

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the regular Stratford Town Board meeting held on Thursday, August 10, 2023 at the municipal building located at 120 Piseco Rd.

Present:

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| Richard Fogarty | Supervisor |
| Lorraine Rumrill | Councilwoman |
| John Ploss | Councilman |
| Todd Vedder | Councilman |
| Patricia Dineen | Town Clerk |
| Moira Marshal | Town Historian |
| Karen Jaquay | Dog Control Officer |
| David Rackmyre | Code Enforcement Officer |
| Mike Sokira | BTI Program Director |

Absent: Councilman Scott Seeley

Residents in attendance: 7

Supervisor Richard Fogarty called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM with the Pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC SPEAKING opened at 6:36 pm

Curtis Abare introduced himself and wanted to let the people know that the property on County Highway 119 is being cleaned up. He has been working with our codes department to correct anything that is wrong. He also informed that he will be on the ballot for Highway Superintendent in November. He took a few minutes to state his credentials and made copies available of his credentials for board members and anyone else that would like them.

Leigh Anne Loucks had some questions about why we needed a temporary position to oversee the Voorhees Rd project and why are our highway guys are not doing the culvert and bridge repair themselves. Supervisor Fogarty explained that highway Superintendent Wade Allen is also part of the work crew therefore does not have enough time to handle all of the paperwork etc. involved with the FEMA project on Voorhees Rd and due to all of the delays in receiving materials and weather issues, we have had to contract some of the work projects out in order to complete the necessary jobs before winter.

Public speaking ended at 6:40 pm.

Mr. Fogarty received Fire Departments Quarterly Report submitted by Larry Neely. The report is available to view in the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Beautification Chairperson, Karen Jaquay asked if we could get the new planter in the park painted while the weather is warm.

Historical Society President Lorraine Rumrill reported that the History of Pleasant Lake/Ice Cream Social was a great success. They received \$72.00 in donations and sold the old Stratford Cookbooks that have been in storage.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS Complete department head reports will be posted on website.

HISTORIAN: Moira Marshall has been working with Sandy Slifka, Pleasant Lake Historian, over the past few months to create a presentation of the History of Pleasant Lake, Stratford NY. An open house was held on August 2nd along with an ice cream social. There were 28 people in attendance. Moira also has signed up for a table at the Fulton County History Day on October 7, 2023. She will be attending a Historian Convention at Ithaca in September of this year. She also manned a table on July 15th at the Seniors Craft Fair.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER: Karen Jaquay reported that she issued one appearance ticket last month to which they pleaded guilty and paid their fine. One Ten-day warning notice to comply was issued, resident did not comply so now a 2 count appearance ticket is set for next court date.

CODES ENFORCMENT: Mr. Rackmyre reported that he has been dealing with code related calls and inspections. He received a written complaint for 2316 co hwy 119. The issues are not visible from the right of way therefore needs to get permission from property owner. Mr. Rackmyre will now be holding office hours on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month for May through September. October –March 2024 his office hours will be only the 2nd Thursday of each month. Mr. Rackmyre noted that he attended a FEMA Flood Training on June 30, 2023.

BTI: Mike Sokira reported that they have completed another season of black fly treatment. There is one more year on the current treatment permit which will expire 12/31/24. There is currently 20 gallons of BTI in inventory plus whatever the applicators have remaining. The bulletin board has been updated with the current maps and the business registration.

JUSTICE: Judge Rissemyer reported that he has turned over \$929.00 to the town of Stratford in fine money for the month of July.

ASSESSOR: Mr. Galarneau reported that he has been entering address changes and property transfers into the data base along with correcting property locations and road names to ensure consistency in the addressing.

HIGHWAY: Superintendent Wade Allen reported that R&B Construction is working on the repair of the red flagged Piseco Rd. bridge bases on the recommendation of Andy Bell. Soil and Water were to start the culvert pipes on Kelly, Dugway and Piseco roads but engineers involved do not like the plans for the head wall. This has put project at a standstill until pricing and availability of head wall ends are obtained. The crews have been maintaining roads and paving with other townships through shared services. The 1985 mower has a large leak and will need to be repaired by a professional since we do not have the equipment to do it.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Richard Fogarty and Second by Councilman John Ploss to appoint a Part-Time Maintenance Supervisor for a 3 month period of no more than 10 hours per week at \$45.00 per hour based on the Fulton County Highway Maintenance Supervisor class definition for the purpose of overseeing the Voorhees Rd FEMA project.

