

State of New York  
County of Fulton  
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the Stratford Town Reorganization and Regular Board meeting held on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at the municipal building located at 120 Piseco Rd.

Present:

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

Absent:

|                |     |                   |
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| Peg Klages     | --- | Deputy Town Clerk |
| Michael Sokira | --- | BTI Director      |

Supervisor Johnson called the Reorganization and Regular Board meeting to order at 6:32 pm with the Pledge to the Flag.

Residents in attendance: Alicia and Frank Rice, Heidi Christiansen, Ken Thompson, Carolyn Walker, Paul Riley, Gary Rumrill and Roy Cool.

**PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Alicia Rice reminded residents regarding the training session on January 20, 2015 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the community center. Everyone is welcome to attend. The training will be strictly for this town.

Roy Cool expressed a concern regarding the mention of an accident with one of the trucks at the Highway Department which was discussed at the last meeting. Supervisor Johnson stated that he looked into it because of the concern of one of the residents. The accident was not in our town which was reported by Supervisor Johnson at the December meeting.

**REPORTS**

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

December 11, 2014 through January 7, 2015  
Seven Inspections  
Two Court Appearances

There were a few phone calls

The Treasurer distributed her reports for November and December.

Assessor, Leigh Anne Loucks, reported as follows:

Forms are coming in. Litigation is going forward.

Highway Superintendent, Charles Goodwin gave his report as follows:

2014 Freightliner taken to Tracey to replace two cooler hoses on transmission to radiator. Freightliner inspected pipes, greased fitting holes which were rubbing on cooler lines, this was repaired.

550 Ford with V plow having issue with trip edge, talked to Charlie Stahl about it, wants plow back because there is something the matter with material on that one side, asked if we would take a 10 ft commercial plow. There would be no money involved.

Plowing and sanding.

Supervisor Johnson read Historian, Carolyn Walker's annual report as follows:

I have spent time answering and returning phone calls, answering letters and requests, all of which take some time researching information.

A County meeting was held last spring at the Fulton County Museum in Gloversville at which we were introduced to Martin Podskoch, who was to write a book on the 102 towns in the Adirondacks.

On September 19, I attended an APHNYS meeting at the Fonda Archives. We toured the archives and were updated in legislation.

I, also, attended meetings at the Salisbury Frisbee House, Caroga Town Hall and Lake Placid to take part in book signing for M. Podskoch's new book, "Adirondack 102 Club: your passport and guide to the North Country." This hard cover book includes two pages about each town in the Adirondacks which is to help promote tourism and interest in our beautiful Adirondacks. These books are available through many local stores for \$20.00 each.

Supervisor Johnson read the Christmas Party report. There was \$114.26 returned to the town. There were five gifts left which will be stored for next year.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss to approve the Board meeting minutes of December 11, 2014.

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

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss to approve the bills on Abstract #13 and Abstract 1.

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

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| General Fund – Abstract 13 | Voucher Nos. 244 through 254 | \$1,484.27  |
| Highway Fund - Abstract 13 | Voucher Nos. 163 through 172 | \$4,498.39  |
| General Fund – Abstract 1  | Voucher Nos. 1 through 14    | \$12,891.21 |

