

State of New York  
County of Fulton  
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the regular Stratford Town Board meeting held on Thursday, Aug 11, 2022 at the municipal building located at 120 Piseco Rd.

Present:

Richard Fogarty	Supervisor
Tiffany Rutkowski	Councilwoman
Lorraine Rumrill	Councilwoman
Todd Vedder	Councilman
Scott Seeley	Councilman
Patricia Dineen	Town Clerk
Robert Knapp	Highway Superintendent/Codes Enforcement Officer
Mike Sokira	BTI Director
Karen Jaquay	Dog Control Officer

Absent: David Galarneau

Residents in attendance: 9

Supervisor Richard Fogarty called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 PM with the Pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

GUEST SPEAKER – Supervisor Fogarty introduced our guest speaker Mr. Michael Poulin. Mr. Poulin is a candidate for the Fulton County District Attorney in the upcoming election. Mr. Poulin gave us some background of his family and work experience and asked if anyone had any questions for him.

PUBLIC SPEAKING – 6:37 pm

Alicia Rice was the first to speak. She explained that the Stratford Fire Deptment has two trained EMR's. The fire department are our first responders in an emergency situation. She explained that due to our remote situation there is a gap between the time a 911 call is placed and an ambulance arrives. Having trained EMR's in our volunteer (24/7) fire department helps to get needed medical attention during that gap. Training qualified EMR's has added additional expense to the operation of the fire department. She also wants to encourage everyone to fill out a Medical History Card and keep it hanging on your refrigerator to be available should you need emergency medical treatment.

LeighAnne Loucks was next to speak. LeighAnne said she spoke with Mark Yost about the date of the public hearing to discuss the abandonment of portions of Edick and Hawes Rds. Mr. Yost was not able to give her a date for the hearing. She asked if it will be within 20 days and if the public will have sufficient time to respond to it. Attorney Rose stated that the paperwork has been submitted and is in the county attorney's hands to have the hearing set up.

Public speaking ended at 6:50pm

## CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Fogarty received the Municipal Shelter Inspection Report which was completed on 7/12/2022 relating to Agriculture and Markets Laws and Regulation. The James A Brennan Memorial Humane Society was found to be rated Satisfactory.

Supervisor Fogarty received payment of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter sales tax from the county treasurer, Heather Scribner, in the amount of \$88,933.83 which represents the towns portion of sales tax collected. He reported that this is an increase from the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2022 but less than the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2021.

Mr. Fogarty also received the Fire Department Contract Proposal for 2023. A copy was given to all board members to look over and discuss at the September meeting. The Fire Department is requesting an increase which is the first in many years.

Highway Superintendent Robert Knapp received an estimate on the repairing of the 2002 Freightliner plow/dump truck and the 2013 Freightliner plow/dump truck. Before any decision can be made we must make a good faith attempt to secure additional bids. This will be discussed at a later date.

The Stratford Seniors have moved The Classic Car Show, Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup> to the Fireman's Field in Salisbury Center due to space restrictions at our town hall. Registration is at 10AM and the show will be noon to 4PM. There will be trophies, raffles, music and food available.

A motion was made by Richard Fogarty and second by Councilman Todd Vedder to accept the Town of Stratford Board minutes of July 14, 2022.

AYES - 5 Rumrill, Fogarty, Rutkowski, Seeley, Vedder  
NAYES - 0

## DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:** Highway Superintendent Robert Knapp reported that the crews have been cleaning up shoulders and bridges and trimming brush and limbs. The mower has an issue with hydraulic lines, they installed a new conveyor belt on the shoulder machine dirt loader and services it. We had two employees and trucks helping Salisbury with paving which they in return will be helping us when our paving starts. We have been hauling in gravel and stone in preparation for upcoming road work scheduled to start 8/23/2022. Mr. Knapp asked permission to send some old items out to auction, bulldozer (needs major repair), plow truck (needs clutch, motor, box and more), old welder and compressor together on a trailer that needs more work than it is worth to fix. Superintendent Knapp stated that he received quotes for mounting the new dump box purchased last year and would like to move forward on that ASAP.

**DOG CONTROL OFFICER:** DCO Karen Jaquay stated that she has researched high impact crates for her budget. One of these came with a lifetime warranty. She will include all of the information pertaining to this equipment with her report. There is a definite need for a high impact crate when dealing with dangerous dogs. She received a call about a dog hoarding situation but has not been able to contact the person reporting it to find out the circumstance or location they are referring to.

**BTI DIRECTOR:** Mike Sokira reported that the treatment season ended on July 31, 2022. As soon as he gets the reports from the applicators he will report on the pesticide use for 2022. There will be a 30

hour training for new applicators in December. If any rules or regulations have changed he will need to purchase new instruction materials for the class.

CODES ENFORCER: CEO Robert Knapp reported that he issued six permits for various projects and continues inspection of on-going projects. He has finalized some existing projects and renewed two permits. He has been talking with some residence about unregistered vehicles and clean up of junk.

