

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the Stratford Regular Board meeting held on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at the municipal building located at 120 Piseco Rd.

Present:

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

Absent:

Dawn Youker	---	Councilwoman
Peg Klages	---	Deputy Town Clerk

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

Residents in attendance: Allicia Rice, Heidi Christiansen, Ken Thompson, Dorothy Eifert, Peter and Mary Szczebak, Susan Fogarty, Donald Vedder, and Jay Pierz.

REPORTS

Supervisor Johnson read the Code Enforcement Officer's report as follows:

March 12, 2015 through April 9, 2015
One Building Permit
Two inspections
There were a few phone calls

Bookkeeper Hillier handed out the Treasurer's report for February and March.

Assessor, Leigh Anne Loucks, reported the 2015 roll would be filed with the Town Clerk May 1. The router has been purchased.

Highway Superintendent Goodwin reported as follows:

Have been doing snowplowing and sanding.
Cleaning the plows, putting tarp system on and took sanding racks off.

Plan to start sweeping in two weeks, depending when part arrives.
Getting trucks ready to start hauling gravel and working on dirt roads.

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

March 12, 2015 through April 9, 2015

Still no word on the failure to show in court situation. It was left in the hands of the judge. He is researching on the proper procedure and laws pertaining to this situation. I will keep you posted on this situation.

The rest of the month was quiet with nothing to report.

Michael Sokira, BTI Director, reported that the application permit is good for 5 years at a cost of \$100.00. The law requires a one week notice to the applicators when they will start treating the steams. Michael reported they will start April 13. He ordered 25 gallons of pesticide which is stored at the Town Barn. He advertised for more applicators but received no response. Mike met with the applicators to go over the rules.

Supervisor Johnson suggested advertising in the Fall for applicators might help.

Town Clerk Massicotte announced her new email address: stratfordtownclerk@hotmail.com

Town Clerk Massicotte handed out her quarterly report to the Board.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Don Vedder asked about the Fire Department Contract. Alan Perkins said he had signed and it was filed in the Town Clerk's office.

Allicia Rice announced the upcoming open house at the Stratford Fire Department on April 25 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Supervisor Johnson asked Allicia about the certificates for the residents that had taken the Red Cross training. She said that she and Lorraine Rumrill were the only two that finished all the steps. You have to go on line to finish. Allicia asked that the residents that have done part of the training take the online test and application so they can receive their certificates. The liability of the shelter would rest on the shoulders of the Red Cross as long as the volunteers have taken the course.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Johnson read the following from the Town Law Manual:

In connection with public participation in town board meetings, the New York State Comptroller has rendered the following Opinion which is of interest.

To what extent may residents of a town participate in meetings of the town board?

A town board has the right to promulgate rules of procedure for the orderly conduct of its meetings and for the proper management of the business and affairs of the town.

The town board may invite and permit residents of the town to participate therein so long as such participation is orderly and constructive and does not interfere with the business and purpose of the meeting.

To carry out its purposes, the town board may prepare and circulate an agenda limiting the time and scope of the discussion by persons attending such meetings.

This Department has stated that “in general, the public is free to attend regular town board meetings”, but does not have a right to speak at a town board meeting except as provided by board rules. “The town board may adopt rules and procedure limiting discussion of matters before the board.”

Supervisor Johnson said he changed the order of the meeting because by having the reports first, it gave the residents a chance to ask questions during Public Speaking. One of the Councilmen asked if they could come in early to sign off on the bills. Supervisor Johnson stated that the board meeting is to take care of the fiscal matters of our town and so the business has to be conducted during the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

Motion made by Councilwoman Ploss, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to approve the bills on Abstract #4.

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

General Fund – Abstract 4 Voucher Nos. 47 through 61 \$ 4,817.96

Highway Fund - Abstract 4 Voucher Nos. 37 through 53 \$12,639.46

With no further business, on a motion by Councilman Perkins seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Massicotte, Town Clerk