**RESOLUTION #1-15**

**RESOLUTION TO MAKE NECESSARY 2014 YEAR-END BUDGET TRANSFERS AS FOLLOWS:**

|              |   |                    |                    |
|--------------|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>To:</b>   | <b>A1355.4 – Assessor C.E.</b>          | <b>\$5,970.61</b>  |                    |
| <b>From:</b> | <b>A1990.4 – Contingent</b>             |                    | <b>\$5,970.61</b>  |
| <b>To:</b>   | <b>A1420.4 – Attorney C.E.</b>          | <b>\$ 153.71</b>   |                    |
| <b>From:</b> | <b>A1990.4 – Contingent</b>             |                    | <b>\$ 153.71</b>   |
| <b>To:</b>   | <b>A1620.1 – Buildings P.S.</b>         | <b>\$ 70.50</b>    |                    |
| <b>From:</b> | <b>A1620.2 – Buildings E. Q.</b>        |                    | <b>\$ 70.50</b>    |
| <b>To:</b>   | <b>A1620.4 – Buildings C.E.</b>         | <b>\$3,000.00</b>  |                    |
| <b>From:</b> | <b>A1620.2 – Buildings E. Q.</b>        |                    | <b>\$3,000.00</b>  |
| <b>To:</b>   | <b>A1910.4 – Unallocated Ins.</b>       | <b>\$ 483.08</b>   |                    |
| <b>From:</b> | <b>A1990.4 – Contingent</b>             |                    | <b>\$ 483.08</b>   |
| <b>To:</b>   | <b>A1930.4 – Judgments &amp; Claims</b> | <b>\$ 3,000.00</b> |                    |
| <b>From:</b> | <b>A1450.4 – Elections C.E.</b>         |                    | <b>\$ 1,600.00</b> |
| <b>From:</b> | <b>A1620.2 – Buildings E. Q.</b>        |                    | <b>\$ 1,400.00</b> |
| <b>To:</b>   | <b>A3510.4 – Dog Control C.E.</b>       | <b>\$ 724.34</b>   |                    |
| <b>From:</b> | <b>A3520.4 – Humane Contract</b>        |                    | <b>\$ 724.34</b>   |

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| To:   | A3610.4 – Examining Boards C.E.  | \$ 27.70     |              |
| From: | A4010.4 – Board of Health C.E.   |              | \$ 27.70     |
| To:   | A3620.4 – Code Enf. Officer C.E. | \$ 741.51    |              |
| From: | A5132.4 – Hwy Garage C.E.        |              | \$ 741.51    |
| To:   | A7310.4 -- Youth Programs C.E.   | \$ 150.00    |              |
| From: | A6772.4 – Programs for Aging     |              | \$ 150.00    |
| To:   | A9010.8 – Retirement             | \$ 1,023.00  |              |
| From: | A5132.4 – Hwy Garage C.E.        |              | \$ 1,023.00  |
| To:   | A9055.8 – Disability             | \$ 31.20     |              |
| From: | A9060.8 – Health Insurance       |              | \$ 31.20     |
| To:   | DA5110.1 – General Repairs P.S.  | \$ 2,311.72  |              |
| From: | DA5110.4 – General Repairs C.E.  |              | \$ 2,311.72  |
| To:   | DA5112.2 – Chips                 | \$30,740.81  |              |
| From: | DA5110.4 – General Repairs C.E.  |              | \$ 22,950.73 |
| From: | DA5120.4 – Bridges               |              | \$ 7,790.08  |
| To:   | DA5130.2 – Machinery E.Q.        | \$ 47,233.33 |              |
| From: | DA9720.6 – Bond Principal        |              | \$ 45,000.00 |
| From: | DA5120.4 – Bridges               |              | \$ 2,233.33  |
| To:   | DA5130.4 – Machinery C.E.        | \$ 10,840.95 |              |
| From: | DA5120.4 – Bridges               |              | \$ 10,840.95 |
| To:   | DA9010.8 – Retirement            | \$ 1,848.00  |              |
| From: | DA9060.8 – Health Insurance      |              | \$ 1,848.00  |
| To:   | DA9030.8 – Social Security       | \$ 358.87    |              |
| From: | DA9060.8 – Health Insurance      |              | \$ 358.87    |

Offered by: Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss

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

**RESOLUTION #2-15 TO AMEND THE 2014 HIGHWAY FUND BUDGET TO RAISE REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS TO USE EXCESS CHIPS AID RECEIVED FROM THE NYS THRUWAY AUTHORITY AS FOLLOWS:**

DA510 – Estimated Revenues \$42,490.96  
(DA3501 – CHIPS Aid)



