

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the Stratford Regular Board meeting held on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at the municipal building located at 120 Piseco Rd.

Present:

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| Alicia Rice | --- | Supervisor |
| Allan Perkins | --- | Councilman |
| Richard Fogarty | --- | Councilman |
| Lorraine Rumrill | --- | Councilwoman |
| Joan Ploss | --- | Councilwoman |
| Diana Massicotte | --- | Town Clerk |
| Charles Goodwin | --- | Superintendent |
| Leigh Anne Loucks | --- | Assessor |
| Norman Wright | --- | Code Enforcement Officer |
| Michael Sokira | --- | BTI Director |
| Janet Dickson | --- | Deputy Town Clerk |
| 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: Dorothy Eifert, Heidi Christiansen, Peter Szczebak, Ken Thompson, Carolyn Walker, Barbara Schwartz, Rodney and Shela Swartz, Karen Jaquay and Gary Rumrill.

BTI Director, Michael Sokira, gave a very informative presentation on the BTI Program with handouts on *Black Fly Control, the Adirondack Way*, mosquito information, a sample of the study questions and a stream worksheet. Michael stated they treat streams from March to July. If anyone would like to be an applicator, contact the BTI Director.

Supervisor Rice stated that the DEC had approved the gate at Stewarts Landing and will also be putting in boulders.

Supervisor Rice said there would be a prescription drug disposal day, April 30, at the area City Police Departments.

REPORTS

Highway Superintendent Goodwin reported as follows:

- Taken cyc off 544E John Deere Loader to fix leaks.
- Started sweepng roads then weather went backwards.
- Had man clean brush off cemetery lawn and town park.
- Got sweeper fixed for sweeping roads.
- Men cut tree on Piseco Road.

Been plowing and sanding roads.
Tree on Avery Road had to be remove, 911 call.
Fixed brake on sweeper, got pump 6610.
Ford mower is back together for cutting brush, had pumped fixed.
Started sweeping roads and started taking plow apart on trucks.
Some of road close signs were taken down and stolen.
Men started ten hour days, four days a week.
Looking into new place to haul rock from quarry in Rockwood.

CEO Norman Wright read his report as follows:

March 11 through March 31

Two inspections
Two meetings
Viewing of blueprints
One day class on lead paint
Phone calls

Assessor Loucks reported as follows:

ORPTS notified Assessor that Governor put stipulation in budget that was passed regarding how the STAR Program would be administered. There will be more information to follow as Assessor receives it.

Karen Jaquay Dog Control Officer read report as follows:

March 11, 2016 through April 13, 2016

The beginning of the month started out quiet.

I left on March 17 on personal business and returned on March 28. My son and husband were on hand to answer all calls at this time. We received no calls while I was gone.

Upon my return I resumed my duties of being on call for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. I have received no calls for the rest of the month.

In my down time I have been working on cleaning all my equipment. I also have been putting my files in order.

Karen asked the board if she could buy new dog crate.

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss to give permission to Dog Control Office to buy a new dog crate.

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

Town Clerk Massicotte handed out her quarterly report to Board Members.

There was a discussion regarding mailing information to residents. To mail a flat piece to every door in zip code 13470, it would cost \$62.30 in postage.

RESOLUTION ON #20-16 THAT A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER BE DISTRIBUTED

WHEREAS, the Stratford Town Board at its regular Town Board meeting held on April 14, 2016 and

WHEREAS, the following was decided:

- That a quarterly town newsletter will be published and distributed,
- That to reduce costs residents will be asked to receive the newsletter by email if possible with all others being mailed,
- That to gather that information for distribution, a flat will be sent by “Every Door Direct Mail” to all local postal customers in zip code 13470, and
- That information for distribution to seasonal residents will be sought through Pleasant Lake Association and Stewarts Landing Association,

RESOLVED, that a quarterly town newsletter will be published and distributed.

Offered by: Councilwoman Ploss, seconded by Councilman Perkins

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

Supervisor Rice explained that the reason the calendars were sent to all appointed employees is to keep track of their duties and time so the Board has a better understanding of what they do.

Bank statements are in packets. The 2013 Financial Report is finished and filed. The Treasurer’s report was handed out to all heads of departments so they can keep track of their budget.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Perkins to approve the bills on Abstract #4.

