

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the Stratford Regular Board meeting held on Thursday, August 14, 2014 at the municipal building located at 120 Piseco Rd.

Present:

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

Absent

Lita Hillier	---	Bookkeeper
Joan Ploss	---	Councilwoman

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

Residents in attendance: Carolyn Walker, Dorothy Eifert, Peter and Mary Szczebak, Ken Thompson, Allicia and Frank Rice, Heidi Christiansen, Sue Fogarty, Leo Aubin, Paul Riley, Gary Ford and Jay Pierz.

REPORTS

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

July 11, 2014 through August 13, 2014

Issued four Building Permits
Four Inspections
One complaint
There were many phone calls

Leo Aubin stated he would like to have the following put into the 2015 Budget:

Paint the building in the Park
Replace rug in the Town Hall
Kitchen floor
Drill new well or repair

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

July 9, 2014 through August 14, 2014

The Rabies Clinic had a minimal amount of people show up. My suggestion is that we have our clinics every other year. A lot of people in the past years received three year vaccinations. Also, there are other rabies clinics before us and after in surrounding towns.

I received no DCO related calls since the last report.

Assessor Loucks stated she has five Small Claims Assessment Reviews, one has already been held. Because of these reviews and the many court conferences I have between the three towns, I will be here whenever anyone needs me by appointment only. I can be emailed. Heidi Christiansen said she would email the information to the lake people.

Supervisor Johnson asked about the server. The Assessor said that Jason from Derby would be in to check on it.

Superintendent Goodwin said the water is in the barn now. They cleaned out sand in the pipes. The men have been ditching and brush cutting. Checked on beavers residing on Middlesprite and Piseco Roads. Stewarts Landing Road should be black topped by September 1, depending on weather. The men dug out some of the rocks on the dirt roads. Working on truck. Trying to contact telephone company regarding wires but they are not responding.

Town Clerk Massicotte read letter from the Fulton County Department of Solid Waste which stated the transfer station will have new textile drop-off containers and will begin accepting an expanded list of items. The free textile drop-off program is open to any resident, they do not need a transfer station permit if they are dropping off only textiles; such as, all clothing, blankets, draperies, sheets, towels, sheets and linens, belts, hats, paired shoes and sneakers and stuffed animals.

Clerk Massicotte reported that the Fulton County Clerk Association toured the Mudd Road facility. She stated that it would be an educational experience for your children and grandchildren.

Clerk Massicotte announced that there would be a Democratic Primary Tuesday, September 9, 2014 from 12:00 noon to 9:00 pm.

There was no Treasurer's Report.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

None

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Johnson asked Heidi Christiansen if she was working on the ordinance, she said they were.

Councilman Youker stated that she felt the Town should have a rabies clinic every year. Supervisor Johnson agreed and said maybe we should start earlier.

Supervisor Johnson contacted three exterminators. He has not heard back from any of them.

Supervisor Johnson said they are looking for someone to bid on water repair at the Town Barn. They received one bid so far.

RESOLUTION 14-2014

RESOLUTION BY TOWN BOARD ACCEPTING THE CONTRACT FOR THE SNOW REMOVAL AND ICE CONTROL ON COUNTY ROADS FOR THE WINTER OF 2014 - 2015

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Johnson, Perkins, Youker, and Rumrill
 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.

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

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Perkins to move into Executive Session at 6:48 pm to discuss BTI letter. Supervisor Johnson called the meeting back to order at 7:04 pm.

It was agreed to pay the \$3,000 penalty fine. The former BTI Director did not apply for the right permit and failed to submit the Insect Control Reports.

The Order includes a payable penalty of \$3,000.00 and a suspended penalty of \$2,500.00 that will remain suspended conditioned on strict compliance with the terms of the "A" Schedule of Compliance included in the proposed Order on Consent.

Supervisor Johnson asked advice from the Town Attorney. Supervisor Johnson complimented our new BTI Director, Mike Sokira, on the great job he did this year.

RESOLUTION 15-2014

RESOLUTION BY TOWN BOARD TO PAY THE FINE OF \$3,000.00

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

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

WHEREAS, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation conducted an inspection on June 11, 2013 for the purpose of determining compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and

WHEREAS, the result of that inspection identified several violations, such as, lack of proper permitting for BTI treatment of black fly larvae in streams, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, based on a conference with the Town Attorney, the Town Board voted to pay the penalty of \$3,000.00 and a suspended penalty of \$2,500.00 that will remain suspended conditioned on strict compliance with the terms of the Schedule "A" Schedule of Compliance.

Supervisor Johnson asked Clerk Massicotte to mail a copy of the July 8, 2014 letter with enclosures, to Mike Sokira, BTI Director.

NEW BUSINESS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to approve the Board meeting minutes of July 10, 2014.

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

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

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

General Fund	Voucher Nos. 147 through 162	\$11,627.05
Highway Fund	Voucher Nos. 91 through 101	\$ 7,054.81

Supervisor Johnson announced that Councilwoman Ploss was not present because her father-in-law, Dick Ploss, was in Albany Medical.

With no further business, on a motion by Councilman Perkins seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Massicotte, Town Clerk