

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the Stratford Town Board meeting held on Thursday, February 14, 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
Diana Massicotte	---	Town Clerk

Absent

Dawn Youker	---	Councilwoman
Mark Snowman	---	Superintendent
Leigh Anne Loucks	---	Assessor
Lita Hillier	---	Bookkeeper

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

Supervisor Johnson announced that Councilwoman, Dawn Youker was not in attendance because she had an operation on her leg.

Residents in attendance: Allicia Rice, Ken Thompson, Dorothy and Henry Eifert, Peter and Mary Szczebak, Carolyn Walker, Gary Rumrill, Donna Loucks and Emma Baulch.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Emma Baulch asked if she could use the park February 23 for a fun snow day for the Stratford children. The Board approved.

Gary Rumrill remarked that the roads were in great shape.

REPORTS

Supervisor Johnson read the Dog Control Officer's report as follows:

12/30/12 – Stray dog picked up on Seeley Road and taken to shelter 12/31/12. Dog adopted from shelter 1/7/13.

1/8/13 – Call regarding dogs running off owner's property on Bickford Road. Verbal warning given regarding leash law and told to license all dogs. Owner complied, three new dog licenses issued.

1/29/13 – Received call regarding stray dog on Middlesprite Road, unable to locate dog. Located dog on Gleason Road on 2/5/13 and taken to shelter on 2/6/13.

1/31/13 – Dog owner called about their lost dog but was unable to locate the dog.

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

Equipment

Chipper brought in to prevent freezing.

D.O.T. checks done on all trucks.

Installed new sander chain on truck #6.

Light repairs done on trucks.

Blown tranny line on one of the trucks, fixed and back in service.

Roads

Men plowed, sanded and salted roads, heavy snow during month of January. Snow banks pushed back around Fire House and Land fill.

Cutting brush from Hadcock and Stewarts Landing Roads.

Men were called in every day during week of January 20 at 3:00 am to sand and plow snow on icy roads. Roads usually done again in the afternoon to insure safe passage of school busses.

Freezing rain brought down trees across roadways. Men were busy cleaning trees out of roads.

Garage

Men cleaned road sand from big trucks off floor.

New GLOBO door openers were installed and new door rails were installed.

Miscellaneous

Men cleared junk out of my office and painted floor.

Installing new shelves in my office.

Supervisor Johnson read the Assessor's report as follows:

Reval is moving ahead as scheduled. Assessor reported she met several times with Mike to resolve the issues previously discussed. Status update meeting held with Supervisor Johnson, Bob Jacobs, Karen Quinn, and Mike Maxwell. We will be doing field review of properties and their new values. Impact notices will be mailed on March 1, 2013. These notices will include the proposed new assessment, current assessment and estimated tax amount which is figured using the prior year's tax rates. An informational meeting will be held February 27, 2013 at 6:30 pm. Mike will write up a narrative for the Board members because they would not be available to meet prior to the informational meeting. Status update letter attached to Board's copy of report.

Computer issues have been resolved. The County is currently attempting to switch to a Citrix program which is expected to resolve the issues for good. The County is requesting each municipality pay \$99.00 toward the cost.

Most exemption forms have been returned. Residents who have not returned them will be called with a reminder.

A letter from Peter Galarneau, Fulton County Real Property Director, which addresses the appointment of Peg Klages as Deputy Town Clerk and BAR member. Mr. Galarneau checked with the County Attorney and it was determined there was no conflict.

Supervisor Johnson read the Code Enforcement's report as follows:

Certificate of compliance to Jim Burmeister for installation of an engineer designed septic system at 162 Stewarts Landing Road.

Received two calls to do final inspections for 180 Bickford Road and 90 East Shore Road. Issued certificates of occupancy.

Stopped at the office to see if there were any messages.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Johnson reported that he had checked with the Legal Department of the Association of Towns regarding Ken Thompson's inquiry if Councilwoman Rumrill being custodial person also was a conflict of interest. It is a conflict of interest because the Board sets the salaries of the employees. Councilwoman Rumrill has to turn in her mop and the Board will advertise for the position of custodial person. The State also inquired about this situation; Supervisor Johnson explained that they had resolved it.

RESOLUTION #11-13 Naming Appointed Dog Control Officer Position for the year 2013

WHEREAS, the Stratford Town Board decided at the February meeting on February 14, 2013 and

WHEREAS, the following information was examined and reviewed by the Stratford Town Board, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Karen Jaquay shall be reinstated as Dog Control Officer in the Town of Stratford for the year 2013:

Offered by: Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill

**ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Johnson, Perkins, Leavitt, and Rumrill,
Nays 0**

NEW BUSINESS

Received letter from the ambulance service regarding service. They are on call 5:00 pm to 5:00 am each week day and on call 24 hours per day on weekends and holidays. If they can't come, Fulton County comes. The Town donates \$6,000.00 each year to the ambulance service. The reason they are not on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week is that they are having trouble getting volunteers.

Supervisor Johnson said they would have to have a special meeting to conduct interviews for the Code Enforcement Officer position which will be an executive session and then a short meeting to adopt the findings of the Comptroller's office Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at 6:30 pm. The Town Clerk is to put the notice in the two papers.

Carolyn Walker announced that the Boy Scouts were not collecting the bottles at the Transfer Station and asked if the Historical Society could take over the collection and wanted to know where they could place the barrels. County won't allow the bottles to be collected inside the fence.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Leavitt to approve the Board meeting minutes of January 10, 2013.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Johnson, Perkins, Leavitt, and Rumrill
Nays 0

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Leavitt to approve the bills on Abstract #2

Ayes - 4 Leavitt, Johnson, Rumrill, and Perkins
Nays - 0

General Fund	Voucher Nos. 19 through 40	\$18,385.02
Highway Fund	Voucher Nos. 10 through 28	\$15,617.65

With no further business, on a motion by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Perkins, the meeting moved into executive session to discuss the audit at 8:10 pm. Supervisor Johnson said there would be no further business conducted after the executive session if the residents wanted to leave.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Leavitt, at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Massicotte, Town Clerk