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

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| General Fund – Abstract 4 | Voucher Nos. 37 through 52 | \$2,349.65 |
| Highway Fund - Abstract 4 | Voucher Nos. 40 through 53 | \$5,390.23 |
| Prepaid Fund - Abstract 4 | Voucher Nos. 47 through 64 | \$12,907.86 |

Supervisor Rice opened and read the bids for the septic system at the Highway barn as follows:

Scanlon Construction Inc.
Salisbury Center, NY

New Septic system will be constructed as per engineered plans. The plumbing will be raised in the basement to allow the sewer line to exit the building approximately 12 to 18 inches below the surface grade outside the building. A new septic tank will be installed and a new absorption field built consisting of 2 - 30 ft. laterals, 2 ft. wide trench design.

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| Quote for above without filling of the old septic tank: | \$4,250.00 |
| Quote for above with filling of the old septic tank: | \$5,000.00 |

Supervisor Rice said she did not see the insurance mentioned, CEO said he already had it on file.

The old septic tank which is located under the garage floor will be pumped out. This existing tank can be abandoned or can be filled with concrete or grout and crushed stone. (Filling with concrete or grout with crushed stone because the only access to the tank is a pipe. The tank cover is not accessible to allow leveling of fill. Concrete or grout will self level.)

Rick Barnes Trucking & Excavating
Salisbury Center, NY

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| Install new septic system per engineered plans, fully insured. | \$3,695.00 |
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Motion made by Councilman Fogarty, seconded by Councilman Perkins to accept Scanlon Construction's bid of \$4,250.00 for the Town Barn septic system because there was more detail in the bid.

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

The work will be inspected by the Code Enforcement Officer.

Councilman Fogarty asked if the Town workers had been considered for the work. Supervisor Rice stated that because we are a unionized shop, the Association of Towns said it would not be appropriate for the guys to do the work.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Supervisor Rice introduced the new Town Lawyer, Nicholas Macri.

Caroline Drake, President of the Stratford Seniors requested help from the town to put on an information day. She suggested booths such as; Southern Adirondack Fire Prevention Team, S&S ambulance, Yellow Dot Program, Lifeline File and Election personnel. The Seniors would have a Bake Sale and serve free hotdogs and will charge \$1.00 for soda or water. The Seniors would be willing to pay part of the mailing cost. This would be held on a Saturday in August from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. She asked the Town if they would be willing to chip in toward the costs. The Board suggested the town could donate \$100 toward the day.

Rodney Swartz discussed the SCAR program regarding the Assessor receiving his information. He said he gave a copy to the Town Clerk. Leigh Anne Loucks stated that she did not receive a copy of their information. Supervisor Rice said she would refer the information to the lawyer for his input for a remedy do this does not happen again. Assessor Loucks stated that everyone received a copy except her office. The claim was dismissed.

Leigh Anne Loucks asked if the septic system would be away from the right of way. It will be installed in front of the building away from the right of way.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to approve the Board meeting minutes of March 10, 2016.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Rice thanked Councilwoman Rumrill for obtaining information on the drug testing for the Town Barn men.

RESOLUTION ON #21-16 THAT THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WILL HAVE A TOWN WEB PAGE

WHEREAS, the Stratford Town Board at its regular Town Board meeting held on April 14, 2016 and

WHEREAS, the following information would be included on the web page:

- Information on what projects need permits and their cost
- A printable blank copy of permit
- Any additional information the Code Enforcement Officer deems necessary

RESOLVED, that a page would be added to the website for the Code Enforcement Officer.

Offered by: Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Perkins

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

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Perkins to let the Stratford Seniors have a Senior Information Day in August and give them up to a \$100 to defray costs.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ploss, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to move into executive session with the Attorney and Assessor to discuss proposed litigation.

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

Meeting at rest at 7:53 pm.

Meeting was called back in session at 9:05 pm on a motion by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Perkins.

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

Motion was made by Councilman Fogarty, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss to ask Assessor to sign the tax roll.

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Perkins, Ploss, Rumrill, Fogarty
Nays 1 Rice

Assessor felt the Town Board was asking her to sign a tax role that she believed was not fair and equitable per past court proceedings.

Motion was made by Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to allow the attorney for the Town to seek information on assigning an attorney; first in regard to our assessment roll issue and maybe other assessment issues; the Town Attorney would report to Supervisor Rice who will then poll the board as to whether or not to engage the attorney.

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

With no further business, on a motion by Councilwoman Ploss seconded by Councilman Fogarty, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Massicotte, Town Clerk