

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the Stratford Regular Board meeting held on Thursday, April 13, 2017 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
Charles Goodwin	---	Superintendent
Diana Massicotte	---	Town Clerk
Norman Wright	---	Code Enforcement Officer
Karen Jaquay	---	Dog Control Officer
Michael Sokira	---	BTI Director

Absent:

Janet Dickson	---	Deputy Town Clerk
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Supervisor Rice called the regular Town Board meeting to order at 6:33 pm with the Pledge to the Flag.

Residents in attendance: Harry Jaquay, Heidi Christiansen, Gary Rumrill, Peter and Mary Szczebak, Jay Pierz, Donald Vedder, Pete Jaiken, Roy Cool, Lawrence Neely and Ken Thompson.

Supervisor Rice opened Public Hearing at 6:33 pm to discuss Local Law for BAR membership. No applicants interested in being on the BAR. Public Hearing closed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Perkins to cancel Local Law for BAR membership.

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

REPORTS

Highway Superintendent Goodwin’s report read as follows:

Been doing a lot of road checking for trees down
Working on equipment in barn.
Put new muffler on pickup and checking truck out.
Checking all trucks and loader out for the snow storm for wood
Plow and sand roads, start 9:30 am plowing to 1:00 pm
Back in 3:30 pm , plowed and sanded roads
Push Edick Road back and turn around with loader.

Push back East Shore and West Shore Roads, check out equipment
Working on summer equipment and sweeper
Been sanded and plowed snow.
Fix wash out on roads and been sweeping roads.
Put up 5 ton road signs and road close signs
Hull crush run in and fixing washout by John Ploss Mallet Hill Road and by Pollard Mallet Hill Road
Had F550 Ford fixed at Brown's Ford.
May get \$10,000 from FEMA for last month's storm. Money will go into Highway fund.
Chips money is \$159,981.
Would like dates on seasonal roads moved up from December 1 to May 1.
Two quotes on tires, Warren Tire \$6,732.95, Hilltop Tire \$7,408.00

Supervisor Rice stated that Scanlon came in and took care of apron in front of doors, crushed stone was put in. Councilman Fogarty asked if we could check to see if we could have an area to put non hazardous waste material.

Supervisor Rice said that the mold remediator said we would need a mold assessor. Supervisor Rice would like to call a special meeting after we hear from remediator and assessor. We are up to \$140,000 to fix barn buildings. CEO Wright said we need a report from the mold assessor. Superintendent Goodwin said he would minimize the use of the building. The men could use the Firehouse as needed.

Supervisor Rice had maps of the Town of Stratford land where highway department is located which she gave copies to Board. A lot of the land is protected wetland.

Supervisor Rice said Senator Tedesco would like to meet with our town.

CEO Norman Wright's report as follows:

March 7, 2017 – April 10, 2017

Five inspections
Three meetings
Issued three permits
Issued one appearance ticket
One court appearance
Issued one c of o
Many phone calls

Karen Jaquay, Dog Control Officer gave her report.

March 8, 2017 through April 11, 2017

The tickets that were written last month are still pending.

On April 5, 2017, I was called about some thin dogs on County Highway 104. I went to the residence and saw dogs that were in poor condition. I then went back to my car and called the NYS police. I then advised them of the situation and requested an officer come in to investigate.

Upon their arrival and further investigation, we found the situation was worse than we thought. The rest is under investigation.

Dog number thirteen is on the owner's property and I was informed that I am not to try and retrieve it. On April 5, 2017 I helped transport several dogs to Brennan Humane Society in my stock trailer.

On April 6, 2017, I was informed I had to take one of the dogs to the vet. It was very sick. I called many vets and found I was going to have to take the dog to an emergency vet by Saratoga. When I reached Brennan, they informed me they already took the dog to their vet. He was too sick to wait for me. Than evening I was informed the dog had died.

On April 8, 2017, in the evening, I picked up a stray dog on Merriman Road in the Town of Stratford. He had no identification on him to say who he belonged to. On April 9, 2017, I took this dog to Brennan in the morning.

DCO Jaquay will look into stricter laws and present them to the Supervisor.

Mike Sokira read the BTI report as follows:

Big snowfall and slow melt delayed getting out early March as a lot of the creeks were not accessible.

Now that we are treating, we are finding the normal amounts of larvae in the streams. Still a lot of streams to get to, to treat for the first time this year.

No Assessor's report.

Supervisor Rice accepted the reports from DCO, CEO, BTI Director and calendars from DCO and CEO.

Supervisor's Report

Town Barn got hit by lightning and blew out the fire alarm panel which had been put in the week before. It also affected the telephone. Supervisor Rice submitted the bills to the insurance company which were paid.

Supervisor Rice called Comptroller for information to file the 2016 AUD. The 2015 AUD has not been filed.

There is a change in payroll. Kelly, Bookkeeper, researched what was available. She decided on ADP which has a local representative. Supervisor Rice is asking employees if they want to do direct deposit.

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, Perkins and Fogarty
 Nays - 0

General Fund – Abstract 4	Voucher Nos. 45 through 57	\$ 2,963.30
Highway Fund - Abstract 4	Voucher Nos. 51 through 66	\$11,549.45
Prepaid Fund - Abstract 4	Voucher Nos. 51 through 71	\$ 7,572.03

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Rice submitted a grant for the Piseco Road bridge, grant is for new construction, not old. The next grants will be for bridges which come from DOT. Supervisor Rice thanked Mike Sokira and Superintendent Goodwin for all their help. Everything for the State has to be done online.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Mr. Pierz felt the town should look long and hard at a new building rather than renovating an old building.

Gary Rumrill suggested looking into the property we already own which is by the old school.

Don Vedder suggested the Highway men should wear masks while working inside the barn.

Highwayman read the following: Resident asked about barn. Superintendent Goodwin said they had a coon problem a while back. End of barn was closed which prevented needed air flow. Engineer came out to check on barn problems. Said the trusses on barn will not hold weight that is put on them. Wanted to know why the trusses are ok now.

Peter asked if the old building could be used as storage. Superintendent Goodwin said they need a building 60' x 150'.

Supervisor Rice asked the Sheriff and Forest Ranger to monitor dam. They did make some progress. They stopped by the Tax Collector's office during tax season. The gate is going up Monday morning at Stewarts Landing. The DEC will not put in additional parking at the dam.

Peter said they are going to fix dam in the fall, the water will be completely let out.

Supervisor Rice brought up the speed limits. Resident suggested posting 35 miles in Stratford.

Supervisor Rice said the bridge over Canada River will be worked on next Spring.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Councilwoman Ploss, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to approve the Board meeting minutes of March 9, 2017.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Table discussion on speed limits.

Supervisor Rice said she would invite Tedesco to a meeting.

With no further business, on a motion by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Massicotte, Town Clerk