

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the Stratford Regular Board meeting held on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at the municipal building located at 120 Piseco Rd.

Present:

Alicia Rice	---	Supervisor
Allan Perkins	---	Councilman
Richard Fogarty	---	Councilman
Lorraine Rumrill	---	Councilwoman
Joan Ploss	---	Councilwoman
Diana Massicotte	---	Town Clerk
Leigh Anne Loucks	---	Assessor
Norman Wright	---	Code Enforcement Officer
Janet Dickson	---	Deputy Town Clerk
Michael Sokira	---	BTI Director

Absent:

Charles Goodwin	---	Superintendent
Peg Klages	---	Deputy Town Clerk

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

Residents in attendance: Douglas Gardner, Don Gardner, Dorothy and Henry Eifert, Susan Fogarty, Heidi Christiansen, Jay Pierz, Brian and Cindy Alling, Mary and Peter Szczebak, Bob Knapp, Gary Ford and Ken Thompson.

Our guest speaker was Sheriff Giardino. He passed out the Fulton County Sheriff's Office Mission Statement which was informative. Sheriff Giardino asked if there were any questions. One major question were the problems at Stewarts Landing during the summer. The residents wanted to know if anything could be done. Sheriff Giardino said he has some ideas he plans to put into place which should help with the situation.

The Fulton County Sheriff's Office operates with 6 different divisions: Administrative, Civil, Communications, Investigations, Road Patrol and Corrections. The office has over 100 full-time employees and over 25 part-time employees.

The only specialized unit left is the K-9 Program, which had been funded by the Pine Tree Rifle Club and many local Veterans Organizations for the past several years. The public has also been generous in their support.

There has been no boat patrol for the last five years.

Sheriff Giardino has authorized two organizations to receive funds on behalf of the Sheriff's Office to support programs otherwise not funded by the budget.

Fulton County NY Public Safety Foundation, Inc. This Foundation was established by the Sheriff in April 2015, prior to taking office, to be used to apply for grants and receive funding to support all of law enforcement in Fulton County. The funds will be used for training and equipment for officers, community education and youth programs among other things.

The Sheriff's Association supports several of the FCSO's Programs and Initiatives, including: K-9 Program, Yellow Dot Program – Indicator of medical information I glove box when individual is unresponsive due to an automobile accident, Safe Child, Project Lifesaver – GPS tracking for Alzheimer's patients or children with Autism and Equipment for Deputies.

Supervisor Rice stated her work number would be: 315 429-0527.

REPORTS

Supervisor Rice read two reports from Highway Superintendent Goodwin as follows:

Monthly report as follows:

Broken sand chains on Truck #7 and #9, put on new chains. Have been sanding the icy roads and been doing a lot of plowing and sanding.

Have taken #9 2014 Freightliner to Syracuse to Tracey Road Equipment to be fixed on DEF exhaust system. They did a burn out on the exhaust system, took 4-1/2 hours and reset the module on it. The truck was there for one week.

Report on condition of Town Barn as follows:

Roof still leaks around chimney and into the cold storage barn. Water from the roof leaks into the lunch room ceiling that is falling down.

Roof has 3 or 4 broken trusses that were repaired back in 2007. We pushed them back up with the loader and then put plywood on the truss that was broken.

There are 6 x 6 in front of the barn between the overhead doors. They are broken at one bay.

The wiring in the barn is 150 amp service box and, when the air compressor and welder is in use, the office lights go out and come back on.

The septic tank is bad and has to be pumped out every 6 to 8 months. Last time it was pumped out, rocks and dirt were sucked out of the tank.

The cement floor in the barn is bad and should be taken out and repaired. The cement pad in front of the barn should be taken out and a new one put in with a downhill slope so the water will not run in the barn.

Oil furnace is over 25 years old and should be replaced with boiler system and new chimney system.

The wood furnace does not heat the barn the way it should.

Need to repair the bottom panel of the overhead doors that are getting bad.

When spring comes or hard rain, the water runs in the back door and has to be pumped off the garage floor. There is no drain in the barn floor.

The barn was built in 1972 or 1973 when the old highway barn burned.

Should have a standby power generator when the power goes out for the overhead doors and the furnace.

CEO Norman Wright read his report as follows:

January 14 through February 10

Issued one order to remedy

Two inspections

Phone calls

Spent many hours finding stickers for fire safety

Dog Control Office, Karen Jaquay reported as follows:

January 21, 2016 through February 11, 2016

Only one incident to report for the month. I issued one appearance ticket for a dog running at large. The case is pending.

The rest of the month has been quiet.

Assessor Loucks reported as follows:

Exemption forms are due by March 1, 2016. If any resident needs to have theirs picked up, they can call the office and I will set up a time to pick them up. Notices will be mailed to any residents who have not submitted their renewal forms by February 15.

A meeting was held with representatives from Brookfield Power and the residents affected by their property at Pleasant Lake. It was an informational meeting for the residents and no decisions of ownership were made on the remedy to the situation, although Brookfield did explain what they would offer the residents.

