

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the Stratford Regular Board meeting held on Thursday, December 10, 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
Norman Wright	---	Code Enforcement Officer
Leigh Anne Loucks	---	Assessor
Michael Sokira	---	BTI Director

Absent:

Diana Massicotte	---	Town Clerk
Joan Ploss	---	Councilwoman
Peg Klages	---	Deputy Town Clerk
Lita Hillier	---	Bookkeeper

Supervisor Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 pm with the Pledge to the Flag.

Residents in attendance: Carolyn Walker, Dorothy Eifert, Allicia and Frank Rice, Heidi Christiansen, Susan and Dick Fogarty, Gary Rumrill, Barbara Schwartz, Peter and Mary Szczebak, Jay Pierz, Brian Alling and Ken Thompson.

Supervisor Johnson announced that Councilwoman Joan Ploss had something going on with family and Town Clerk Diana Massicotte had minor surgery.

REPORTS

The Code Enforcement Officer read his report as follows:

November 12, 2015 through December 9, 2015
One Certificate of Occupancy
Two Inspections
Many phone calls

Allicia Rice asked about liquor license for Pleasant Lake Inn. Supervisor Johnson stated that they had applied for it.

Motion made by Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to give permission to Pleasant Lake Inn to open for business.

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

CEO Wright asked about having internet at home. Supervisor Johnson stated that the Comptroller would not look favorably on it since we do have a base of operation available at the Town Hall.

No Treasurer's report.

Assessor reported as follows:

All exemption forms are out and are beginning to be returned. If any residents need their forms picked up, they can call the office and let me know and I can pick them up.

In June 2015, I requested that the Town Board issue an RFP to rerun the reval numbers. I also requested funding to do this in my 2016 budget request. Both requests were denied by the Town Board. This is not documented in any of the previous minutes; therefore I request this be made part of the permanent record.

I asked at the October meeting if the required retirement information that had been requested from the NYS Retirement since 2013/2014 had been submitted to them. At that time, there seemed to be some confusion as to whether it had been submitted. At this time, has the information that was requested by NYS Retirement been submitted and are the employees who were in jeopardy of being suspended in compliance?

Supervisor Johnson stated the information was turned into the State.

Brookfield Power did survey and owns water front up 29A through eight parcels. There will be a meeting with property owners for discussion. Ongoing situation.

Supervisor Johnson read the Highway Superintendent's report as follows:

Talked to David Birney equipment should be in December 18.
Did brush cutting on MiddleSprite, pump went.
No plowing yet.
Modified can holder outside transfer station.

Town Clerk had asked Superintendent Goodwin about fixing the stone around sign to make it easier to access the board. He said he would see what he could do in the Spring.

The Highway Contract was approved.

Supervisor Johnson said he has the septic design which can be put out for bid. It will be pumped as needed during winter.

Reports from DCO as follows:

9-10-15 to 10-8-15

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.

10-9-15 to 12-9-15

We had one call from a dog owner – stating that their dog was poisoned. They were advised to contact the State Police. This is considered a criminal matter.

The second call was from a dog owner from another town asking if we had any reports of a dog running loose. They had lost their dog and were contacting all towns in hope of finding their pet. The dog was later found by the owner.

From the 26th of November till now has been quiet.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to approve the regular Board meeting minutes of November 12, 2015, with the following correction, page 2 at bottom, Bookkeeper Hillier resignation date should read December 31, 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 #12.

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

General Fund – Abstract 12	Voucher Nos. 190 through 210	\$8,028.11
Highway Fund - Abstract 12	Voucher Nos. 190 through 203	\$1,789.33

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Alicia Rice asked about budget and changes.

Heidi Christiansen stated that Bob did an exemplary job and he would be missed. Applause followed.

Supervisor Johnson stated the police had contacted him regarding a resident that might be a problem. The school had been on shut down.

Alicia Rice said the Children’s Christmas was a huge success. The Historical program French Louie was a success with 55 people attending.

The Board thanked the Stratford Seniors for the plate of cookies presented to each of them.

Motion made by Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to move into executive session at 7:12 pm to discuss highway contract.

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

Supervisor Johnson called the meeting back to order. Supervisor Johnson stated there would be more information regarding personnel matter at the next meeting.

Motion made by Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to hold year end meeting December 30, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

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

Motion made by Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to hold Reorganization meeting January 4, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Johnson stated that CEO Norman Wright went above and beyond to help Pleasant Lake open. CEO helped them resolve the kitchen issue so they were legal.

NEW BUSINESS

None

With no further business, on a motion by Councilwoman Rumrill seconded by Councilwoman Youker, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Massicotte, Town Clerk