

State of New York  
County of Fulton  
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the Stratford Regular Board meeting held on Thursday, October 8, 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
Diana Massicotte	---	Town Clerk
Leigh Anne Loucks	---	Assessor
Norman Wright	---	Code Enforcement Officer
Lita Hillier	---	Bookkeeper
Peg Klages	---	Deputy Town Clerk

Absent:

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

Residents in attendance: Carolyn Walker, Dorothy Eifert, Peter and Mary Szczebak, Allicia Rice, Janet Dickson, Heidi Christiansen, Susan and Dick Fogarty, Richard Ostrander and Ken Thompson.

## **REPORTS**

The Code Enforcement Officer read his report as follows:

September 10, 2015 through October 7, 2015

- Issued three building permits
- 11 Inspections
- One Certificate of Compliance
- Two meetings
- Many phone calls

CEO stated a resident wanted to put in a hotdog stand on Piseco Road. CEO Wright told resident he had to get permission from the town. Resident has to figure out where he wants to put the stand and will have to check with property owners near it.

CEO said the state was making it mandatory for him to inspect solar power. He will find out more information.

CEO stated the question asked about the camping trailer at Pleasant Lake was approved by the APA. He said he denied a plastic holding tank. The APA said they did not want it in the ground, but he could put in a concrete septic. The lot is too small to build on.

Bookkeeper Hillier handed out September Treasurer's report.

Assessor, Leigh Anne Loucks, reported as follows:

There were four SCAR filed for the Town this year. To date they have all been heard, with two being dismissed due to fatal errors in the application and two whose determinations have not yet been rendered.

Renewal forms for all exemptions will be mailed by the end of October. All forms will have to be returned by March 1, 2016 with all supporting documents.

It has come to my attention that the assessor line items 1355.4 and 1355.41 are over by approximately \$16,000.00. To date, I have submitted and authorized vouchers totaling \$829.53, while the amount charged to those line items is currently at a total of \$22,003.01. These charges include vouchers which I have neither submitted nor approved. I would like a detailed explanation of why this has been allowed. I have requested on several occasions to get a copy of the monthly financial report, which I do not receive from the Town Clerk. The to-date-budget report is supposed to be given to department heads monthly or upon request according to the NYS Comptroller's Office.

Highway Superintendent Goodwin reported as follows:

Finished putting shoulder down on Bickford Road and Piseco Road.  
Cut grass on East Shore Road and West Shore Roads  
Will be back on cutting the grass and brush when the sand hauling is done.  
Going to start putting snow plow gear on trucks and start cutting fire wood.  
New box has been ordered for Truck #8.

Two reports from Karen Jaquay, DCO as follows:

August 11, 2015 through September 10, 2015

As of this date the female pitt-cross dog has not been redeemed or adopted. Taken to Brennan on July 10, 2015.

On August 14, 2015, I picked up an unidentified intact male French Mastiff on the corner of County Roads 104 and 119. He was taken to the shelter the same day. On August 20, 2015 his owner redeemed him.

The rest of the month has been quiet.

September 10, 2015 through October 8, 2015

We had our yearly Ag & Mkts inspection. I am happy to report we passed again.

We had one call on a lost cat. The rest of the month has been quiet.

**PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Allicia Rice had a couple of questions regarding the Treasurer’s report.

Jan Dickson asked if the money for the Children Christmas Party had been budgeted. Supervisor Johnson said that it was.

Dick Fogarty asked if the Highway Department considered buying used trucks from the government. Supervisor Johnson stated the Superintendent has attended some of these auctions but found nothing the town could use at the present time.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Councilwoman Ploss, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to approve the regular Board meeting minutes of September 9, 2015.

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

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

Motion made by Councilwoman Ploss, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to approve the bills on Abstract #10.

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

General Fund – Abstract 10	Voucher Nos. 147 through 163	\$ 6,650.76
Highway Fund - Abstract 10	Voucher Nos. 135 through 148	\$15,308.67

Supervisor Johnson called for an executive session at 7:21 pm.

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss to move into executive session to discuss litigation.

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

Meeting called back to order at 7:45 pm.

With no further business, on a motion by Councilwoman Ploss seconded by Councilman Perkins, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Meeting was opened at 7:46 pm for Budget workshop.

Bookkeeper Hillier and Supervisor Johnson went over the tentative budget line by line. After discussion and explanation, the Budget workshop was closed at 9:15 pm.

The regular scheduled meeting was reopened at 9:20 pm.

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss to move budget from tentative to preliminary.

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

There will be a public hearing on the budget at the next regularly scheduled meeting, November 12, 2015.

There is an Executive Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 9:00 am to discuss union negotiations.

With no further business, on a motion by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Perkins the meeting was closed at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Massicotte, Town Clerk