

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the Stratford Regular Board meeting held on Thursday, March 13, 2014 at the municipal building located at 120 Piseco Rd.

Present:

Robert Johnson Jr.	---	Supervisor
Allan Perkins	---	Councilman
Lorraine Rumrill	---	Councilwoman
Joan Ploss	---	Councilwoman
Charles Goodwin	---	Superintendent
Diana Massicotte	---	Town Clerk
Norman Wright	---	Code Enforcement Officer
Michael Sokira	---	BTI Director
Peg Klages	---	Deputy Town Clerk

Absent

Dawn Youker	---	Councilwoman
Lita Hillier	---	Bookkeeper
Leigh Anne Loucks	---	Assessor

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

Residents in attendance: Heidi Christiansen, Henry and Dorothy Eifert, Emma Baulch, Brian Alling, Carolyn Walker, Ken Thompson, John Ploss and Allicia Rice.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Fire Chief Brian Alling announced that there would be a meeting held April 24 at 6:30 pm at the Community Center. A State Trooper would conduct the meeting on meth labs, drugs. Would last about three hours. He asked if the rental fee could be waived. Supervisor Johnson asked if the firemen carried the kits which counteract an overdose. Fire Chief Alling said they did not have the kits.

Motion made by Councilwoman Ploss, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to waive the rental fee for the firemen's educational meth class to be held on April 24, 2014.

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

Supervisor Johnson asked Fire Chief Alling if they would be having a First Aid Course because he has to set one up for the Highway Department. Fire Chief Alling stated that he would check with the Red Cross.

Emma Baulch announced that the sledding party was a success and all had fun. She returned the balance of the unused funds to Supervisor Johnson.

REPORTS

The Code Enforcement Officer, Norman Wright, reported as follows:

February 14, 2014 through March 13, 2014

Issued one Building Permit
One court appearance
Returned phone calls

CEO Wright asked if there were any questions.

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

February 13, 2014 through March 13, 2014

One ticket was issued for failure to license. Owner complied
One dog was picked up and taken to Brennan Humane Society in Gloversville. Reason: dog was unidentified and running at large.

There was no Assessor's report.

Councilwoman Ploss asked if there was a Grievance Day coming up. Supervisor Johnson said it would be in May and Peg Klages stated it would be at the end of May and was on the website.

BTI Report given by Mike Sikora as follows:

1. Received the business registration for the town. That registration is good until June 30, 2017. Waiting on the DEC permit. This year was a complete permit application – new maps, updated environmental assessment and a complete notification of riparian owners. (approx. 375 owners were notified.)
2. At the end of the black fly season, the new area coverage map will be used to show which creeks were treated.
3. Have a Pesticide course scheduled for last week of March. Both Stratford and Caroga combined to do the class. Stratford has at least one person interested. Ordered newly revised textbooks for the course.
4. Riparian owners notified; letters still coming back. Overall most were positive. Sixteen (16) residents requested no trespass involving twenty-five (25) parcels.
5. Map showing where not to go, to respect residents' property. The bottom of the tax bill will show BTI, if not stated then resident is not included on the list.
6. Need a bulletin board and an area in the Town Hall to post information per DEC requirements.

- a. Area coverage maps;
- b. DEC contact information;
- c. Pesticide hotline;
- d. Business Registration;
- e. Permit;
- f. Pesticide label and information

7. Upcoming month will need to buy some supplies for treating (such as; pack basket and graduated cylinders) and also will inventory BTI supply and purchase as necessary for the number of people we have treating.

Supervisor Johnson reported that the DEC said that there were streams treated last year without permit. Town is liable for violations. Supervisor Johnson named on ticket. Attorney Day is looking in to it.

Superintendent of Highways reported as follows:

The men are sanding and plowing. Problem with new truck head board so door does not open all the way. Dealer fixed the problem. The motor on sweeper sent to Utica to rebuild.

Oil Leak in Freightliner, sent to Winkler's.

Cut trees on Red House road. Working on bucket loader.

Loggers are skidding trees on road, causing major problems. They need to put planks down before going over roads.

Supervisor Johnson asked John if they got the asbestos out of the school. Some is out. The Town Board was interested if it won't cost a lot of money to clean it up. The County has a program to knock municipal buildings down and all we would pay is \$25.00 per ton fee back to land fill, depends if there is asbestos.

Superintendent Goodwin had quote of \$2,700.00 on new box for truck.

Motion made by Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to approve the funds for the purchase of the truck box.

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

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss to move into executive session to discuss highway position.

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

Board moved into executive session at 7:10 pm.

Supervisor Johnson called the meeting back to order at 8:15 pm. He said they discussed personnel issues and will have a meeting with Judge Gardner, CEO Wright and Karen Jaquay, DCO regarding policies for future tickets. Meeting will be held March 25 at 6:30 pm.

Superintendent Goodwin has found new employee for highway department which will be announced at next meeting so applicant can give two week's notice.

OLD BUSINESS

Clerk Massicotte announced that the new Town Law "Administration and Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code" Local No. 1 had been filed with the Secretary of State and is on file in the office.

NEW BUSINESS

Clerk Massicotte asked the Board if the Seniors could meet the fourth Tuesday of the month as an extra fun meeting.

Supervisor Johnson asked Clerk Massicotte about dog licenses, she stated the residents were renewing them.

Motion made by Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to allow the Seniors to meet the fourth Tuesday of the month.

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

Councilman Perkins suggested to Mike Sokira that he could use the wall behind Supervisor Johnson's desk to display the BTI information.

Allicia Rice asked about the Financial Reports. Supervisor Johnson said that Bookkeeper Hillier will bring them in next meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss to approve the Board meeting minutes of February 12, 2014 with one correction (Bus driver's name is Shelley not Cherie).

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

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss to approve the bills on Abstract #3.

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

General Fund	Voucher Nos. 39 through 50	\$3,485.38
Highway Fund	Voucher Nos. 22 through 32	\$7,584.03

The Town Board reviewed and audited the Town Clerk's books. Said they were in excellent order.

The Judge's books were also audited and found in order.

Motion made by Supervisor Johnson that the 2013 records of the Town Clerk and Judge are accepted by the Town Board of the Town of Stratford, seconded by Councilman Perkins.

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

With no further business, on a motion by Councilman Perkins seconded by Councilwoman Ploss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Massicotte, Town Clerk