

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the regular Stratford Town Board meeting held on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at the municipal building located at 120 Piseco Rd.

Present:

Richard Fogarty	Supervisor
Tiffany Rutkowski	Councilwoman
Scott Seeley	Councilman
Todd Vedder	Councilman
Patricia Dineen	Town Clerk
Lawrence Staring	Highway Superintendent
Robert Knapp	Codes Enforcement Officer
Mike Sokira	BTI Director

Absent: David Galarneau
Moirra Marshall

Residents in attendance: Ten

Supervisor Richard Fogarty called the regular meeting to order at 6:31 PM with the Pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

Supervisor Richard Fogarty asked if anyone in attendance would like to speak.

Alicia Rice addressed the board and community to ask that the Town Board please move forward on doing a re-evaluation of the assessment rolls.

Bryan Long from Advance Cleaning Service spoke explaining the mold issue in the older areas of the town hall. He explained the dangers of the mold and how his company eradicates the mold to achieve safe levels. Advance Cleaning Service is one of the companies asked to submit pricing for the cleaning/eradication of the mold in the town building.

Public speaking closed at 6:55PM.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

HIGHWAY DEPT: The Superintendent Larry Staring explained that our late season snow event resulted in several downed trees and power lines. He received several complaints about how the event was handled and explained that the storm caused many obstacles to clearing the roads since the workers had to take the loader out on the roads to push away the many down trees in order to plow and

sometimes they actually had to stop and cut the trees to remove them because they were too large to push out. When there were power lines down they had to wait until it was safe to continue plowing. The highway department began their day at 2:30 AM and ended it at 6PM when they had made all roads passable that did not still have power lines down on trees.

The road sweeping is almost complete.

There is an issue with beavers on Middle Sprite Road. Larry Staring is going to build a beaver deceiver to eliminate the problem.

At this point the trucks have been cleaned and set up for summer use and the mower has been serviced and is ready to go.

The new body for the Freightliner has been delivered and the Freightliner is still at the repair shop. The F550 had the bearings, lockout hub and front brakes repaired. The Sweeper broke down again. Superintendent Staring suggested that a sweeper be rented next spring for the spring clean up.

We are back to 4 employees and he has interviewed for another hire.

Councilwoman Tiffany Rutkowski once again brought up Windfall Creek culvert, Hawes Rd Bridge and the Voorhees Rd FEMA projects. After a lengthy heated discussion about the plans and progress of these projects, Superintendent Staring removed himself from the meeting. Supervisor Richard Fogarty asked that we move on to the next report.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER: Karen Jaquay reported that 3 dogs were lost last month and only 1 is still missing. It is being sited all over town but has yet to be captured. She received a call at 9PM from a distraught dog owner who was out of town. The dog's caretaker had let them out and they ran away. Karen searched until midnight and was not able to locate the missing dogs but they returned home at 5:30am. The rest of the month was quiet.

BTI DIRECTOR: Michael Sokira reported that his team has treated all streams at least once and they will continue to monitor and treat anywhere larvae are present. There are almost enough empty jugs to fill up the other 25 gallons of BTI from Caroga. We have not yet used any pesticide from the tote.

Mr. Sokira has posted an updated Stratford Quad USGS map. The update was for adding four no trespass properties and three creeks to the treatment area.

CODES ENFORCER: Robert Knapp reported that he has completed course 9E of the residential building code for basic training the week of April 4-7. The final of the 6 thirty hour classes, course 9F is May 23-26th.

Mr. Knapp has met with residents, exchanged emails and phone calls about various projects and plans throughout the town and is reviewing existing files.

JUSTICE: Judge Rissmeyer submitted a copy of his monthly report to the State Comptroller's office which showed \$100 in revenue.

TOWN HISTORIAN: Moira Marshall was not present

ASSESSOR: David Galarneau was not present

TOWN CLERK: Patricia Dineen gave the clerk's report for the month of April 2022.

State, County and Local revenue was \$558.40 of which \$8 went to NYS Ag & Markets for the spay and neuter program and \$45 went to the State Health Dept leaving \$505.40 for local revenue.

SUPERVISOR: Supervisor Richard Fogarty gave a monthly board report, monthly financial report and bank statements to be viewed.

Chips Money has been received in the amount of \$156,617.50.

Fulton County Road Contract money has been received in the amount of \$ 44,550.00.

Mr. Fogarty reported that he has started transferring money to NBT Bank.

Our bookkeeper has resigned and Brandon Loren has been assigned to oversee the accounting, payroll and budget at a cost of \$35 per hour.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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Motion was made by Councilwoman Lorraine Rumrill, and seconded by Councilman Scott Seeley to approve the payment of bills as follows:

May 2022 - General Fund	Vouchers #57-63	TOTALING \$	856.83
May 2022 – Highway Fund	Vouchers #68-88	TOTALING \$	61,156.75
May 2022 – Prepay Fund	Vouchers #42-57	TOTALING \$	12,647.65

AYES-4 Fogarty, Rumrill, Rutkowski, Seeley, Vedder

NAYES-0

ADOPTED

OLD BUSINESS:

Canada Lake Computer Services are still working on setting up E-mail coordination.

Read Accounting is still working on the 2021 Audit, should be complete soon.

The monitoring repairs were completed on Tuesday at the Town Barn.

A motion was made by Councilman Scott Seeley and second by Councilwoman Lorraine Rumrill to install a dialing system for the Town Hall Fire system (Central Station).

AYES Rumrill, Seeley, Vedder, Rutkowski, Fogarty

NAYES none

A motion was made by Supervisor Richard Fogarty and second by Councilman Todd Vedder to not move forward on an assessment re-evaluation at this time.

AYES Rumrill, Seeley, Vedder

NAYES none

ABSTAIN Richard Fogarty, Tiffany Rutkowski

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Councilman Scott Seeley and second by Councilman Todd Vedder to adjourn.

All in favor AYES Rumrill, Seeley , Vedder, Rutkowski, Fogarty
 NAYES none

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm

Repectfully Submitted,

Patricia Dineen, Town Clerk