

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the Stratford Regular Board meeting held on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at the municipal building located at 120 Piseco Rd.

Present:

Robert Johnson Jr.	---	Supervisor
Joan Ploss	---	Councilwoman
Dawn Youker	---	Councilwoman
Lorraine Rumrill	---	Councilwoman
Charles Goodwin	---	Superintendent
Diana Massicotte	---	Town Clerk
Leigh Anne Loucks	---	Assessor

Absent:

Allan Perkins	---	Councilman
Lita Hillier	---	Bookkeeper
Norman Wright	---	Code Enforcement Officer
Michael Sokira	---	BTI Director
Peg Klages	---	Deputy Town Clerk

Supervisor Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 6:32 pm with the Pledge to the Flag.

Residents in attendance: Allicia Rice, Heidi Christiansen, Ken Thompson, Dorothy and Henry Eifert, Carolyn Walker, Peter and Mary Szczebak, Susan Fogarty, Paul Riley, and Jay Pierz.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Supervisor Johnson stated that he wanted to change the rule of order which would be similar to the way it was done at the County level. Any resident that wanted to speak would have to state their name, address and concern. There would be no immediate reply from the Board. The Board would address the response during old business or at a future meeting. Anyone speaking during Public Speaking would be timed in order to allow others to have an opportunity to speak. There would be no back and forth conversation. Heidi Christiansen said she was 100% in favor of this scenario. Allicia Rice thought the format was too rigid, she felt some residents might need a back and forth conversation to clarify their question. Supervisor Johnson stated he would write down their question making sure it was clear to him and the Board. This was tabled until next meeting so Councilman Perkins could voice his opinion.

REPORTS

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

February 12, 2015 through March 11, 2015
One Certificate of Occupancy issued

Six Certificate of Compliance issued
One Building Permit
There were three phone calls

There was no Treasurer's report.

Assessor, Leigh Anne Loucks, reported exemptions for the STAR program were in. The BAR will meet with the Town Attorney. Grievance Day will be May 27 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. She will need a router for the community room during Grievance Day.

Highway Superintendent Goodwin reported as follows:

Have been doing a lot of snowplowing and sanding. Hauled in 50 loads of sand. Pushed piles of snow back. Cleaned snow from pavilion.
Truck #8 to Winkler to repair leaks in turbo chargers.
Fixed rear brakes on Truck 8.
Wood Furnace chimney pipe flattened from ice on roof.

Heidi Christiansen thanked the Highway Department for great job they did during the winter.

Report from Karen Jaquay, DCO, read by Supervisor Johnson as follows:

Issued a failure to license a second time – 3 counts – to the same person. Resulted in a no-show a second time. The Town Judge then sent a letter informing the person that should they not appear on the 24 of this month an arrest warrant would then be issued. Will keep the Town informed on the upcoming events.

I had one dog bite call from Fulton County Public Health this month. It resulted in the dog being quarantined for ten days at home. Evaluated and documented per rabies protocol. Owner was bitten by his own dog. No tickets issued for this.

OLD BUSINESS

Michael Sokira is working on BTI and is doing a great job. No training now until next year. Peter Szczebak said it was a tough course. There are about 38 miles of streams.

Supervisor Johnson presented plan to DEC regarding gate at Stewart Landing. DEC thought it was a good idea.

Supervisor Johnson asked Alicia Rice if certificates were given out at the Red Cross training class. She said they did not hand out certificates out but she would check into it.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Johnson reported he attended the Fish and Wildlife meeting for the County. They are looking into changing some of the framework on the hunting licenses. It has been tabled until they have public meetings and debates to get input from the hunters. They caught and tagged twelve moose to keep track of them.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss to approve the regular Board meeting minutes of February 12, 2015.

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

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation with Town Assessor at 7:00 pm.

ADOPTED Ayes - 4 Johnson, Rumrill, Ploss and Youker
Nays – 0

Meeting called back to order by Supervisor Johnson at 7:28 pm. Supervisor Johnson said when he receives full report, he will present it to the town.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

Motion made by Councilwoman Ploss, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to approve the bills on Abstract #3.

ADOPTED Ayes - 4 Johnson, Rumrill, Ploss and Youker
Nays – 0

General Fund – Abstract 3 Voucher Nos. 35 through 46 \$ 9,573.63

Highway Fund - Abstract 3 Voucher Nos. 21 through 36 \$10,495.54

The Town Board finished auditing the Town Clerk’s books and found them in good order.

With no further business, on a motion by Councilwoman Ploss seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Massicotte, Town Clerk