At the January Board meeting, a statement was made during public comment with regard to the Assessor salary and request for raise. I would like it shown in the minutes that a raise for myself was not requested during the budget process last year, nor was it put in and approved by the Town Board during its work session.

BTI Director, Michael Sokira reported as follows:

- Applicator class was held and two completed training and took test. Will have five applicators.
- Planning to update maps.
- Will start treating streams mid March.
- Letters will be sent to new owners for permission to treat streams on their property.

OLD BUSINESS

Meetings would be open to the public to observe the Rules and Procedures meetings. There was no comment. Councilman Fogarty said he would like a year to observe procedures.

The budget will be amended as needed throughout the year. Supervisor Rice stated the Financial Report was not ready. Bookkeeper Hillier returned the vouchers for 2015. Supervisor Rice sent a certified letter to the former bookkeeper for the files and information needed for the new bookkeeper. The 2013 Annual Financial Report was filed and as soon as the Comptroller accepts it, the bookkeeper can file the 2014 report. Lita will meet with Kelly to transfer information.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Perkins to approve the Board meeting minutes of January 21, 2016.

ADOPTED Ayes - 5 Rice, Rumrill, Fogarty, Ploss and Perkins
 Nays – 0

The following resolutions were approved and will be posted on the website for 30 days and then forwarded to Comptroller:

RESOLUTION 10-16

RESOLUTION FOR STATE RETIREMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPORTING TO NEW YORK STATE AND LOCAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Stratford has determined for Tax Assessor, Leigh Anne Loucks, (1) that the hours for Tax Assessor are 31 hours per month, (2) that the term for appointed Tax Assessor of the Town of Stratford expires September 30, 2019, and that a three month calendar of hours and activities has been received and maintained by the Town Clerk.

Offered by: Councilwoman Lorraine Rumrill Seconded by: Councilman Allan Perkins

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Rice, Rumrill, Ploss, Perkins
 Nay 1 Fogarty

RESOLUTION 11-16

RESOLUTION FOR STATE RETIREMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPORTING TO NEW YORK STATE AND LOCAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Stratford has determined for Councilwoman, Lorraine Rumrill, (1) that the hours for Councilwoman are 3-2/3 hours per month, (2) that the term for the elected Councilwoman expires December 31, 2019, and that a three month calendar of hours and activities has been received and maintained by the Town Clerk.

Offered by: Councilman Allan Perkins Seconded by: Councilwoman Lorraine Rumrill

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Rice, Rumrill, Ploss, Perkins, Fogarty
Nay 0

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Rice asked for a resolution to lower mileage rate as mandated by County.

RESOLUTION ON #12-16 stating Adjustment of mileage rate for the year 2016

WHEREAS, the Stratford Town Board at its regular Town Board meeting held on February 11, 2016 and

WHEREAS, the following information was examined and reviewed by the Stratford Town Board, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the mileage rate be lowered from \$0.575 per mile as stated in Resolution 5-16 to \$0.54 per mile for 2016.

Offered by: Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Rice, Perkins, Ploss, Rumrill, Fogarty
Nays 0

RESOLUTION #13-16

RESOLUTION TO MAKE NECESSARY BUDGET TRANSFER AS FOLLOWS:

To:	DA9089.8 - Uniforms	\$ 500.00	
From:	DA5120.4 – Machinery		\$ 500.00

Offered by: Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Rice, Perkins, Rumrill, Fogarty, and Ploss
Nays 0

Money will be taken from 2015 Budget A1420.4 to pay Attorney Day.

Jann Dickson asked if she could use the balance of the Christmas money for an Easter Egg Hunt for Stratford children to be held on March 19 for 12 years and under.

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss that Jann Dickson could have Easter Egg Hunt on March 19.

ADOPTED Ayes - 5 Rice, Rumrill, Fogarty, Ploss and Perkins
Nays – 0

Lorraine Rumrill announced that the Salisbury Fire Department would be holding their annual Fish Fry during Lent.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Perkins to approve the bills on Abstract #2.

ADOPTED Ayes - 5 Rice, Rumrill, Ploss, Fogarty and Perkins
Nays – 0

General Fund – Abstract 2 Voucher Nos. 15 through 22 \$3,216.08

Highway Fund - Abstract 2 Voucher Nos. 15 through 26 \$11,048.73

PUBLIC SPEAKING

It was asked about pre-engineered trusses. CEO Wright said it is the State Law that a placard be posted by the electrical box so firefighters know they are dealing with pre-engineered trusses.

Motion made by Councilwoman Ploss, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to move into executive session at 7:40 to discuss vacancies.

ADOPTED Ayes - 5 Rice, Rumrill, Ploss, Fogarty and Perkins
Nays – 0

Meeting called back to order at 8:16.

Motion made by Councilwoman Ploss, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to hire Nicholas Macri from Herkimer as Town Attorney.

ADOPTED Ayes - 5 Rice, Rumrill, Ploss, Fogarty and Perkins
Nays – 0

With no further business, on a motion by Councilwoman Ploss seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Massicotte, Town Clerk