

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the Stratford Town Board meeting held on Thursday, January 10, 2013 at the municipal building located at 120 Piseco Rd.

Present:

Robert Johnson Jr.	---	Supervisor
Allan Perkins	---	Councilman
Bernard Leavitt,	---	Councilman
Lorraine Rumrill	---	Councilwoman
Bernard Leavitt	---	Councilman
Dawn Youker	---	Councilwoman
Diana Massicotte	---	Town Clerk
Leigh Anne Loucks	---	Assessor
Lita Hillier	---	Bookkeeper

Absent

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

Residents in attendance: Alicia Rice, Ken Thompson, Dorothy and Henry Eifert, Peter Szczebak, Carolyn Walker, Gary Rumrill.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Alicia Rice asked for the final total for expenditures for machinery on the financial report. Bookkeeper Hillier said there was \$155,130 for machine equipment.

Supervisor Johnson read a thank you note from the Stratford Seniors thanking the Town for helping pay for the Christmas dinner.

REPORTS

Supervisor Johnson read the Superintendent's Report for December as follows:

Equipment

Brake canisters were replaced on truck #6.
New window washer tank installed on truck #6.
Working on sander grates truck.
Replaced sander chain on truck #7.
Four new batteries in truck #7.

Roads

Road checks done on Middle Sprite, Seeley and Piseco Roads.
Men in at 4:30 am to plow and sand during December, major snowstorm.
Washouts fixed on Mallett Hill, Seeley, Power House and Youker Roads.

Road checks done throughout December.

Garage

Installed a 2X6 across entire length of barn for installing new air lines. These air lines will supply plow trucks with air (when trucks are first started, they need to reach so many pounds of pressure for the braking systems which could take up to ten minutes, the trucks sit and idle giving off toxic fumes with the doors closed because of cold weather. The trucks are plugged into the new air lines. The air lines and air pressure are increased without starting the trucks. The trucks are ready to go when started which cuts down on time, fuel and toxic fumes.) Bought four new ceiling fans at Home Depot and assembled them.

Installed new ceiling fans, four new light fixtures and air reels for the air lines.

Working on building repairs.

Miscellaneous

Men went to Town Hall to load the voting machine to take it for scrap.

The men are splitting wood and putting it under the side awning by the furnace.

Roof tarred around chimney.

County meeting on January 7th in Johnstown.

Ceiling painted in break room.

Went to County meeting in Gloversville.

Dog Control Officer gave her 2012 report. Picked up one dog. Karen said this was the slowest year she has had. She suggested another enumeration. Called the State Police regarding the horses that were running loose. She tries to steer people to the right organizations that will take in cats. Councilman Leavitt suggested that the Board receive a report each month. Supervisor Johnson said that the Dog Control Officer and the Town Clerk should coordinate their information. Councilwoman Youker requested that Karen look into a Rabies Clinic. Town Clerk Massicotte asked if the residents who were behind in licensing should pay for back years. Supervisor Johnson said if Karen could not serve the ticket, then she should call the Sheriff.

Assessor reported that she still cannot access county database program. Assessor Loucks said the reorganization minutes said there were four members and she never had more than three.

Ken Thompson asked if there was a conflict of interest for Lorraine Rumrill to clean Town Hall and be a councilwoman. Supervisor Johnson said he had checked on that before and there was no conflict.

Board moved into Executive Session at 7:15 on a motion by Councilman Perkins and seconded by Lorraine Rumrill to discuss the reevaluation update.

Ayes -- 5 Leavitt, Johnson, Rumrill, Perkins and Youker
Nays – 0

Motion made by Supervisor Johnson and seconded by Councilman Perkins to bring the meeting back to order at 8:04 pm.

Ayes - 5 Leavitt, Johnson, Rumrill, Perkins and Youker
Nays – 0

Bookkeeper Hillier handed out a draft Treasurer's report. She also handed out the Highway Fund Consolidated Statement of Revenues and Expenses as of December 31, 2012.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Leavitt to approve the Reorganizational Board meeting minutes of January 3, 2013 with one correction.

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

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION ON #10-13 stating Approval of Judge Gardner's Books for the year 2012

WHEREAS, the Stratford Town Board held its Board meeting on January 10, 2013 and

WHEREAS, the books of Judge Gardner were examined and reviewed by the Stratford Town Board, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Stratford Town Board approved Judge Gardner's books for the year 2012:

Offered by: Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Perkins

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

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Johnson read a report from Jann Dickson thanking the town for helping put on the Children's Christmas Party. It was a great success and fun was had by all.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Perkins to approve the bills on Abstract #1

Ayes - 5 Leavitt, Johnson, Rumrill, Perkins and Youker
Nays - 0

General Fund	Voucher Nos. 10 through 18	\$3,059.01
Highway Fund	Voucher Nos. 1 through 9	\$7,168.94

Motion made by Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to hire Barry Vickers as interim Code Enforcement Officer until one is appointed for the Town of Stratford.

Ayes - 5 Leavitt, Johnson, Rumrill, Perkins and Youker
Nays - 0

With no further business, on a motion by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Leavitt, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Massicotte, Town Clerk