

Sate of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the Stratford Town Board meeting held on Thursday, October 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
Diana Massicotte	---	Town Clerk
Peg Klages	---	Deputy Town Clerk
Lita Hillier	---	Bookkeeper

Absent:

Dawn Youker	---	Councilwoman
Charles Goodwin	---	Highway Superintendent
Leigh Anne Loucks	---	Assessor
Norman Wright	---	Code Enforcement Officer

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

Residents in attendance: Heidi Christiansen, Peter and Mary Szczebak, Gary Rumrill, Allicia Rice, Carolyn Walker, Dorothy Eifert, Ken Thompson, Donna Hasbrouck, Barbara Schwartz, Paul and Cathy Riley, and Brian Alling.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Fire Chief, Brian Alling, stated that the Fire Department was looking for volunteers. There is required training. Tomorrow, October 11, 2013 they will be conducting pump tests if anyone would like to observe the procedure. Chief Alling asked about our network, whether it was secure.

Allicia Rice announced that during Fire Prevention week, she would be talking to students at the schools. She stated that because of the storm Monday, October 7, 2013, there were trees down preventing the buses from using the roads. They stop at the Town Barn where the reception is better for cell use to let parents know what happened. It is a safe place to pick up their children. The children cannot leave the buses.

It was remarked that the Highway Department did a good job cleaning up after the storm. They were on top of it immediately.

REPORTS

The Bookkeeper handed out the Treasurer's report for August and September to the Board.

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

September 10, 2013 to October 8, 2013

9/12/13 – Two stray dogs picked up and taken to shelter.

10/7/13 – One dog complaint – dog off owner’s property, spoke to owners, they complied with the Town law.

Code Enforcement Officer’s report read by Supervisor Johnson as follows:

August 10, 2013 – September 10, 2013

Three permits issued

Four inspections

Attended two schools last month

September 11, 2013 – October 9, 2013

Three permits issued

Six inspections

One stop work order

One Certificate of Compliance

Assessor’s report read by Supervisor Johnson as follows:

Exemption forms will be mailed out by the end of the month. Any property owner who is on the IVP for Enhanced STAR will be notified of their status as soon as the report from NYS Department of Tax & Finance makes it available, usually sometime in late November. Forms are due on or before March 1, 2014. They can be mailed as long as they are postmarked for that date.

Any property owner who is currently on the Basic STAR program will have to certify with NYS Department of Tax & Finance by December 31, 2013. All who are on the Basic STAR should have been notified by now and should follow the instructions on the letter.

There is one SCAR hearing left to be held. I have received no notices or updates on the current Article 7/78.

I am still unable to print or save files to be sent electronically from the RPS file. All the issues were supposed to have been worked out by now, but they have not. I also can only print to the Town Hall copier, no other printers, another issue which was going to be rectified after the last upgrade. Since the Town has had to pay for all of these “services”, I feel we should have the same access to the RPS system we had BEFORE it went to the County database.

Superintendent Goodwin’s report was read by Supervisor Johnson as follows:

Pleasant Lake – East Shore and West Shore Roads, mowing done on side of roads.

Avery Road – Brush cut on three-quarters of road.

Black patching roads.

Working on equipment in Barn.

Hauled sand for a week, ran out of salt. Waiting State bids for salt, probably middle of October.

Men cleaned brush and trees from Monday's storm. State cutting trees by county land on Avery and Mallett Hill Roads, from Avery road to County Highway 119, brush and trees.

Will be black topping Dugway before the end of October.

Town Clerk Massicotte announced that once again the Town of Stratford with the help of the Stratford Seniors will sponsor a Children's Christmas Party for the Stratford children and grandchildren of Stratford residents. It will be held on Saturday, December 21, 2013. More information to follow.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Johnson stated that he talked to the County about mowing the grass along the road. When not mowed, the Town doesn't look good and there is the danger of deer jumping out. He was told they were down two men and two mowers because of downsizing. Supervisor Johnson said he would look into seeing if the Town could help.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Johnson read the Legal Notice that was put in the newspapers as follows:

Notice is hereby given by the Town of Stratford that sealed bids will be accepted for the following:

New and unused 2014, heavy duty four wheel drive cab and chassis truck with 9-foot dump body and a heavy duty 10-foot steel, heavy duty DXT blade and aluminum B-Pack 55" H x 24" D x 82" W, 2-yard, 8-foot Sander, completely installed as per spec's.

Bids must contain a "non-collusion" bidding certificate. The bidder must provide a full guarantee warranting the equipment and a guaranteed delivery date.

Detailed specifications can be obtained at the Town of Stratford Highway Department (Phone: 315 429-8341) or the Town Clerk's Office (Phone: 315 429-8612) during regular business hours.

The Town of Stratford offers for trade:

1999 F450 4x4 10-foot dump body, 8-foot sander, 9-foot frisher straight blade and a 24" x 55" x 82" wide back C & cab tool container.

The truck may be inspected by appointment with the Superintendent of Highways at the Stratford Town Garage. The Town reserves the right to trade or not to trade.

Sealed Bids will be accepted until 6:30 pm, October 10, 2013. Mail bids to: Town of Stratford, Department of Highway, P.O. Box 234, County Road 104, Stratford, New York 13470.

Bids will be opened at the regular Town Board Meeting, October 10, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the Stratford Town Hall, 120 Piseco Road. The Town of Stratford reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Charles Goodwin, Superintendent
Town of Stratford Highway Department

Gary Rumrill asked when the purchase of this truck was discussed. Supervisor Johnson said it was discussed last year and money was put aside.

The bids were read as follows:

Carbone Auto Group
5700 Horatio Street
Utica, New York 13502

List price complete	\$73,225.00
Discount	10,146.00
Bid price	63,079.00
Allowance for trade-in	4,000.00
Total bid price including trade	59,079.00

Main Motorcar
224 W. Main Street
Johnstown, New York 12095

List price complete	\$69,750.00
Discount	0.00
Bid price	64,250.00
Allowance for trade-in	4,251.00
Total bid price including trade	63,999.00

Skinner & Damulis
P.O. Box 511
Richfield Springs, New York 13439

List price complete	\$73,525.00
Discount	10,055.00
Bid price	63,470.00
Allowance for trade-in	4,474.00
Total bid price including trade	58,996.00

RESOLUTION 24-2013
RESOLUTION BY TOWN BOARD ACCEPTING SKINNER & DAMULIS' BID FOR 2014 NEW AND UNUSED HEAVY DUTY, 4X4 TRUCK

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Johnson, Perkins, Rumrill and Leavitt

Nays 0

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Stratford hereby accepts the bid from Skinner & Damulis for the 2014 new and unused heavy duty, 4x4 truck, cab and chassis with 9' dump body, dual wheel truck, and

WHEREAS, the low bid was \$58,996.00 including body plow and sander,

RESOLVED, to accept the bid as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilman Leavitt to approve the Board meeting minutes of September 11, 2013.

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

Supervisor Johnson announced that there would be a Budget Workshop held on October 23, 2013 at 6:30 pm. The Town Clerk will put the announcement in the papers.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

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

General Fund	Voucher Nos. 175 through 191	\$ 4,886.47
Highway Fund	Voucher Nos. 122 through 135	\$ 7,269.47

It was suggested that Stewarts Landing should be barricaded. The DEC wanted to make the area non-alcoholic and only for small boats.

With no further business, on a motion by Councilman Leavitt, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Massicotte, Town Clerk