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| Supervisor                             | -- | Robert E. Johnson Jr. |
| Highway Superintendent                 | -- | Charles Goodwin       |
| Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Registrar/RMO | -- | Diana Massicotte      |
| Town Justice                           | -- | Douglas Gardner       |
| Councilman                             | -- | Allan R. Perkins      |
| Councilwoman                           | -- | Lorraine Rumrill      |
| Councilwoman                           | -- | Dawn R. Youker        |
| Councilwoman                           | -- | Joan Ploss            |

**Offered by: Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss**

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

**RESOLUTION #5-15 to set yearly salaries and hourly rates for the year 2015**

**WHEREAS**, the Stratford Town Board held its Reorganizational meeting on January 8, 2015 and

**WHEREAS**, the town board desires to set the salaries of Elected, and Appointed Officials in the Town of Stratford, Now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the following yearly salaries and hourly rates as amended for elected and appointed officials, in the Town of Stratford for the year 2015:

**Salary Elected & appointed Officials to be paid monthly**

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| (1) Supervisor                              | \$ 12,000.00    |
| (1) Town Clerk/Tax Collector                | \$ 10,702.00    |
| (4) Town Board Members (\$6,400.00)         | \$ 1,600.00 ea. |
| (1) Budget Officer/Bookkeeper to Supervisor | \$ 4,674.00     |
| (1) Payroll Clerk                           | \$ 1,809.00     |
| (1) Town Justice                            | \$ 5000.00      |
| (1) Dog Control Officer                     | \$ 3,250.00     |
| (1) Code Enforcement Officer                | \$ 9,000.00     |

**Salary Appointed Officials to be paid bi-annually:**

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| (1) Attorney to the Town (paid by voucher) | \$ 4,500.00 |
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**Salary Appointed Officials to be paid annually:**

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| (1) Historian  | \$ 175.00     |
| (1) Assessment Review Board Chairman (paid by voucher) | \$ 235.00     |
| (4) Assessment Review Board Members (paid by voucher)  | \$ 165.00 ea. |
| (1) Deputy Superintendent of Highways                  | \$ 1,000.00   |
| (1) Registrar of Vital Statistics                      | \$ 563.00     |
| (1) Deputy Supervisor                                  | \$ 700.00     |

**Salary Elected & appointed Officials to be paid weekly:**

|                                |              |
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| (1) Sole Assessor              | \$ 15,710.00 |
| (1) Superintendent of Highways | \$ 35,505.00 |

**Appointed Employees to be paid hourly:**

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| Motor Equipment Operators (Highway; full-time)           | \$ 15.62 |
| Laborers per hr (Highway; full-time)                     | \$ 9.90  |
| Senior Mechanic  | \$ 17.26 |
| Senior Equipment Operator                                | \$ 17.26 |
| (1) Deputy Town Clerk -Not to exceed \$3,000.00 per year | \$ 10.60 |
| (1) Laborer (Janitorial & Maintenance Staff)             | \$ 10.50 |

**Offered by: Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss**

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

**RESOLUTION ON #6-15 stating Organizational Business - Miscellaneous for the year 2015**

**WHEREAS**, the Stratford Town Board held its Reorganizational meeting on January 8, 2015 and

**WHEREAS**, the following information was examined and reviewed by the Stratford Town Board, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the following information is hereby offered for the purpose of conducting business in the Town of Stratford for the year 2015:

**Financial Institution:**

Supervisor- Adirondack Bank Little Falls, NY 13365  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector- M&T Dolgeville, NY 13329

That the Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Stratford will be held on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall 120 Piseco Road.

Official newspapers are the Evening Times and the Leader Herald.

That the Supervisor is authorized to do the following: Invest money anytime that there is money to invest. Pay fixed bills such as telephone, electric, gasoline, oil, salaries, contract, insurance, etc., when due. Pay monthly salaries of elected officials on the Thursday following the Board Meeting.

That Gas Mileage for the year 2015 will be \$0.56 per mile.

**Offered by: Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss**

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

With no further business, on a motion by Councilwoman Ploss seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Massicotte, Town Clerk