

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the Stratford Regular Board meeting held on Thursday, June 11, 2015 at the municipal building located at 120 Piseco Rd.

Present:

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

Supervisor Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 6:31 pm with the Pledge to the Flag.

Residents in attendance: Carolyn Walker, Ken Thompson, Dorothy Eifert, Richard Ostrander, Gary Rumrill, Jim and Carol King, Sue Fogarty and Gary Ford.

REPORTS

The Code Enforcement Officer read his report as follows:

May 14, 2015 through June 10, 2015
Issued two building permits
Two inspections
One meeting
Many phone calls

Lita Hillier handed out Treasurer's report for April and May. Bookkeeper Hillier said a retirement resolution would have to be made for standard work day. Bob Johnson, Lorraine Rumrill and Leigh Anne Loucks have to keep a calendar for three months and then give to the Bookkeeper before next Board Meeting for their approval. She will post them for thirty days and then they will be sent in to retirement.

Assessor, Leigh Anne Loucks, reported as follows:

Grievance Day was held May 27. Seventeen residents grieved their property. The roll will be filed with the Town Clerk July 1. Assessor asked for meeting with board member and lawyer to go over a few things. A resident asked how a property could be listed as agriculture land.

Agricultural eligibility is determined if they file an agland assessment and are actively working farm. Have to qualify for these exemptions prior to being considered agricultural land. Assessor suggested as part of the local law the town require a building permit but not charge for it.

Highway Superintendent Goodwin reported as follows:

Sweeping continues on roads.
Ditching Kelly and Piseco Roads.
Brush cutting on roads. Chipper broke.
Working on trucks.
Getting ready to oil and stone Piseco, Gleason and Bliss roads.
Oregon Bridge was yellow flagged. Quote to repair \$10,880.00, eyebeams have to be repaired.
Does not include painting. Will have to get three quotes.
Town pickup fixed, new drive shaft.
Still having trouble with beavers. Maybe could hire someone to trap them.

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

May 14, 2015 through June 11, 2015

The ongoing case of failure to license and animal neglect case has been settled without a lawyer. Owner of animals has decided to comply with all.

The rabies clinic was a success. The numbers were still down from 2013. The Vet requested we do them every two years. Our very generous Town Clerk volunteered her day off to help. It made the work so much easier.

The rest of the month was quiet.

Michael Sokira, BTI Director, read the following Black Fly Pesticide Technician's Job Expectations and Responsibilities:

1. Monitor assigned streams for black fly larvae.
2. Treat streams if larvae found using the Molloy/Struble formulas.
3. Visit all of your assigned streams within the first two weeks of treatments.
4. Revisit all of your assigned streams within a two week time frame or less.
5. Maintain treatment records per NYSDEC requirements.
6. Follow all NYSDEC rules and regulations involving BTI treatments.
7. Turn in treatment records to the BTI Director as requested by the Director.
8. Turn in any remaining pesticide to the BTI Director at the end of the treatment season.

Supervisor Johnson suggested that adding the number of hours they will be working.

Reported:

Continuing to monitor and treat streams. Last month I reported most of the smaller streams were dried up. Now those streams are running pretty good

Starting to find small larvae in the streams. I believe we are having another hatch. Our permit is good until July 31.

Last Board Meeting we talked about BTI job expectations. Developed a job expectations document for review by the board.

Town Clerk Massicotte reported:

Hazardous Day would be August 8 from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm

Mosquito Dunks are available for containerized water only that cannot be drained.

Clerk Massicotte asked the Board if the old printers and computers could be disposed of. Highway Superintendent said they would take care of it.

Transfer Station summer hours for Sunday will be July 5 through September 6 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Peg Klages asked about camping at Stewart Landing Road. Supervisor Johnson said there is no camping allowed. There are signs posted, no camping.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Johnson stated that DEC suggested he go on their website to see what Lake George Wild Forest area has done. They have made it a day use only area. Supervisor Johnson read the following from DEC:

The "Pines" area is in the Shelving Rock Day Use Area and is closed to camping. In the Past, the usage of this area by large groups had resulted in significant degradation of natural resources, including loss of undergrowth vegetation, compaction and erosion of soils, and overuse of sanitary facilities.

There are no parking lots associated with "Pines" area. However, ample parking remains available near designated campsites, at trailheads and in day use parking lots closer to Lake George.

He said his concern is that they have authority to shut it down at end of day. DEC will close off any big boat entrance into the lake area, gate it and give the key to the Fire Department. Dec said it would be discriminatory to give a few residents a key since it is state property. To the side of the gate, small boats can be carried to water. As far as swimming, it is up to the Board's discretion whether to shut down the area or wait to see if day use only helps to alleviate the problems. Supervisor Johnson recommended that if partying goes on at night that the residents document it and call the authorities. A copy to be given to Supervisor Johnson so the Board can follow up if the authorities do not deal with the situation.

Councilwoman Ploss said residents should call the sheriff or DEC when there is a problem. She said Mike Thompson is in charge of this area.

RESOLUTION #7-15

RESOLUTION TO PROTECT STEWART LANDING FROM INVASIVE SPECIES BY LARGE BOATS AND TO ELIMINATE CAMPING

WHEREAS, the Stratford Town Board held its regular meeting on June 11, 2015 and

WHEREAS, because of the misuse of the Stewart Landing dam and to protect the lake from invasive species,

RESOLVED, that the Stratford Town Board designates Stewart Landing dam as a day use area only and allow only carry on boats, and it further

RESOLVES, that the Stratford Volunteer Fire Company is the sole possessor of the key to the gate for fire protection reasons.

OFFERED BY: Supervisor Robert Johnson Seconded by: Councilman Alan Perkins

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

NEW BUSINESS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss to approve the regular Board meeting minutes of May 14, 2015.

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

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss to approve the bills on Abstract #6.

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

General Fund – Abstract 6 Voucher Nos. 83 through 93 \$3,094.65

Highway Fund - Abstract 6 Voucher Nos. 70 through 82 \$9,798.72

With no further business, on a motion by Councilwoman Ploss seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Massicotte, Town Clerk