

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the Stratford Regular Board meeting held on Thursday, July 10, 2014 at the municipal building located at 120 Piseco Rd.

Present:

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
Michael Sokira	---	BTI Director

Absent

Lita Hillier	---	Bookkeeper
Peg Klages	---	Deputy Town Clerk

Supervisor Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 6:34 pm with the Pledge to the Flag.

Residents in attendance: Carolyn Walker, Dorothy and Henry Eifert, Peter and Mary Szczebak, Ken Thompson, Allicia and Frank Rice, Judy Snowman, Heidi Christian, Sue Fogarty, Jim and Carol King and Gary Ford.

REPORTS

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

June 12, 2014 through July 10, 2014

Issued three Building Permits
Six Inspections
Two complaints
There were many phone calls

Assessor Loucks said there was a resident who came to grievance this year and had two structures on the property, one has Certificate of Occupancy, one does not. At Small Claims Court last year, the Hearing Officer said because one structure did not have the certificate, it could only be a cash sale. Assessor asked if anything could be done because this is an issue. Code Enforcement Officer Wright stated he could not issue a Certificate of Occupancy because there was no permit issued and the structure was built before he became CEO. Supervisor Johnson said he would contact the Town Attorney.

There were many questions and discussion about proper septic system installation. CEO Wright stated that a rental property was required to have the septic system pumped yearly.

Supervisor Johnson said that Superintendent Goodwin needs information showing where wires and pipes are under the roads that residents have installed at Pleasant Lake and Stewarts Landing Road so Superintendent Goodwin has it on file. Supervisor Johnson asked Superintendent Goodwin and Town Clerk Massicotte to write a form letter that would be distributed to lake residents to notify the Highway Superintendent where the wires are located.

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

June 10, 2014 through July 8, 2014

One dog was picked up June 30 and taken to Brennan on July 1.

After many calls to Little Falls Vet Clinic, we have a date for the rabies clinic. It will be on July 19, 2014 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. I placed this information in the "My Shopper" for two weeks. The Town Clerk also put it on the Town website.

Superintendent Goodwin said there was much cleanup after the storms. The Highway Department has the new welder. The men are black patching. Took care of some of the drain pipes. Ditching and cutting trees was done on Kelly Road. They will be black topping Stewarts Landing instead of Bliss Road. bucket truck was sold for \$3,200.00.

It was asked if the Supervisor Goodwin could contact the Fulton County Highway Department to take care of the potholes on Route 29A.

Supervisor Johnson said the water line was installed Monday, may need to replace fixtures. Supervisor Johnson suggested that Superintendent Goodwin get an estimate from a plumber.

Mike Sikora, BTI Director reported as follows:

1. The BTI riparian database has been updated for the special district in the tax rolls. Sixty-three (63) residents were added to the list per their responses to the letter mailed to all residents.
2. We stopped treating for the season on Sunday, July 6. I will submit all necessary reporting information to the DEC by their November deadline.
3. We did use up all of the old pesticide. There is none in the shed.
4. I will post a new map showing the streams we were able to treat, after receiving the Technicians stream sheet reports.

Supervisor Johnson complimented Mike Sikora on the great job he did controlling the black flies.

Assessor Loucks reported that the Final Roll was filed with the Town Clerk July 1. She still cannot get access to the Fulton County server. She asked if we could have an exterminator come to eliminate the mice, quite a problem.

Supervisor Johnson announced the passing of Lita Hillier’s husband, Garth, and expressed our condolences.

There was no Treasurer’s Report.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Judy Snowman asked if there was going to be a town-wide garage sale. Supervisor Johnson said if someone wanted to spearhead it.

Town Clerk Massicotte announced that there would be a band concert on July 16 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm with the Empty Pockets.

She also announced that she had two new brochures – Hiking Map and 44 Lakes available in her office.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Johnson read the ad that was put in the paper for the Agreement between the Highway Department and Volunteer Fire Company.

RESOLUTION 13-2014

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN BOARD AND THE STRATFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Offered by Councilwoman Ploss seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill

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

WHEREAS, the Town is in need of a water supply for the use of sinks, toilet(s) and plumbing fixtures at the Town of Stratford Town Garage located on County Highway 104, Stratford, New York and for cleaning Town vehicles, tools and equipment at said Town Garage; and

WHEREAS, said Fire Company owns property located on County Highway 104, Stratford, New York and the Fire Company owns and operates a well that is situated on said Fire Company property; and

WHEREAS, the Town Garage property located on County Highway 104, Stratford, New York is adjacent to the aforesaid Fire Company property located on County Highway 104, Stratford, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Company agrees to permit the Town to take water from said Fire Company well for use of the sinks, toilet(s) and plumbing fixtures located at the Town Garage and for cleaning Town

vehicles, tools and equipment at said Town Garage and the Town agrees to take water from said Fire Company well for such purposes;

RESOLVED, the Town Board has consented to the terms of this Agreement and has authorized its execution.

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

Motion made by Councilwoman Ploss, seconded by Councilman Perkins to move into Executive Session at 7:29 pm to discuss pending assessment litigation with the Assessor. Supervisor Johnson called the meeting back to order at 8:08 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

It was discussed that a septic system ordinance should be implemented at the lakes. Heidi Christensen said she would contact the residents at Pleasant Lake and Stewart Landing to write an ordinance for septic system installations. and submit a proposal to the Board at some future time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to approve the Board meeting minutes of June 12, 2014.

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

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

Motion made by Councilwoman Ploss, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to approve the bills on Abstract #7.

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

General Fund	Voucher Nos. 127 through 146	\$ 3,987.99
Highway Fund	Voucher Nos. 74 through 90	\$11,948.10

With no further business, on a motion by Councilwoman Rumrill seconded by Councilwoman Ploss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Massicotte, Town Clerk