

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the Stratford Regular Board meeting held on Thursday, October 9, 2014 at the municipal building located at 120 Piseco Rd.

Present:

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

Absent

Charles Goodwin	---	Superintendent
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: Brian Alling, Henry Eifert, Alicia Rice, Heidi Christiansen, Sue Fogarty, Ken Thompson, Gary Rumrill, Paul and Cathy Riley, and Barbara Schwartz.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Alicia Rice asked about the 29A property. Supervisor Johnson said new owner is trying to remedy situation.

REPORTS

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

September 11, 2014 through October 8, 2014

- Issued two Building Permits
- Two meetings
- Three Inspections
- One order to Remedy
- There were many phone calls

The Treasurer distributed her report for August.

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

September 11, 2014 through October 9, 2014

All has been quiet for this period. No calls or dog related problems to report.

No report from Assessor.

Supervisor Johnson read Highway Superintendent, Charles Goodwin's, report as follows:

Stewarts Landing Road shoulder has been put down and finished.

Have been cutting wood for the barn wood stove.

Been working on the Kelly Road, cut trees and gutting the stumps and rocks out.

Starting to haul sand in from Bauder's pit.

The salt contract went up 27% this year.

Dump box has been fixed for the winter.

Will start to get trucks ready for winter when sand is done.

Still working on Kelly Road as long as the weather is nice.

Chief Brian Alling presented the Stratford Volunteer Fire Company's budget for 2015 as follows:

ITEM	2014	2015
Electric	\$1,750	\$1,750
Phone	750	750
Heating fuel	6,000	6,000
Propane	400	400
Office supplies	200	200
Professional service	600	600
Building equipment	1,000	1,000
Building maintenance	7,500	8,900
Training	300	500
Fire Fighting Equipment	3,000	15,000
Vehicle repair	1,000	1,000
Vehicle fuel	500	500
Insurance	8,000	8,000
Donations (Fire Prev, etc.)	1,000	1,000
Dues (FASNY)	500	500
Truck fund	8,000	8,000
Truck Loan Interest	1,500	1,500
State mandated testing	2,000	3,000
TOTALS	\$46,000	\$60,000

Supervisor Johnson stated he talked to the Civil Defense Director to see if there were any grants available. He has found some grants and will give Supervisor Johnson the information. Chief Alling asked about grants for fire prevention, but there were none. Supervisor Johnson said he was asking about grants for equipment.

Chief Alling stated there was a new bill in the works regarding new truss type construction, hasn't been signed yet.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Johnson said he did not make the Fish and Wildlife meeting. He said they are not going to do anything with the boat launch at Stewarts Landing Road. He said it was an ongoing discussion. The gate may not be an option because the Fire Company needs access to the water. Supervisor Johnson asked Chief Alling what they do in the winter for water. Chief Alling replied that they supply their tankers at Kelly Road or Gordon pond. He said they can only be 10 or 15 feet from water supply.

Supervisor Johnson said they had to go into executive session.

Motion made by Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss to move into Executive Session to discuss the pending litigation with the Assessor at 7:00 pm.

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

Supervisor Johnson called the meeting back to order at 7:38 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Johnson said a representative from the American Red Cross toured our facility and the Fire Department. They offered the following agreement:

The American National Red Cross (“Red Cross”), a not-for-profit corporation chartered by the United States Congress, provides services to individuals, families and communities when disaster strikes. The disaster relief activities of the Red Cross are made possible by the American public, as the organization is supported by private donations and facility owners who permit their buildings to be used as a temporary refuge for disaster victims. This agreement is between the Red Cross and a facility owner (“Owner”) so the Red Cross can use the facility as an emergency shelter during a disaster.

Councilman Perkins said the Red Cross provides the cots, food, blankets, etc. They just need the use of the building and someone to unlock the facility. Clerk Massicotte mentioned that they asked if we would have a facility to take care of pets and have someone watch over them. Councilman Perkins said they could use one side of the Town Barn as long as it was warm.

Councilwoman Ploss asked about a Judge’s report. Supervisor Johnson said he does receive a report from the judge. He said he would talk to the Judge about submitting a report at the meetings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Perkins to approve the Board meeting minutes of September 11, 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 #10.

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

General Fund	Voucher Nos. 182 through 200	\$ 7,594.86
Highway Fund	Voucher Nos. 118 through 133	\$171,965.20

Todd Vedder addressed the Board regarding an issue with the Code Enforcement Officer. Supervisor Johnson said if he got a notarized affidavit from his customer, then the Board would look into the problem. Todd brought it to the attention of the Board that Norman used a CEO from a different town to inspect his work. Supervisor Johnson said that Norm paid for the CEO to inspect his jobs if they were in Stratford. A contractor working in Stratford has to use the town’s CEO because there are liability issues.

Motion made by Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss to move the 2015 Budget from temporary to preliminary.

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

With no further business, on a motion by Councilman Perkins seconded by Councilwoman Ploss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Meeting called back to order at 9:25 pm.

RESOLUTION 16-2014

RESOLUTION BY TOWN BOARD TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING ON NOVEMBER 13, 2014

WHEREAS, the Board will hear any discussion on the proposed Law No. 3, To Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law Section 3-c,

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 Alan Perkins seconded by Councilwoman Lorraine Rumrill

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

With no further business, on a motion by Councilwoman Ploss seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Massicotte, Town Clerk