

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the Stratford Regular Board meeting held on Thursday, June 12, 2014 at the municipal building located at 120 Piseco Rd.

Present:

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| Robert Johnson Jr. | --- | Supervisor |
| Allan Perkins | --- | Councilman |
| Lorraine Rumrill | --- | Councilwoman |
| Dawn Youker | --- | Councilwoman |
| Joan Ploss | --- | Councilwoman |
| Charles Goodwin | --- | Superintendent |
| Diana Massicotte | --- | Town Clerk |
| Norman Wright | --- | Code Enforcement Officer |
| Leigh Anne Loucks | --- | Assessor |
| Peg Klages | --- | Deputy Town Clerk |

Absent

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| Lita Hillier | --- | Bookkeeper |
| Michael Sokira | --- | BTI Director |

Supervisor Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 6:33 pm with the Pledge to the Flag.

Residents in attendance: Dorothy and Henry Eifert, Peter and Mary Szczebak, Ken Thompson, David Cool, Allicia and Frank Rice and Gary Ford.

The following Resolution was inadvertently omitted from the May 14 minutes:

11-14 RESOLUTION BY TOWN BOARD TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING ON JUNE 12, 2014

WHEREAS, the Board will hear any discussion on the proposed Law No. 2, the Administration and Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code,

RESOLVED, that the Stratford Town Board does hereby require that notice be put in the newspaper ten days before next regular Board Meeting.

Offered by: Councilman Perkins Seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill

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

REPORTS

Code Enforcement Officer, Norman Wright read his report as follows:

May 9, 2014 through June 11, 2014

Issued three Building Permits
Six Inspections
Issued one Certificate of Compliance
There were many phone calls

There was a call from realtor asking if there was a septic system on the property, there was no record of a permit which may be a problem for the owner.

The Code Enforcement Officer was asked what size shed could be built without permit. He replied that it would be 12 ft. x 12 ft. CEO Wright said that any new structure at a camp must meet the energy code which means insulation and smoke alarms which have to be hard wired together.

Motion made by Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to rescind Law 1-2014, dated February 24, 2014, Administration and Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code as the proper procedure to accomplish the legal adoption of this local law was not followed.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Johnson, Perkins, Rumrill, Ploss and Youker
Nays 0

Supervisor Johnson opened the public hearing for Law No. 2-2014, Administration and Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code for discussion at 6:48 pm.

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

May 10 through June 10, 2014

I was called for a stray dog on May 29, 2014 on State Highway 29A. Went two times and was unable to catch the dog. Decided to go to Little Falls Vet Clinic for some tranquilizers. Went back to residence the next day, where the dog was last seen and put out some bait and was finally able to capture the dog. The dog had quills on its face and paws. Called Brennan and they instructed me that I had to take the dog to the vet to have the quills removed before it could be placed with them. Made another trip to Little Falls Vet Clinic and left the dog to be treated. When dog was done, I picked her up and took her to the shelter.

This was the only dog call I received this month.

Supervisor Johnson read the BTI Director, Mike Sikora's, report as follows:

1. Corey DeBonte and Nicole Wainwright finally received their ID cards that allow them to treat streams. They received them on May 12 and have been treating their assigned streams since then.
2. We are still finding larvae in some streams, but it is slowing down. We should be done treating by the end of June.

3. Still working on updating the BTI resident database. (Residents who have fast flowing streams on their property.) Will have it done by the end of this month.
4. Looks like we will use up most of the pesticide that we had in storage.
5. I will post a new map showing the streams we were able to treat when the season closes.

Superintendent Goodwin gave his report as follows:

Laying pipe on Stewart Landing Road
 Black patching Edick road
 Cut brush along Roads.

Received two quotes for Welder one from Brown & Randall and one from United Welding Supply Company.

United Welding Supply Company in Gloversville was the lower price at \$2,268.00.

Motion made by Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss to purchase the MIG welder from United Welding Supply in Gloversville for a cost of \$2,268.00.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Johnson, Perkins, Rumrill, Ploss and Youker
 Nays 0

Supervisor Johnson called for a motion to go into Executive session.

