

State of New York  
County of Fulton  
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the regular Stratford Town Board meeting held on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at the municipal building located at 120 Piseco Rd.

Present:

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

Moira Marshal	Town Historian
Karen Jaquay	Dog Control Officer

Absent:

Tiffany Rutkowski	Councilwoman
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Residents in attendance: 8

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

PUBLIC SPEAKING – 6:32pm

Alicia Rice questioned how the appointees to increase the Board of Assessment Review could already be chosen if the B.A.R. was just increased at the November meeting. She also expressed that she was interested in the next opening on the Board of Assessment Review. She asked that any future openings be appropriately and equitably be advertized so as to give community members a chance to express interest in them. She feels everyone deserves a consideration.

Public speaking ended at 6:33pm.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Lorraine Rumrill and second by Councilman Scott Seeley to accept the minutes of the December 8, 2022 Town board meeting as amended.

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ABSENT Tiffany Rutkowski

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

DOG CONTROL OFFICER: Karen Jaquay reported she made calls to all over due licenced dog owners, updated records of all no longer in area or deceased. Karen picked up a stray and transported it to

Brennan. She is preparing paperwork for the February 2023 inspection and is researching crates for purchase. The rest of the month was quiet.

TOWN JUSTICE: Judge Nicholas Rissmeyer turned over a check for \$195.00 for the payment of fines for the month of November.

CODES ENFORCMENT: Mr. Knapp reported that 1 permit was issued. He has been working with the Adirondack Park Agency on reviewing data back to 2005. The rest of the month was spent responding to calls and emails.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: Superintendent Knapp reported that they have been cleaning up limbs and trees from the wind storms. They also had a water issue on Seeley Rd where they needed to dig out the ditch and add stone. It seems to have taken care of the issue. The power broom motor needs an overhaul, it has been pulled to be sent for a rebuild. He met with R&B construction to evaluate the steel repairs at Hawes Rd bridge from the 2019 storm. They are ready to do the repairs this spring as to not interfere with the snowmobile season. He is getting quotes for a new mower and a small dump truck with plow and spreader. Superintendent Knapp has had 2 issues with loggers leaving a large amount of mud and debris in the roadway, one on County Highway 104 and the other on Avery Rd. They were spoken to on a couple of occasions and calls were put out to the county and sheriff's dept. for assistance.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES: There will be a meeting of the Beautification Committee (Pavillion) on January 21, 2023 at 9AM in the town hall. Anyone wishing help, please attend the meeting.

CLERK'S REPORT: Patricia Dineen reported that \$158.00 was received in state, county and local revenue of which \$141.00 was the local amount retained by the town.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Mr. Fogarty reported that the next Regional Food Bank will be February 1, 2023, the first Wednesday of every month.

Supervisor Richard Fogarty received a letter of resignation from Councilwoman Tiffany Rutkowski, effective January 5, 2023. The board accepted her resignation and thanked her for her service on the Town Board.

Supervisor Richard Fogarty announced that the town received a direct deposit from NYS OSC (Chips funding) in the amount of \$285,057.46.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

Motion was made by Supervisor Richard Fogarty and second by Councilman Todd Vedder to approve the payment of bills as follows:

DECEMBER 2022 - GENERAL FUND	VOUCHERS #01-08	\$ 2,637.92
DECEMBER 2022 - HIGHWAY FUND	VOUCHERS #01-15	\$17,144.08
DECEMBER 2022 - PREPAID FUND	VOUCHERS #01-09	\$ 4,504.58

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CARRIED

Old business: Mr. Fogarty received the lease Agreement in the amount of \$250 from Mike Baird for the temporary use of property.

New York Paid Family Leave mandated for January 1, 2023. Mr. Fogarty will have the exact figures at the February meeting.

A Motion was made by Supervisor Fogarty and second by Councilman Todd Vedder to accept the 1 yr. contract with James A Brennan Memorial Humane Society in the amount of \$1,250.00 per year.

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Quotes were received for the surveying of town property from Ferguson & Foss Professional Land Surveyors, PC and Blanchard Land Surveying. The quotes may be viewed in the clerks office during normal business hours.

A motion was made by Supervisor Fogarty and second by councilman Scott Seeley to accept the quote from Ferguson & Foss Professional Land Surveyors in the amount of \$4,000 to include all 3 parcels of town owned property.

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A motion was made by Supervisor Fogarty and second by Councilwoman Lorraine Rumrill to approve the agreement with the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board in the amount of \$300.00 per year for their services representing local governments

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The Town Board entered Executive Session at 7:27pm to discuss personnel matters.

The Stratford Town Board meeting resumes at 7:36pm

RESOLUTIONS #4-2023 Appointed position of Codes Officer for the year 2023

Whereas, the Stratford Town Board held its regular meeting on January 12, 2023

Whereas, the Stratford Town Board has examined and reviewed the appointment of Robert Knapp III, for Stratford Codes Enforcement Officer for the year 2023

Resolved, that Robert Knapp III, has been appointed in the Town of Stratford for the year 2023

Motion made by Supervisor Fogarty and second by Councilwoman Lorraine Rumrill

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RESOLUTION #5-2023 Computer Use Policy for the year 2023

Whereas, the Stratford Town Board held its regular meeting on January 12, 2023.

Whereas, the Stratford Town Board has examined and reviewed the Computer Use Policy for the year 2023

Resolved, that the Town of Stratford affirms the new policy effective January 12, 2023

Motion made by Supervisor Fogarty and second by Councilman Scott Seeley to accept the Computer Use Policy as presented.

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NEW BUSINESS: Codes Enforcement Officer Robert Knapp III has agreed to stay on as Codes Enforcement Officer until a replacement can be appointed.

There will be a special meeting Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at 6:30 PM for the purpose of filling the vacancy of Councilwomen Tiffany Rutkowski and the position of Code Enforcement Officer.

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

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Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Patricia Dineen, Town Clerk