

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the regular Stratford Town Board meeting held on Thursday, November 10, 2022 at the municipal building located at 120 Piseco Rd.

Present:

Richard Fogarty	Supervisor
Tiffany Rutkowski	Councilwoman
Todd Vedder	Councilman
Scott Seeley	Councilman
Patricia Dineen	Town Clerk
Robert Knapp	Highway Superintendent/Codes Enforcement Officer

Absent: Lorraine Rumrill, Councilwoman

David Galarneau

Mike Sokira

Karen Jaquay

Residents in attendance: 9

Supervisor Richard Fogarty called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC SPEAKING – 7:10 pm

Alicia Rice thanked the Town Board for passing the Fire Contract. She also wanted to inform that according to law, if a helicopter is called for an emergency, the insurance company must cover the flight. This is private, public, Medicare or Medicaid. The individual should never be responsible for any more than \$200.

Public speaking ended at 7:14pm

CORRESPONDENCE-none

A motion was made by Richard Fogarty and second by Councilman Scott Seeley to accept the Town of Stratford Board minutes of September 8, 2022 as amended.

AYES - 5 Rutkowski, Fogarty, Seeley, Vedder

NAYES – 0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

DOG CONTROL OFFICER: Karen Jaquay was not present but submitted a written report to Supervisor Fogarty. Full details may be viewed in the clerks office or on the town website.

TOWN JUSTICE: Judge Nicholas Rissmeyer reported that \$100.00 was turned over to the Town of Stratford for payment of fines for the month of October.

TOWN CLERK: Patricia Dineen gave the clerks report for the month of October 2022. State, County and Local revenue of \$838.40 of which \$6.00 was submitted to the NYS Ag & Markets spay/neuter program.

CODE ENFORCER: CEO Robert Knapp reported that he attended an eight hour Energy Code Enforcement training class to qualify us for the clean energy program. His full report may be viewed in the clerks office or on the website.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: Superintendent Knapp attended an 8 hour snow and ice class at the Fulton County Highway Garage.

The most recent hire on the road crew quit on November 3rd. Superintendent Kanpp is looking for an experienced plow driver to fill the vacancy. Superintendent Knapp's complete report may be viewed at the town clerks office or on the Town website.

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor Richard Fogarty reported that the next Regional Food Bank will be December 7th, the first Wednesday of each month thereafter.

Supervisor Fogarty received a 3rd Quarter Sales Tax check of \$102,287.24. This is an increase of 15% over last quarter.

Mr. Fogarty again is asking for volunteers to help make plans for the replacement of the gazebo and other improvements that need to be done. Anybody interested please contact Supervisor Fogarty.

The dialing system for the Town Hall Fire System is still waiting for parts.

Supervisor Fogarty announced that he will be changing the brokers for the Town liability insurance and the CDPHP in an effort to save money and achieve better service. He will be moving it to NBT commercial insurances. The actual insurance carrier will remain the same. Only the broker will be changing.

Supervisor Fogarty reminded that there will be a public hearing on November 21, 2022 at 6:30 PM to discuss Resolution #22-2-22 Qualified Abandonment of a Portion of Edick Rd and #23-2022 Qualified Abandonment of a Portion of Hawes Rd.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

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

October 2022 - General Fund	Vouchers #132-143	TOTALING \$	4,814.81
October 2022 – Highway Fund	Vouchers #177-198	TOTALING \$	44,423.06
October 2022 – Prepay Fund	Vouchers #98-107	TOTALING \$	3,825.98

AYES-4 Fogarty, Seeley, Vedder

NAYES-0

ABSTAIN-1 Rutkowski

NEW BUSINESS; Supervisor Fogarty proposed the creation of Local Law #1 to increase the number of members on the Board of Assessment Review from 3 to 5. By doing this he feels that it will improve the board's ability to perform their duties.

There will be a public hearing on December 10th, 2022 to discuss Local Law #1. Anyone wishing to view the proposed law may view it at the clerks office or on the town website.

Any persons interested in the additional 2 appointments to the Board of Assessment Review are requested to contact Supervisor Fogarty or Patricia Dineen, town clerk.

RESOLUTIONS #27-2022, #28-2022 AND #29-2022 ATTACHED

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Scott Seeley and second by Councilman Todd Vedder.

AYES 5 Fogarty, Vedder, Rutkowski, Seeley
NAYES 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Respectfully submitted

Patricia Dineen, Town Clerk