

**State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Stratford REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Municipal Building, 120 Piseco Road
January 11th, 2018**

Present:

Alicia Rice	Supervisor
Richard Fogarty	Councilman
Allan Perkins	Councilman
Joan Ploss	Councilwoman
Lorraine Rumrill	Councilwoman
Charles Goodwin	Highway Superintendent
Heather VanDenburgh	Town Clerk
Norman Wright	Code Enforcement Officer

Absent:

Leigh Anne Loucks	Assessor
Michael Sokira	BTI Director

Number of Residents in Attendance: 7 (See attached attendance sheet)

Supervisor Rice called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:55pm.

Correspondence: Supervisor Rice received the February 2018 Training School and Annual Meeting for the AOT. Councilman Fogarty expressed interest, and passed on the information to the Town Clerk. They will discuss further at the next meeting.

Highway Superintendent Goodwin presented his January 2018 report to the Town Board. (See attached). FEMA quoted \$12,530.47 towards the March 2017 snowstorm, with \$2,266.89 going to Fulton County. There was a general discussion on the condition of the 2002 Freightliner. The wood boiler at town barn is in the way of snow clearing; it will be unhooked, the anti-freeze stored into drums, and the unit safely stored. The Board discussed selling the wood boiler. Councilman Fogarty requested that Superintendent Goodwin place a bucket over the pipe to the boiler pipe to protect it from water damage. The board reviewed & discussed the 284 agreement, listing Superintendent Goodwin's highway priorities for the year 2018.

Superintendent Rice, and Councilpersons Fogarty, Perkins, Ploss, and Rumrill signed the 284 Agreement.

Code Enforcement Officer Wright's January 2018 report was reviewed by Town Board. (See attached). CEO Wright stated he was still working on the Secretary of State report. A court case was discussed. The next appearance date is for February 6th.

There was no Assessor report for January 2018.

DCO Jaquay's report was reviewed by the Town Board (See attached). Supervisor Rice has made a verbal agreement with Oppenheim Supervisor regarding the use of our DCO services-should the local township be unable to contact their own DCO, DCO Jaquay will attend with that township paying for her services. Mastiff still at large on Route 104; Supervisor Rice reiterated that our DCO is unable to help capture due to the court case pending. Citizens are encouraged to call the James Brennan Humane Society for help,

Supervisor Rice will provide cell number if needed. The DCO job description has been updated by Fulton County to direct DCO officers to NOT investigate cases of animal cruelty, but call State Police when suspected.

No BTI reporting- permit was continued, paperwork remaining the same.

Supervisor Rice's Report:

Supervisor Rice took 2 individuals from the Fulton County Center for Regional Growth (FCCRG) on a tour of Stratford between Christmas and the New Year. She commended Superintendent Goodwin on the condition of the road, and stated it was an overall positive experience. She hopes that the FCCRG will consider adding Stratford's snowmobiling trails to their winter county promotion video. She notified the board that the State Route 29A bridge repair is currently out for bid, and construction is due to start as soon as weather permits. Fire Department discussed; Salisbury FD willing to help with calls. She is applying for state grants to repair (2) bridges, located on Middle Sprite Road and at the end of Piseco Road. Emma Baulch can only clean Mondays and Fridays. Town Clerk VanDenburgh stated she is willing to work with Baulch's schedule. Supervisor Rice wants to express gratitude to a senior for mopping up the snow/dirt mess left in the Town Hall after their weekly meeting. Caroline Walker agreed to keep her Historian appointment, but expressed that the Town should consider a replacement due to her age. Fire contract will be paid, with Supervisor Rice noting that tax season is the best time of year to pay this large bill. The Town Information Brochure is out of date, and she will be updating and printing new copies. TC VanDenburgh will be printing out a voucher schedule for Town officials. On March 15th, at 6:30pm (date subject to change), a MOVAC meeting will be held at HCCC for all official and public citizens concerning rural ambulance services. Supervisor Rice encourages the Town Board Members and Fire Department members to attend.

NYMIR Recommendations were presented. Supervisor Rice recommended that Superintendent Goodwin discuss options at the County Highway Superintendent Meeting, to ensure proper collaboration between local townships.

We are complying with the Prior Notice Law and Hold Harmless Clause.

NYMIR Cyber Security: Quote given of \$346.50 to purchase a cyber security policy to protect the town from cyber attacks. A general discussion regarding the cost/benefit of this plan occurred, with a consensus that the policy be purchased to protect the town from data breaches that could financially impact the Town.

Motion to purchase the NYMIR Cyber Security policy offered by Councilman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Fogarty.

ADOPTED: 5 AYES
0 NAYS

Rice, Fogarty, Perkins, Ploss, Rumrill

RESOLUTION 7-18 THE APPOINTMENT OF LAWRENCE NEELY TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

WHEREAS, there has been a Board of Assessment Review position vacant since the term ending of Mary Beth Salamone in September 2017;

WHEREAS, Lawrence Neely has expressed interest in being appointed to the Town of Stratford BAR;

RESOLVED, the Town Board of Stratford appoints Lawrence Neely to the Board of Assessment Review.

Offered by Councilwoman Ploss, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill.

ADOPTED: 5 AYES Rice, Fogarty, Perkins, Ploss, Rumrill

0 NAYS

A public hearing date will be set for February 8th during our normal Town Board Meeting to discuss the passing of the Real Property Tax Exemption for Cold War Veterans. Public notices will be placed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Fogarty would like to consider contract negotiations next month regarding the union.

With no further business, on a motion from Councilwoman Ploss and seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:52pm.

-Heather VanDenburgh, Town Clerk