

**State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Stratford**

Minutes of the Stratford Regular Board meeting held on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at the municipal building located at 120 Piseco Rd.

Present:

Heather VanDenburgh	---	Supervisor
Allan Perkins	---	Councilman
Joan Ploss	---	Councilwoman
Tiffany Rutkowski	---	Councilwoman
Lorraine Rumrill	---	Councilwoman, arrived at 6:37 pm
Lawrence Staring	---	Highway Superintendent
Norman Wright	---	Code Enforcement Officer
Karen Jaquay	---	Dog Control Officer
Michael Albanese	---	Town Attorney, arrived at 6:40 pm
Diana Massicotte	---	Town Clerk

Absent:

Michael Sokira	---	BTI Director
David Galarneau	---	Sole Assessor
Moira Marshall	---	Town Historian

Residents in Attendance: None due to COVID.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Association of Towns 2021 Annual Meeting & Training School Agenda will be available at the office or at home. The NYMIR Renewal Policy is in the office for Board members who would like to review it.

January 26 there will be a jurisdictional Review with University of Albany zoom meeting for Highway Superintendent, Supervisor and Code Enforcement. Attorney Albanese said it was a Federal requirement.

REPORTS:

Highway Superintendent Staring read his report as follows:

Patched potholes, as needed Piseco, Seeley, Dugway, Gleason, Avery Roads.
Cut trees and limbs as they fall.
Plow and Sand as needed.
Used 105 tons of salt out of winter allotment of 350 tons.
Truck 8 (07 Sterling).
Replaced governor for air compressor.

Replaced rotted battery cable.
Truck 9 (14 Freightliner).
Replaced failed line for transmission cooler.
Repaired rusted section of dump body, to keep side dump working.

It is time to think about replacing the body. The body on Truck 9 is in good shape, if that truck will be replaced soon that body can go on truck 9, if not, we will need to purchase a body.

624 Loader

Replaced 2 failed hydraulic lines.
Weekly FEMA calls continue. Edick Road Projects are working their way through the various reviews as is the Blacktop Project. I am working on documentation for Piseco Road Bridge Repair and the Repair to the Seasonal Portion of the road.

I would like to hire another person to fill out the crew.

Councilwoman Rutkowski asked if we should replace or repair old truck. Superintendent will investigate options. Councilwoman Rutkowski asked about uniforms, how should voucher be submitted.

Motion made by Supervisor VanDenburgh to prepay uniform allowance seconded by Councilwoman Ploss.

Adopted: AYES 4 VanDenburgh, Perkins, Ploss, Rumrill
NAYS 0
Abstained 1 Rutkowski

Code Enforcement Officer Wright reports:

December 8 – January 11, 2021

Asked about a printer for his office. He needs color to take pictures on job. Supervisor VanDenburgh said she would look into an economical printer.

Two hours home school

Two Inspections

Few calls

Assessor's report for December reads as follows:

December 11 – Return phone calls. In field picking up new construction, entering new inventory on the database and changing assessments where necessary. Made two address changes.

December 12 – No calls received. Sorted file drawer worth of documents for disposal or retention. Entered change of address and continued work on building permits. Phone meeting with County Real Property Director about grievance times, sales, exemption renewals.

December 21 – No calls expected. Will report if messages received.

Dog Control Officer Jaquay read her report as follows:

December 10 – January 13, 2021

I have been having problems with both my phones. One was a landline and the other my cell. The best Verizon could do was put in Vios phone and internet on 1/14/21. So unfortunately, I received very little calls.

I did leave a message with our Town Supervisor advising her of my situation.

This was done on messenger and voicemail.

So as you can imagine it has been a very slow month.

BTI Director Michael Sokira no report

Judge Rissmeyer submitted a copy of his monthly report showing no activity.

Town Historian No report.

Town Clerk Massicotte reported she received a letter from the Fulton County Solid Waste stating that electronics would be accepted at the Transfer Station, electronics during 2021.

Town Clerk said taxes are coming in and permits going out, busy month. Handed in quarterly report to Board.

Supervisor reported that the Fiber installation is completed. Cancelled VIASAT internet on January 9, 2021. She installed Eero Mesh System WIFI and requesting reimbursement out of A1620.4 Building Contractual. Supervisor asked about a Guest WIFI policy for local families without internet for homeschooling.

Motion offered by Supervisor VanDenburgh to purchase eero mesh system for town at \$174.00,	seconded	by	Councilman	Perkins
Adopted:	AYES 5	VanDenburgh, Perkins, Ploss, Rumrill and Rutkowski	5	0
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FINANCIAL REPORT

RESOLUTION 34-2021

RESOLUTION FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AID/STATE AID FROM DAMAGES PERTAINING TO THE OCTOBER 31, 2019 STORM

WHEREAS, the Stratford Town Board hereby accepts the following check amounts from NYS/FEMA pertaining to the damages that have been repaired thus far from the October 31, 2019 storm:

December 9, 2020 Check #08002802 \$12,162.41.

Offered by: Councilwoman Rutkowski, seconded by Councilman Perkins

ADOPTED Ayes - 5 VanDenburgh, Ploss, Rutkowski, Rumrill and Perkins
Nays - 0

Quickbooks monthly budget update report given to Board.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

Motion made by Supervisor VanDenburgh, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss to approve the End of the Year bills.

ADOPTED Ayes - 5 VanDenburgh, Ploss, Rutkowski, Rumrill and Perkins
Nays - 0

2020 General Fund	Voucher Nos. 153 - 163	\$ 2,480.50
2020 Prepaid Fund	Voucher Nos. 92 - 96	\$ 1,523.71
2020 Highway Fund	Voucher Nos. 109 - 117	\$ 5,643.79

Motion made by Supervisor VanDenburgh, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss to approve the January bills.

ADOPTED Ayes - 5 VanDenburgh, Ploss, Rutkowski, Rumrill and Perkins
Nays - 0

2021 General Fund	Voucher Nos. 1 - 6	\$ 8,469.36
2021 Prepaid Fund	Voucher Nos. 1 - 3	\$ 2,595.20

PUBLIC SPEAKING

None

OLD BUSINESS

Councilwoman Ploss asked about the LED lights. They will not be replaced until they pop.

NEW BUSINESS

Audit of the Justice and Town Clerk, Saturday at noon.

With no further business, on a motion by Councilman Perkins,, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Massicotte, Town Clerk