Motion made by Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss to move into Executive Session at 7:00 pm to discuss pending assessment litigation with the Assessor. Supervisor Johnson called the meeting back to order at 7:28 pm.

There was no Treasurer's Report.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Resident asked about the school. Supervisor Johnson stated he was still looking in to it. He said if the building is condemned the building materials can go to the local land fill. He said the owner was asking \$85,000.00.

Supervisor Johnson stated that when we had the personnel meeting with the Judge and Code Enforcement Officer it was to discuss the new Code Enforcement law and how they would coordinate their procedures. The CEO gives residents an opportunity to comply before issuing a ticket and the Judge gives them time to comply once the ticket is issued. The CEO's job is to make sure properties are in compliance with the building code so that any problems would not come back on the Town.

After much discussion, Supervisor Johnson closed the public hearing on Code Enforcement Law.

RESOLUTION 12-2014

RESOLUTION BY TOWN BOARD TO ADOPT NEW LOCAL LAW NO. 2-2014 PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE NEW YORK STATE UNIFORM FIRE PREVENTION AND BUILDING CODE

Offered by Councilman Perkins seconded by Councilwoman Ploss

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Johnson, Perkins, Rumrill, Ploss and Youker
 Nays 0

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Stratford agrees to have the Town Attorney draw up a new Local Law which will give the Code Enforcement Officer more authority to write tickets as needed,

WHEREAS, said law will provide for the Administration and Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code,

RESOLVED, the Town Board agrees to adopt said Law No. 2 as outlined in the attachment to this resolution.

Allicia Rice stated that the Federal Republican Primary would be Tuesday, June 24, 2014.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilwoman Youker asked about the Rabies clinic. Town Clerk Massicotte stated that Karen Jaquay, DCO, was still discussing the possibility with the veterinarian.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Johnson read the letter from the Attorney Day with his recommendations as follows:

“Re: Agreement for use of Fire Company well.

I enclose herewith a proposed Agreement by which the Town of Stratford would have the use of the Stratford Volunteer Fire Company well for water service to the Town Garage. Public notice of this proposal should be made at least 10 days before a Town Board Meeting and Town Board Resolution should be adopted approving the agreement.

Please feel free to call me should you have any questions or request.”

Supervisor Johnson said he would recommend because of the hygiene problem at the Highway Department that the Board adopt the agreement. Councilman Perkins looked over the Agreement and was satisfied. Frank Rice reported that at the Fire Department Board Meeting they voted that Councilman Perkins as President of the Fire Department Board could sign the Agreement.

Supervisor Johnson recommended that three officers from the Fire Department also sign the Agreement. He said it would be available for ten days at the Town Clerk’s office if anyone wanted to look it over.

Supervisor Johnson said he would like to see it adopted tonight and if there are any problems, they could rescind the Agreement.

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill and seconded by Councilwoman Ploss to adopt the Agreement for use of the Fire Company well.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Johnson, Perkins, Rumrill, Ploss and Youker
Nays 0

Supervisor Johnson said that Sue McNeil, Republic Chairman called and said she needs three people for the Republic Committee to represent the Town of Stratford. Supervisor Johnson asked Clerk Massicotte to put it on our website.

Supervisor Johnson said Superintendent Goodwin wanted to pave Bliss Road which would cost about \$26,000.00 or \$27,000.0. Supervisor Johnson said he would check into it. The Board was in agreement if we have the money.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Councilwoman Ploss, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to approve the Board meeting minutes of May 14, 2014.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Johnson, Perkins, Rumrill, Ploss and Youker
Nays 0

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

Motion made by Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss to approve the bills on Abstract #6.

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

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| General Fund | Voucher Nos. 103 through 126 | \$ 4,543.35 |
| Highway Fund | Voucher Nos. 55 through 73 | \$11,734.76 |

With no further business, on a motion by Councilwoman Rumrill seconded by Councilman Perkins, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Massicotte, Town Clerk