JUSTICE: Judge Rissmeyer submitted a copy of his monthly report to the State Comptroller's office which showed \$0 in revenue for the month of July, 2022.

TOWN HISTORIAN: Moira Marshall reported that she has launched the Facebook page and it seems to be bringing in a lot of interest in the Historical Society. They have many new followers. Moira wants to remind everyone that The Historical Society is hosting a Cake and Ice Cream Social on August 18, 2022 which will feature musical entertainment by The Empty Pockets.

ASSESSOR: The assessor submitted a report that he is preparing his 2023 budget. Getting a new laptop is NOT a priority for 2023. The issues experienced last year were a result of RPSV4 issues and poor internet connectivity. He has received final reconciled values for utilities and final STAR levels.

TOWN CLERK: Patricia Dineen gave the clerks report for the month of July 2022. State, County and Local revenue of \$490.00 of which \$8.00 was submitted to the NYS Ag & Markets spay/neuter program.

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Fulton County Office of the Aging will be delivering meals to the Town Hall. This is a pilot program with Fulton County for 2 years. It will be free to seniors in Stratford. We are still working on the details of the program.

The Regional Food Bank of Northeast NY is a Grant for a 2-year pilot program at No cost to the town. Once a month food will be available for pick-up at the Stratford Town Hall, starting September 7, 2022. The pickups will be the first Wednesday of each month thereafter. Applications are available from the town clerk's office or by contacting Ann Pierz or Janet VanValkenburg.

The state and county have increased the mileage reimbursement to 62.5 cents per mile. Effect July 1 the Town of Stratford will also adopt the new mileage reimbursement.

OLD BUSINESS: Canada Lake Computer Services, Inc, continues to work on getting the emails set up. The Clerk is set up and he is working on the assessor.

The AUD 2021 by Reed Accounting has been filed with the NYS Comptrollers office.

The Dialing system for the Town Hall Fire system is still on order but still waiting for parts.

The Town Hall Generator has been installed

The mold removal is in progress, The first inspection was done Aug. 11 and a final will be done on Monday August 15th.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

Motion was made by Supervisor Richard Fogarty, and seconded by Councilwoman Lorraine Rumrill to approve the payment of bills as follows:

June 2022 - General Fund	Vouchers #91-103	TOTALING \$ 10,7
June 2022 – Highway Fund	Vouchers #115-132	TOTALING \$ 68,867.49
June 2022 – Prepay Fund	Vouchers #71-82	TOTALING \$ 26,748.60

AYES-4 Fogarty, Rumrill, Seeley, Vedder, Rutkowski  
 NAYES-0

RESOLUTION 24-2022 TO CORRECT REVENUE CODES AND DEPOSITS ON RESOLUTIONS 25-2021, 27-2021 AND 29-2021

DATED August 12, 2021, #25-2021

DATED September 9, 2021, #27-2021

DATED November 11, 2021, #29-2021

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Stratford Board agrees to the following amendments to the budget: Revenue code: A4089 Federal Aid (ARPA) the correct amount of \$29,418.27 was ARPA money, this will stay in A4089 General Account.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Stratford Board agrees to the following amendments to the budget: DECREASING: A4089 Federal Aid (ARPA), General Account in the amount of \$19,425.44 and INCREASE: DA4960 Federal Emergency Management Disaster Assistance (FEMA), Highway Account in the amount of \$19,425.44.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of Stratford Board understands the incorrect deposit, transferred were posted to the wrong accounts and can be corrected by transferring \$19,425.44 to the Highway account as it was meant to be deposited there originally.

Motion made by Supervisor Fogarty and seconded by Councilman Todd Vedder.

AYES 4 – Fogarty, Vedder, Seeley, Rumrill  
 NAYES 0

ABSTAIN 1 – Rutkowski

ADOPTED – August 11, 2022

FULL RESOLUTION May be viewed at the Clerk’s office.

RESOLUTION 25-2022 ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONTRACT WITH FULTON COUNTY FOR SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL BY THE TOWN ON 8.91 MILES OF COUNTY ROADS FOR THE WINTER OF 2022-2023.

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 135A of the Highway Law, the Stratford Town Board does hereby accept the contract for snow removal and ice control as submitted and authorizes the Supervisor and

Town Board to execute the contract, at \$ 5,500.00 per mile with 8.91 miles totaling \$49,005.00, for winter 2022-2023.

Motion made by Supervisor Fogarty and seconded by Councilman Scott Seeley.

AYES 5 – Fogarty, Rumrill, Vedder, Rutkowski, Seeley  
NAYES 0

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A Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Fogarty and second by Councilwoman Rumrill.

AYES 5 – Fogarty, Rumrill, Vedder, Seeley, Rutkowski  
NAYES 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:57PM

Respectfully submitted

Patricia Dineen, Town Clerk