

Sate of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the Stratford Town Board meeting held on Thursday, August 8, 2013 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
Diana Massicotte	---	Town Clerk
Charles Goodwin	---	Highway Superintendent
Norman Wright	---	Code Enforcement Officer
Peg Klages	---	Deputy Town Clerk
Leigh Anne Loucks	---	Assessor

Absent:

Lita Hillier	---	Bookkeeper
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Supervisor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm with the Pledge to the Flag.

Residents in attendance: Heidi Christiansen, Peter and Mary Szczebak, Gary Rumrill, Sue Fogarty, Allicia Rice, Paul and Cathy Riley, Carolyn Walker, Dorothy Eifert, Ken Thompson, Mary Beth Cammann, Donna Hasbrouck, and Jim Hein.

REPORTS

Code Enforcement Officer Norman Wright issued one permit for new home on Avery. Many phone calls were made. Property cleanup was going good. CEO Wright stated that an APA permit was needed before Town Permits could be issued for certain construction work.

Supervisor Johnson handed out the Treasurer's Report to the Board.

The Dog Control Officer, Karen Jaquay, submitted her report which Supervisor Johnson read as follows:

July 11, 2013 to August 8, 2013

There were no dog calls to report for this period.

No strays were picked up.

Ag. & Markets called to inform her that our inspection will be toward the end of the month.

The Assessor reported as follows:

Received eleven Small Claim Assessment Reviews (SCAR) forms, of which six have been scheduled. All applications are supposed to be received by the Assessor's office by August 10, 2013. Assessor Loucks will be available by appointment until all hearings have been completed.

To date, one Supreme Court proceeding has been served upon the Town, with a tentative return date of September 23, 2013. Assessor Loucks will discuss the course that will be taken after August 12, 2013 when Town Attorney Allen Day returns from vacation.

Assessor Louck's office email has been changed to townofstratfordassessor@gmail.com.

Superintendent Goodwin gave the following report:

Black top Red House Road and East Shore Road. Ditching Bickford Road. Put in pipe, ditching and worked on shoulders on Stewart Landing. Shoulders cut on Gleason, Powerhouse and Bliss Roads. Will do Avery in the next two weeks. Started cutting firewood. New Truck arrived. There were a few problems, truck taken back to dealer. Problems fixed under warranty and truck returned.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Allicia Rice said the Fire Department is selling high reflective blue 911 Number placards for \$10.00 each. Ms. Rice stated that it is extremely important that all residences clearly display 911 house numbers which can easily be seen by Police, Firefighters or EMT Responders. Order forms can be picked up at the Town Clerk's Office.

OLD BUSINESS

It was asked if Hawes Road was abandoned. Supervisor Johnson said if we do not do anything with it, the State will close it. The Town will have to keep Hawes Road and Kelly Road maintained the best way possible. Ranger John Ploss will document all the road work.

The cost of the new truck was approved. There will be four payments over a three-year period. Supervisor Johnson said maybe next time the Town should lease because there is less paperwork.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Johnson read County Resolution No. 204 authorizing 2013-2014 Agreements for snow and ice control on certain designated roads and was adopted by the Town Board as follows:

RESOLUTION 20-2013

RESOLUTION BY TOWN BOARD ACCEPTING CONTRACT FOR THE SNOW REMOVAL AND ICE CONTROL ON COUNTY ROADS FOR THE WINTER OF 2013 - 2014

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

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

WHEREAS, the County Superintendent of Highways and Facilities of Fulton County has submitted a contract for the removal of snow and ice control from certain designated County Roads within the Town under Section 135A of the Highway Law, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 135A of the Highway Law, this Board does hereby accept the contract for snow removal and ice control as submitted and authorizes the Supervisor and Town Board to execute the contract.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Leavitt to approve the Board meeting minutes of July 11, 2013.

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

On a motion made by Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to move into executive session at 7:15 pm regarding a personnel matters.

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

The meeting was called back from recess at 8:25 pm to the regular meeting.

Supervisor Johnson and the Town Board stated that an ad would be put in the paper for the position of Sole Assessor. The salary would be \$10,000.00 and there would be no clerk. Any qualified person could apply which includes the present Assessor.

They also discussed the position of Town Custodian. Diane Keck told Supervisor Johnson she would not be able to take the position because of health reasons. The Board appointed April Carpenter from the group of applicants that had submitted resumes in March.

The next Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at 6:30 pm. because Supervisor Johnson has a meeting conflict.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Leavitt to approve the bills on Abstract #8

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

General Fund	Voucher Nos. 138 through 152	\$3,706.06
Highway Fund	Voucher Nos. 98 through 110	\$8,280.73

With no further business, on a motion by Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilman Leavitt, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Massicotte, Town Clerk