

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the regular Stratford Town Board meeting held on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at the municipal building located at 120 Piseco Rd.

Present:

Richard Fogarty	Supervisor
Lorraine Rumrill	Councilwoman
John Ploss	Councilman
Todd Vedder	Councilman
Scott Seeley	Councilman
Patricia Dineen	Town Clerk
Moira Marshal	Town Historian
Karen Jaquay	Dog Control Officer
David Rackmyre	Code Enforcement Officer
Wade Allen	Highway Superintendent

Absent:

Residents in attendance: 12

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

GUEST SPEAKER-Lawrence Neely spoke on behalf of the Stratford Volunteer Fire Dept. Mr. Neely presented their quarterly report and stated that Stratford is one of the largest townships in Fulton County in size but one of the smallest in population. He stated that due to our size and small number of volunteer fire fighters, it is not fair to compare our fire department to those of neighboring communities. Our dept attends training for firefighting and emergency medical technicians and also participates in local training and hopeful recruitment of new members. His full statement will be posted under dept reports or viewed at the clerks office during office hours.

GUEST SPEAKER 2- Dolgeville Central School Superintendent Joseph Gilfus and Dolgeville School Business Manager Jessica Radley presented the 2023-24 School budget and answered any questions that were asked.

PUBLIC SPEAKING – 6:47 pm

NONE

Public speaking ended at 6:48 pm.

A motion was made by Supervisor Richard Fogarty and second by Councilman Todd Vedder to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2023 Town board meeting.

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BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE; Karen Jaquay reported that volunteers will be cleaning up the park area on May 26th at 10 AM. Anyone wishing to volunteer is welcome to join in.

HISTORIAN: Moira Marshall thanked the residents that assisted cleaning up the Historical Marker in town.

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DOG CONTROL OFFICER: Karen Jaquay reported that she was able to retrieve a stray dog with the assistance of a local resident and it was returned to its owner. She also picked up another dog that was injured and she had to hold it to be seen by a veterinarian. She will be transporting the dog to Amsterdam on May 8, 2023. Karen also issued warnings to some local residents to renew dog licenses and rabies certificates.

HIGHWAY: Wade Allen reported he has been working with engineer Andy Bell getting the survey and right of way documentation completed for the Voorhees rd project. He also presented a bid on a new lawn mower which will be discussed at next meeting. His men are working on maintenance of roads and shoulders. They are working on getting roads swept and all winter equipment maintained and put away. The Hawes rd project will start proceeding in June 2023, He also has been looking into prices for a new Loader. Paving from Stewart Landing dam is scheduled for August.

CODES ENFORCMENT: David Rackmyre reported that he has contacted the APA to assist on the Voorhees rd project. He also has answered calls and done various inspections and permits.

ASSESSOR: David Galarneau reported he has been entering sales and address changes. He has been in field to check new construction. He also sent out all change of assessment notices.

BTI: Mike Sokira reported that all streams have been treated at least once so far. Rain and high water is slowing the process down. His crew will continue to monitor and treat as needed.

CLERK'S REPORT: Patricia Dineen reported that \$880.00 was received in state, county and local revenue of which \$856.00 was the local amount retained by the town and \$24.00 was sent to NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: The next Regional Food Bank will be held June 7, 2023.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

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

APRIL 2023 - GENERAL FUND	VOUCHERS #54-62	\$ 2,567.49
APRIL 2023 - HIGHWAY FUND	VOUCHERS #53-65	\$10,966.22
APRIL 2023 - PREPAID FUND	VOUCHERS #63-75	\$ 5,375.95

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CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Fogarty asked for volunteers to sit on a committee to review our transfer station policy to bring it up to date with the Fulton County Policy.

NEW BUSINESS: A public hearing will be held on June 8, 2023 at 6:30 pm to discuss the Volunteer Fire Fighters and Emergency Medical Technicians 10% property tax reduction.

A motion to adjourn was made by Lorraine Rumrill and second by John Ploss.

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CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Patricia Dineen", is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Patricia Dineen, Town Clerk