

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the Stratford Regular Board meeting held on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at the municipal building located at 120 Piseco Rd.

Present:

Alicia Rice	---	Supervisor
Allan Perkins	---	Councilman
Joan Ploss	---	Councilwoman
Richard Fogarty	---	Councilman
Lorraine Rumrill	---	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 opened the Budget workshop at 6:10 pm. According to Insurance Broker, we cannot change insurance plans until union negotiations next year. Short discussion to change a couple of line items: Highway and General Appropriations, Hospital and Medical Insurance – increase by \$4,500 and \$500 respectively which is already included in budget; To pay for these changes we are taking from General Repairs – decrease by \$5,000. Another change is from General Appropriations, Town Clerk Contractual – decrease by \$390.00. Workshop closed at 6:24 pm.

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

Residents in attendance: Harry and Karen Jaquay, Gary Rumrill, Peter and Mary Szczebak, Dorothy Eifert, Heather VanDenburgh, Carolyn Walker, Nicholas and Sonia Rissmeyer.

Supervisor Rice read the following Proclamation:

WHEREAS, Former Supervisor of the Town of Stratford, Ronald L. Aubin, passed away on Saturday, October 28, 2017; and

WHEREAS after graduating from Stratford Central School, class of 1945, Ron Aubin faithfully served his country in the United States Navy, Serving from 1945 to 1965 both on active duty and in reserve;

WHEREAS, Ron Aubin returned to Stratford, completing his education to earn a degree in Industrial Engineering;

WHEREAS, Ron Aubin, bringing his education and commitment to another form of public service, faithfully served the Town of Stratford as Town Supervisor for twelve years, from 1976 to 1988, and the County of Fulton as a member of the County Board of Supervisors; be it

RESOLVED that, at its meeting on the ninth day of November, 2017, the Stratford Town Board on behalf of the Town of Stratford posthumously honors his life and expresses its gratitude to Ronald L. Aubin for his dedicated public service; now be further

RESOLVED, That this board on behalf of the Town of Stratford hereby conveys its expression of deepest sympathy to the entire family of Ronald L. Aubin, his sons Richard Aubin and David Paul Aubin, his daughters Robyn Aubin, Bonnie Aubin and Nancy Aubin, his grandchildren, and his brother, four sisters and their families.

The town seal is on this Proclamation and will be given to family.

Public hearing for budget was open at 6:33 pm. Insurance will be going up and we have no control over this change. We will address at union negotiations next year. Our total assessment went down by \$880,000, half from state land and half from lowered assessments through grievances. The budget went up \$11.00 per hundred thousand.

Sue Fogarty asked about the payroll services paid to Bookkeeper. Supervisor Rice said we are paying less than last year. Supervisor Rice said she would ask the bookkeeper how long it takes to do payroll.

Budget meeting closed at 6:56 pm.

Clerk Massicotte suggested that transfer permits be changed to just residential. It would be a savings of \$390.

Motion made by Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilman Rumrill to change transfer station permits to 500 residential permits only.

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

RESOLUTION 14-2017

ADOPTION OF 2018 BUDGET

Offered by Councilwoman Ploss, Seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill.

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

WHEREAS, the Stratford Town Board held its regular meeting on November 9, 2017,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that this governing body adopts the final budget as presented with changes at a total of \$1,035,843.00 which includes the fire district of \$60,000.00.

Correspondence:

Information on training in January for newly elected officers.

Agreement for Transfer Station was received. Councilwoman Rumrill stated that the Historical Society will take all bottle returns. There is a container at the entrance of the Transfer Station to put them in.

Information was received regarding changes from CDPHP.

REPORTS

Highway Superintendent Goodwin reported as follows:

- Taking out beaver dam weekly on Piseco Road.
- Hauling sand in and fixing head plow for trucks.
- Getting plow frame on trucks and sander for snow plowing and sand.
- Working on Dugway Road, put crush run on hill where it was washed out and took tree stump out at the sharp corner for more room to plow.
- Check roads from storm, taken trees out.
- Fix 2002 #7 Freightliner water pump and fixed tire on 624 loader, O ring went in the rim.

Supervisor Rice asked Superintendent Goodwin to give an update regarding the barn extension. Talked to a few contractors but no one has returned his calls. Superintendent Goodwin wants to take chimney down, move to peak roof and add four sheets of metal and fix entrance so water does not come into building. Councilman Fogarty suggested taking roof off because we have been warned about the danger of it caving in from snow pile up. Councilwoman Ploss suggested we accept the estimate from Mccarthy and Sons. Will postpone decision until we talk to Tedesco.

CEO Norman Wright's report as follows:

October 10, 2017 – November 6, 2017

- Seven inspections
- Two meetings
- Issued five permits for deck, septic, camp, shed, pavilion and renewal
- Issued one Order to Remedy
- Issued one Stop Work Order
- Issued one certificate of compliance
- Many phone calls

Supervisor Rice asked CEO Wright to address property on Route 29A. The house is unsafe. He told owner he would have to take it down by Saturday, November 11.

Supervisor Rice asked the Dog Control Officer about the Special Dog Permit and if she had any further input. DCO Jaquay stated that failure to comply with the Local Law would result in a written order containing a grace period of no less than two days and no more than ten days to comply. The fine amounts will stay as stated on permit. Clerk Massicotte said that the permit is included with regular dog

licenses if resident has five or more dogs. The dogs names, ages and license numbers would be listed on special permit.

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss to accept Special Dog Permit as part of regular licensing of five or more dogs.

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

Dog Control Officer Inspection Report was received from the state, rating satisfactory.

DCO Jaquay went to court regarding ongoing dog case. Trial will be in February 2018. District Attorney said the judge thought that I was very credible.

