

State of New York  
County of Fulton  
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the Stratford Regular Board meeting held on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at the municipal building located at 120 Piseco Rd.

Present:

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

Absent:

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

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

Residents in attendance: Carolyn Walker, Allicia Rice, Heidi Christiansen, Ken Thompson, Dorothy Eifert, Peter Szczebak, Richard Ostrander, Gary Rumrill and Jay Pierz.

**REPORTS**

The Code Enforcement Officer read his report as follows:

April 10, 2015 through May 13, 2015

- Issued three building permits
- One stop work order
- One order to remedy
- Five inspections
- Many phone calls

There was no Treasurer's report.

Assessor, Leigh Anne Loucks, reported as follows:

Change of Assessment Notices were mailed to all necessary residents, as well as any exemption denial letters on May 1, 2015.

The 2015 Tentative Assessment Roll was filed with the Stratford Town Clerk on May 1, 2015 and has been available for public inspection since. Grievance Day will be held on May 27, 2015 from 4:00 pm through 8:00 pm at the Town Hall. Complaint forms and instructions are available in the Town Clerk Office.

Bill Reynolds will be installing a router in the building that will extend the internet access to the main meeting room of Town Hall. We did try this with what was believed to be a stronger router, but it ultimately was not successful in providing the needed service. This is a necessary upgrade, as the RPS file is not accessible without internet service.

Highway Superintendent Goodwin reported as follows:

Have been sweeping roads. Pump on broom broke, waiting for part. Supervisor Johnson asked if they could rent a sweeper to help catch up. Superintendent Goodwin said it would cost \$1,034 per week.

Sent truck #8 to Winkler's for repair of king pins.

Doing culvert work.

Bridge on Piseco Road was red flagged and will cost \$1,700.00 to fix.

Will be doing some black patching.

Working on Loader.

Had to replace three windshields.

Requesting black top quotes.

Plan to do one mile on Piseco Rd.

Bickford road hot topped.

Bliss Road and Gleason Rd. roll over and put crushed stone on them.

Beavers are causing many problems on Middlesprite.

Superintendent Goodwin said they were looking into a new septic system and water line which they would like to see installed by the fall.

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

April 9, 2015 through May 13, 2015

The no-show appeared in court and pled not guilty and requested a lawyer. The case is still pending.

I was able to get Little Falls Vet to agree to a date for a rabies clinic. I posted the date and time on the town sign and in two papers.

One ticket was issued for failure to license. The owner of the dogs complied and all were licensed.

The rest of the month has been quiet.

Michael Sokira, BTI Director, reported the following:

Been treating creeks – lots of smaller creeks have dried up.

Nicole has been unable to get out much so I enlisted the help of Caroga. Richard Nilsen has taken a lot of the creeks that were assigned to Nicole. Most of those streams are south of 29A. Nicole, however, is treating the Pleasant Lake and Ayers lake area.

Pete continues to treat the Stewarts Landing area and I have been treating the main streams north of 29A.

Mike stated that the applicators made their own hours. He said he would like to see more hours put in to treating the streams. Supervisor Johnson suggested he have a meeting with the applicators to apprise them of the hours. Mike said he could put together a manual with the required expectations.

**PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Alicia Rice stated the Burn Ban had been extended to May 21, 2015.

She said there was a hearing on the school budget. There is a proposition on the ballot to purchase three buses. She said the State reimburses 90% of the cost. There are two new candidates running for the school board for a five year term.

Alicia asked about sheds on the property such as how many and size. CEO Wright said no permit was required for storage building of 140 sq. ft. with no electricity or foundation.

Supervisor Johnson announced that the State Legislature may possibly approve 20 union paying jobs for growing medical marijuana.

Richard Ostrander brought up the fact that there are many problems at Stewart Landing and on Route 119, such as drinking, speeding and no regard for residents in the area. Supervisor Johnson stated he was inclined to shut the area down as there are no patrols in the area.

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Perkins to move into executive session to discuss Municipal Complaint and pending litigation at 7:12 pm.

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

Supervisor Johnson called the meeting back to order at 8:07 pm

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Superintendent Goodwin said the men would be working on the cemeteries next week.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to approve the regular Board meeting minutes of April 9, 2015.

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

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Perkins to approve the bills on Abstract #5.

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

General Fund – Abstract 5	Voucher Nos. 62 through 82	\$4,121.34
Highway Fund - Abstract 5	Voucher Nos. 54 through 69	\$8,783.94

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

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Massicotte, Town Clerk