AYE 4
NAY 0
ABSENT Scott Seeley
CARRIED

Supervisor Fogarty would like to start the discussion of the Qualified Abandonment of limited use roads in the Town of Stratford, such as Mallet Hill Extension, Hicks Road off of Hadcock Rd, Avery Road North and Daley Road off of Seeley Road. More information will be available at the next meeting.

RESOLUTION #17-2023

ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONTRACT WITH FULTON COUNTY FOR SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL BY THE TOWN OF STRATFORD ON 8.91 MILES OF COUNTY ROADS FOR THE WINTER OF 2023-2024

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Superintendent of Highways and Facilities has submitted a contract for the removal of snow and ice control from certain designated County Roads with the Town under Section 135A of the Highway Law. Now, therefore, be it

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 of 2023-2024.

Motion made by: Supervisor Fogarty
Second by: Councilman Todd Vedder

AYES 4
NAY 0
ABSENT Scott Seeley

Adopted August 10, 2023

MOTION was made by Mr. Fogarty and SECOND by Lorraine Rumrill to let Voorhees Road Project out for Bid.

AYE 4
NAY 0
ABSENT Scott Seeley
CARRIED

MOTION was made by Councilwoman Lorraine Rumrill and SECOND by Councilman John Ploss to approve the quote from R&B Constuction to complete the steel work on Piseco Rd bridge at a price of no more than \$ 55,000 and if painted an additional \$12,000 or less.

AYE 3
NAY 1 (Todd Vedder)
ABSENT Scott Seeley
CARRIED

MOTION was made by Councilwoman Lorraine Rumrill and SECOND by Councilman John Ploss to accept the quote for the purchase of a 26 Kw Briggs Generator for the Town Highway Garage from Midstate Utilities Tech at a cost not more than \$10,602.56

AYE 4
NAY 0
ABSENT Scott Seely
CARRIED

A motion was made by Richard Fogarty and second by Todd Vedder to accept the minutes of the July 13th Town Board meeting and the July 25th 2023 special Town board meeting.

AYE 4
NAY 0
ABSENT Scott Seeley
CARRIED

CLERK'S REPORT: Patricia Dineen reported that \$470.00 was received in state, county and local revenue of which \$439.50 was the local amount retained by the town and \$8.00 was sent to NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program and \$22.00 to State Health Dept for marriage licenses.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: The next food pantry will be September 6 from 9am -11am. Mr. Fogarty has started obtaining quotes on repair of Town Hall Roof before winter. He also met with DMR Engineering about the repairs needed for the town barn. They felt that the barn was worth repairing and improving rather than building new. Mr. Fogarty also met with Midstate Industries to discuss a new generator for the town barn.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

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

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| JUNE 2023 - GENERAL FUND | VOUCHERS # 97-110 | \$ 3,197.21 |
| JUNE 2023 - HIGHWAY FUND | VOUCHERS #103-109 | \$ 5,728.89 |
| JUNE 2023 - PREPAID FUND | VOUCHERS # 93- 94 | \$ 3,175.02 |

AYE 4
NAY 0
ABSENT Scott Seeley
CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: Public hearing will be held on September 14, 2023 from 6:45pm-7:00pm to discuss creation of LOCAL LAW #2-2023 NOTICE OF HIGHWAY DEFFECTS.

Supervisor Fogarty presented a copy of the updates on the Community Center Use Requirement Policy and a new Transfer Station Decal Policy of One or Two-Year Decals to read over and discussed at the September Town Board Meeting. Policies will be voted on at September meeting.

RESOLUTION #18-2023

BOARD APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE OF CAPITAL IMPOROVEMENT A1620.2 FOR TOWN HALL

WHEREAS, the Town Board affirms the purchase of 12 chairs to be placed in the Front Office and Community Center of the Town Hall for Town Board meetings.

WHEREAS, the Town Board affirms the purchase of 8 tables for the Community Center of the Town Hall.

RESOLVED, the Town Board approves the purchase of tables and chairs, to be purchased on the General Account Budget A1620.2 Capital Improvement.

MOTION by Supervisor Fogarty

SECOND by Councilwoman Lorraine Rumrill

AYE 4

NAY 0

ABSENT Councilman Scott Seeley

ADOPTED August 10, 2023

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

AYE 4

NAY 0

ABSENT Scott Seeley

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

I hereby certify that the aforementioned is a true and accurate copy of the minutes of the Town of Stratford Board meeting held on August10, 2023.

Patricia Dineen, Town Clerk