Dog Control Officer read her report as follows:

October 11, 2017 through November 7, 2017

I received a call from a concerned town resident about a dog running loose on County Road 104. This is a dog from an ongoing criminal case. I advised them not to try and capture this dog.

The next day I had a land owner come to my home about the same animal. This person gave me written permission to go on their property and set a live animal trap.

I placed a call to the Fulton County District Attorney asking if I would be able to capture this dog? They advised me that the Brennan Humane Society would be going to trap this dog.

I received a call about a dog being stolen in Dolgeville. This dog belonged to a resident of Stratford. I have heard nothing more on the matter.

I received a call from another town about a missing dog. This was in case the dog crossed into our town. I never found this dog.

I did very little on the dog census due to health issues.

The rest of the month I was on call.

DCO Jaquay said that resident suggested that she post lost dogs on Paws Boost, Facebook.

Supervisor Rice thanked the CEO and DCO for their calendars.

Report read by BTI Director Sokira:

2017 BTI treatment summary

1. Treated 38 miles of the 122 miles of streams in Stratford.
2. Used 25.3 gallons of BTI.
3. Spent \$11,788 vs. budget of \$14,700.

4. Have 5 gallons of VestoBac 12AS left in inventory.
5. All DEC reports have been filed in 2017. Individual applicator DEC reports are due in Feb. 2018. Had a good year overall. The two new applicators treated an additional 18 streams this year as compared to 2016.

2018 Information

1. Requested \$13,250 for 2018 treatments.
2. Will order 30 gallons of VectoBac 12AS for a total of 35 gallons available for 2018.
3. Our current Aquatic Insect Permit is good until April 2020. Will have to apply for a new permit in 2019. Our pesticide business registration is also good until June of 3030.
4. No training classes are scheduled for 2018. Our current number of technicians seems to be sufficient. If Caroga decides to add technicians, I will be helping them teach their class.

No Assessor’s report.

Supervisor’s Report

Received a packet of Census material which the Fulton Planning Department is filling out for the whole County.

The County Personnel Department is still reviewing the job descriptions. Supervisor Rice said there was material for Veterans on the table.

Supervisor Rice and Superintendent Goodwin met with gentleman from NYMIR regarding risk assessment. The towns we share equipment with are all under the NYMIR insurance.

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Fogarty to increase A1120 Non-Property Tax Distribution by County to \$298,716.19

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

Motion made by Councilwoman Ploss, seconded by Councilman Perkins that any equipment purchased by department heads that is over \$250 is to be brought to the Board for their approval.

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

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss to go into executive session to discuss personnel matter and possible litigation with Town Attorney at 7:40

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

Motion made by Councilwoman Ploss, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to bring meeting back to order at 8:48

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

Supervisor Rice stated she would look into putting an update of budget online each month as suggested by resident Nick Rissmeyer.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

Motion made by Councilwoman Ploss, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to approve the bills on Abstract #11

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

General Fund – Abstract 11	Voucher Nos. 113 through 127	\$ 4,310.65
Highway Fund - Abstract 11	Voucher Nos. 173 through 188	\$ 25,691.33
Prepaid Fund - Abstract 11	Voucher Nos. 155 through 165	\$ 3,555.25

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Rice stated she is still trying to find a new member for the Board of Assessment Review.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Some discussion regarding Proposition 3. The land is for an emergency need within the town. Supervisor Rice said we should be getting broadband, but she has not heard who received the bid. She will look into a cell tower. Councilman Fogarty suggested making an offer for Oak Mountain site. Find out who owns it.

Gary Rumrill asked about the bid for the highway repairs, if they asked attorney if we could accept it.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Councilwoman Ploss, seconded by Councilman Fogarty to approve the Board meeting minutes of October 12, 2017.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Councilman Fogarty, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to accept the estimate from Mccarthy and Sons with approval of Town Attorney.

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

With no further business, on a motion by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Massicotte, Town Clerk

Minutes of the Stratford Special Budget Board meeting held on Sunday, November 19, 2017 at the municipal building located at 120 Piseco Rd.

Present:

Alicia Rice	---	Supervisor
Allan Perkins	---	Councilman
Joan Ploss	---	Councilwoman
Richard Fogarty	---	Councilman
Lorraine Rumrill	---	Councilwoman
Charles Goodwin	---	Superintendent
Diana Massicotte	---	Town Clerk

Supervisor Rice called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Resident in attendance: Heather Vandenburg

Supervisor Rice called the Association of Towns for information. We had to call a public meeting, contact the Board members, put in newspapers and on website.

Supervisor Rice said that the Unallocated Insurance line of \$13,000 was not included in the General Repairs total.

Councilman Fogarty asked who was keeping our books. Supervisor Rice said that she pays the bills and keeps the General Fund and Highway Fund accounts. Kelly does the final spread sheets.

Motion made by Councilman Fogarty, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss to increase Line A1120 by \$8,000 from \$270,000 to \$278,000.

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

Supervisor Rice stated that the state is requiring more and more online. NYMIR was asking for information on our cyber security.

Motion made by Councilwoman Ploss, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to move 2018 budget from tentative to preliminary.

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

RESOLUTION 15-2017

ADOPTION OF 2018 BUDGET

Offered by Councilwoman Ploss, Seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Rice, Perkins, Ploss, Fogarty and Rumrill

Nays 0

WHEREAS, the Stratford Town Board held a special budget meeting on November 19, 2017,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that this governing body adopts the final amended budget as presented with changes at a total of \$1,043,453.00 which includes the fire district of \$60,000.00.

With no further business, on a motion by Councilman Fogarty, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill, the meeting was adjourned at 4:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Massicotte, Town Clerk