall on Tuesday, October 23, 2012, from 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Mike and Assessor will meet with individual property owners to go over the data mailer they received and to make the necessary adjustment to the property inventory. There will be a status update meeting held that day also. Notices of open house will be posted at the Transfer Station, Town Hall, Post Office and in the newspapers.

Donald McClure contacted my office regarding the property he owns on Red House Road. He stated he owned the end of the road which yields onto Piseco Road and would like some sort of legal documentation to release him from any liability for that portion of his land. Assessor contacted Superintendent Snowman and the Town Attorney regarding this issue.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Johnson scheduled a budget workshop for Monday, October 15, 2012 at 6:30 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Johnson reported calling the Comptroller's Office regarding the money that was left in the Programs for the Aging to see if it could be used for other than trips for the Seniors. They said it was alright to use it for any program or event as long as the Town receives receipts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to approve the Board meeting minutes of September 13, 2012.

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

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Perkins to approve the bills on Abstract #10.

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

Abstracts to be paid in the following amounts:

Highway Fund	Voucher Nos. 117 through 128	\$16,660.39
General Fund	Voucher Nos. 158 through 174	\$ 6,297.25

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana B. Massicotte
Town Clerk