

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the regular Stratford Town Board meeting held on Thursday, February 9, 2023 at the municipal building located at 120 Piseco Rd.

Present:

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| Richard Fogarty | Supervisor |
| Lorraine Rumrill | Councilwoman |
| Todd Vedder | Councilman |
| Scott Seeley | Councilman |
| Patricia Dineen | Town Clerk |
| Robert Knapp | Highway Superintendent/Codes Enforcement Officer |
| John Ploss | Councilman |
| Moira Marshal | Town Historian |
| Karen Jaquay | Dog Control Officer |

Absent:

Residents in attendance: 5

Supervisor Richard Fogarty called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM with the Pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC SPEAKING – 6:33 pm

Alicia Rice extended congratulation to John Ploss (Board Member) and David Rackmyre (Code Enforcement Officer) for their new positions.

Gary Rumrill spoke once again that the loggers working on Avery Rd are creating pot holes and the skidders are tearing up the new pavement by driving them down the road. He suggested that a local law be created to help control the situation.

Public speaking ended at 6:38pm.

Communication:

Mr. Fogarty received a letter of resignation from John Ploss, resigning from the Board of Assessment Review. He is no longer able to be on the B.A.R. due to his appointment to the Stratford Town Board.

Mr. Fogarty also received a letter from Fulton County announcing the appointment of Karen Jaquay as the Stratford Transfer Station attendant. Congratulations Karen.

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 stated that she has contacted all delinquent dog owners and that they have been updating rabies certificates and renewing licenses. She also has located a large dog crate which comes with free delivery and a 10 year warranty for \$1361.28. This crate is meant for large or dangerous dogs to prevent injury of the control officer and safely control the dog.

HISTORIAN: Moira Marshall informed us she will be doing a presentation at the Stratford Senior's monthly meeting. She also stated that the Stratford Historian Facebook page is gaining every day. It is becoming very popular.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Lorraine Rumrill stated that they will be meeting the 3rd week of February.

HIGHWAY: Robert Knapp stated that he has been obtaining quotes for a new truck purchase that they have been discussing at previous meetings and for a new mower for the cemeteries, park, firehouse and town hall. He attended the monthly Fulton County Superintendents meeting. Superintendent Kanp has also been working with engineer Andy Bell on getting the survey and right of way documentation completed for the Voorhees rd project.

TOWN JUSTICE: Judge Nicholas Rissmeyer had no funds to turn over for the month of January.

CODES ENFORCMENT: Mr. Knapp reported that 0 permits were issued. The rest of the month was spent responding to calls and emails. Mr. Knapp met with the new Codes Enforcement Office to discuss the transition and any further inquiries are to be directed to his replacement.

ASSESSOR: Mr. Galarneau has been working on the database and reviewing land values. He stated that the market is up 13% in the past year which means our equalization rate will drop to the low 70's for 2023.

He requests town board to consider increasing the Senior Citizen (Aged RP467) EXEMPTION INCOME LIMITS FROM TOWN TAXES. The current scale provides 50% off town taxes if gross income is under 14,300. A reduced benefit is available for seniors with incomes above 14,300 but under 20,000. Only 13 seniors are eligible for a partial exemption.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE (Pavillion) Anyone wishing help, please attend the meeting.

CLERK'S REPORT: Patricia Dineen reported that \$1670.00 was received in state, county and local revenue of which \$1,658.00 was the local amount retained by the town and \$12.00 was sent to NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program.

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

Supervisor Richard Fogarty received a letter of resignation from Chairman of the B.A.R., effective February 3, 2023. The board accepted his resignation and thanked him for his service on the Town Board of Assessment Review.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

Motion was made by Councilwoman Lorraine Rumrill and second by Councilman Todd Vedder to approve the payment of bills as follows:

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| JANUARY 2023 - GENERAL FUND | VOUCHERS #09-22 | \$107,409.00 |
| JANUARY 2023 - HIGHWAY FUND | VOUCHERS #16-33 | \$ 30,354.97 |
| JANUARY 2023 - PREPAID FUND | VOUCHERS #10-31 | \$ 14,824.99 |

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NAY 0

ABSENT

CARRIED

Old business: The Security & Fire Alarm for the Town Hall will be installed Friday, Feb. 10th at 9AM.

NEW BUSINESS: Supervisor Fogarty would like to get a committee together to discuss any changes needing to be made to our Transfer Station Rules.

RESOLUTIONS #07-2023 THROUGH #12-2023 ATTACHED

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Lorraine Rumrill and second by Councilman Todd Vedder.

AYE 5
NAY 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Patricia Dineen, Town Clerk

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TRANSFER ACCOUNTS TO BALANCE 2022 General Budget RESOLUTION 07-2023

WHEREAS, The Town of Stratford Board has accepted the transfer in the 2022 Budget to balance accounts.

BE IT RESOLVED, the General Funds of 2022 will be balanced with these transfers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution will be available for public review at the Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours.

General Account

| From | To | Amount | From | To | Amount |
|----------|----------|------------|--------------|---------|-------------|
| A1010.1 | A1010.4 | \$ 809.19 | A3510.2 | A9040.8 | \$ 142.45 |
| A1010.1 | A1110.4 | \$ 672.96 | A1010.1 | A1620.4 | \$ 35.95 |
| A1330.41 | A1220.4 | \$ 550.00 | A1355.4 | A1620.4 | \$ 171.55 |
| A1010.1 | A1220.4 | \$ 44.22 | A1355.1 | A1620.4 | \$ 1,373.37 |
| A1335.4 | A1340.4 | \$ 193.31 | A1620.1 | A1620.4 | \$ 21.93 |
| A1010.1 | A1410.11 | \$ 45.00 | A3510.2 | A1620.4 | \$ 132.39 |
| A1010.1 | A1410.41 | \$ 23.40 | A5010.1 | A1620.4 | \$ 584.90 |
| A5010.1 | A1450.4 | \$3,451.24 | A8090.1 | A1620.4 | \$ 707.26 |
| A1670.4 | A8160.4 | \$ 142.15 | A8090.4 | A1620.4 | \$ 1,671.94 |
| A8090.1 | A9030.8 | \$2,154.73 | A9010.8 | A1620.4 | \$ 1,363.70 |
| A1420.4 | A9040.8 | \$3,000.00 | A1410.1 | A1620.4 | \$ 97.12 |
| A1910.4 | A9040.8 | \$1,770.97 | A7310.4 | A1620.4 | \$ 300.00 |
| A1335.4 | A3510.4 | \$ 208.16 | A3510.1 | A1620.4 | \$ 404.64 |
| A5132.4 | A5132.4 | \$4,704.48 | A1670.4 | A1620.4 | \$ 32.41 |
| A1670.4 | A7510.4 | \$ 429.99 | Fund Balance | | \$16,821.36 |

Offered by: Todd Vedder

Second by: Scott Seeley

Ayes 5

Nay 0

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TRANSFER ACCOUNT TO BALANCE THE 2022 HIGHWAY BUDGET Resolution 08-2023

WHEREAS, The Town of Stratford Board has accepted the transfer in the 2022 Budget to Balance Account.

BE IT RESOLVED, The Highway Fund of 2022 will be balanced with these transfers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution will be available for public review at the Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours.

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT

| From | To | Amount | From | To | Amount |
|----------|----------|--------------|----------|-----------|--------------|
| DA5130.2 | DA5110.1 | \$ 15,930.33 | DA9040.8 | DA5130.4 | \$ 1,051.85 |
| DA5142.1 | DA5110.4 | \$ 38,058.47 | DA5112.2 | DA5130.4 | \$ 8,029.47 |
| DA1910.4 | DA5130.4 | \$ 144.59 | DA1910.4 | DA5142.41 | \$ 6.25 |
| DA5120.4 | DA5130.4 | \$ 7,346.00 | DA5112.2 | DA5142.41 | \$ 22,604.45 |
| DA5130.2 | DA5130.4 | \$ 1,151.07 | DA9040.8 | DA9030.8 | \$ 4,448.15 |
| DA5142.1 | DA5130.4 | \$ 1,246.60 | DA9010.8 | DA9060.8 | \$ 7,517.34 |
| DA9010.8 | DA5130.4 | \$ 70.07 | DA1910.4 | DA9730.7 | \$ 7.61 |

OFFERED BY: Todd Vedder

SECOND BY: Scott Seeley

AYES 5

NAY 0

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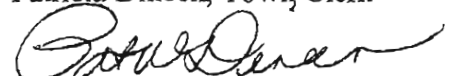
Certification

I hereby certify that the aforementioned is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Town of Stratford Town Board on

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LIABILITY & EQUIPMENT YEARLY INSURANCE POLICY RESOLUTION 09-2023

WHEREAS, The Stratford Town Board has accepted the Insurance Policy that covers the Municipal Property, general liability, network security loss & liability, trucks, Public Officials, Excess Liability, at the cost of \$20,850.86 for the year 2023.

WHEREAS, The Town Board has approved the added insurance of Excess Catastrophe Liability-Limits @ \$2,000,000. At the additional cost of \$750.00 per year.

RESOLVED, this will increase policy with NBT Insurance Agency, 56 North Main Street, Gloversville, New York 12078, for the year remaining of 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be available for public review at the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours.

OFFERED BY; Scott Seeley
SECOND BY : Todd Vedder

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AGREEMENT FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF HIGHWAYS FORM #284 RESOLUTION #10-2023

WHEREAS, the agreement between Robert Knapp III Town Superintendent of Highways, Town of Stratford, Fulton County, New York, and undersigned members of the Town Board. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board is in agreement with the expenditure of highway sums of money on Form #284 for the year 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be available for public review at the Town Clerks' Office during normal business hours.

OFFERED BY: Todd Vedder
SECOND BY: John Ploss

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2022 YEARLY AU7DIT FOR JUSTICE & TOWN CLERK RESOLUTION #11-2023

Resolved The Stratford Town Board consisting of Supervisor Richard Fogarty and Councilperson Lorraine Rumrill examined the Stratford Town Judges and Town Clerks Records from January 1, 2022-December 31, 2022.

RESOLVED the documents were found to be in order.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be available for public review at the Town Clerks' Office during normal business hours.

OFFERED BY Todd Vedder
SECOND BY Scott Seeley

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JAMES A. BRENNAN MEMORIAL HUMANE SOCIETY CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR 2023

RESOLUTION #12-2023

WHEREAS, the Contract Agreement between the James A. Brennan Memorial Humane Society for the year 2023 was agreed by the Town of Stratford Board.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board is in agreement with the expenditures of \$1,250.00 for the year of 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution and Contract Agreement will be available for public review at the Town Clerks' Office during normal business hours.

OFFERED BY Lorraine Rumrill
SECOND BY John Ploss

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