

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Stratford Town Board held on Thursday, December 13, 2012 at the municipal building located at 120 Piseco Rd.

Present:

Robert Johnson Jr.	---	Supervisor
Allan Perkins	---	Councilman
Bernard Leavitt	---	Councilman
Lorraine Rumrill	---	Councilwoman
Dawn Youker	---	Councilwoman
Mark Snowman	---	Superintendent
Diana Massicotte	---	Town Clerk
Lita Hillier	---	Bookkeeper

Absent:

Leigh Anne Loucks	---	Assessor
Dave Rackmyre Jr.	---	Code Enforcement Officer

Supervisor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with the Pledge to the Flag.

Residents attending – Peter and Mary Szczebak, Carolyn Walker, Ken Thompson, Allicia Rice, Henry Eifert, Judy Snowman, Gary Rumrill, and John W. Kalpin, Jr.

Bookkeeper Hillier arrived at 6:55 pm.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Allicia Rice asked if the Bookkeeper could explain how much money is held in the Fund Balance. Bookkeeper Hillier explained the formula she used, but said that the amount changed each month depending on the income and expenses. Treasurer's Report Formula –

General Fund Balance Sheet
A909 is beginning year fund Balance
Add A980 Revenue Control
Minus A522 equals the Fund Balance.

The Same formula for Highway Fund
DA909 is beginning balance
Add DA980
Minus DA522 equals fund balance.

REPORTS

Superintendent Snowman gave his report for November as follows:

Equipment

Men working on plow trucks, studding the tires.
Trucks being checked for NY inspections.
Truck #6 to Comstock's for NY State inspection.
Steel grates put on truck sanders.
Working on truck #6, head bolts are broken and it's leaking exhaust.
Truck #6 back in service.

Roads

Received safety flag on Ayers Creek bridge because of washouts from last storm which extends behind the wing wall.
Road check is done daily.
Men called in at 4:30 am to sand roads.
They went out at 9:00 am to clean slush off roads.
Plowed Pleasant Lake for first time this year, 4 inches of snow.

Garage

Working on the awning at back of barn.
Building up the grade under new awning because of water runoff.
Framed in the end of awning for wood storage.
New steel siding applied to end of awning that was closed off.
Men worked on trim work.

Miscellaneous

Work schedule issued daily.
Men are off the week of Thanksgiving, two days for Thanksgiving and two days vacation.
Superintendent Snowman filled wood furnace morning and night during this break.
Men working regular hours, 6:30 am to 3:00 pm.
George Hayes asked about plowing the end of Bickford Road to his residence. After reviewing the road, Superintendent Snowman told him the road was too narrow to get a big truck down and it is not a town road.
Men taking down old chimney and patching the roof.
Men raising heating pipes to ceiling so big trucks will clear the heat pipes.
Received permit from CEO.

Resident John Kalpin asked about plowing his road and gating where his land started. Superintendent Snowman talked about the turnaround at Stewarts Landing near dam. Supervisor Johnson said that when Mr. Kalpin applied for permit, the CEO should have brought it to the attention of the Town Board where it should have been decided between Mr. Kalpin and the Town Board whether to establish the right of way right to the end of the Town's responsibility. Superintendent Snowman widened the road at East Shore Road at Pleasant Lake to put in a turnaround, but a resident blocked it; Supervisor Johnson said he could legally move the obstacle. Superintendent Snowman said they could name the road East Shore Ext. so emergency vehicles could find the addresses. Alicia Rice mentioned that gating one's property would make it difficult for emergency vehicles to get to property. Supervisor Johnson suggested that Mr. Kalpin get in touch with Mark Yost, County Highway Superintendent of Roads. Supervisor Johnson said he would check with attorney regarding abandoned roads and the Town's responsibility.

Assessor Loucks report was read by Supervisor Johnson as follows:

Reval status update meeting was held on November 27, a copy of the letter from Bob Jacobs is attached to the Board members report. Also included is a copy of the Cyclical Assessment information as well as the paperwork which needs to be submitted to NYSORPTS by December 31, 2012 to be considered for reimbursement. The Town has to follow the schedule listed to qualify for the reimbursement.

Town Clerk Massicotte checked with the internet provider and I relayed the information to the County and they determined the internet bandwidth at the Town Hall was sufficient. Assessor Loucks took the laptop to the County IT Department with the hopes she would be able to access the database fully.

Exemption forms were sent out and some have been returned. Assessor Loucks said she would pick up forms if need be.

Bookkeeper Hillier handed out the Treasurer's Report for November.

There was no report from CEO Rackmyre because he had a family emergency.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Johnson read a letter from Wendy Seeley expressing her gratitude to the Town for having such a wonderful facility that is available to residents.

He also read a letter with receipt from Emma Baulch apologizing for not turning in a report for the children's snow fun day this year.

Bookkeeper Hillier reported that the Town of Stratford was audited on the Tax Cap which was correctly filed.

Motion made by Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to have the Reorganization Meeting on January 3, 2013 at 6:30 pm.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Johnson, Perkins, Youker, Leavitt, Rumrill
 Nays 0

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Johnson reported that Todd Vedder would start the repairs to the Community Center Monday, December 17, 2012.

A discussion followed regarding the bid for the snow plow truck. Superintendent Snowman reported that after reviewing all the bids, he felt the bid from Tracy Road Equipment offered the best deal to the Town.

RESOLUTION 19-2012

RESOLUTION BY TOWN BOARD TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM TRACY ROAD EQUIPMENT TO PURCHASE THE 2014 SNOW PLOW TRUCK

On a motion by Councilman Perkins and seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Johnson, Perkins, Youker, Leavitt, Rumrill
Nays 0

WHEREAS, the Stratford Town Board on the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent accepted the bid from Tracy Road Equipment, 6803 Manlius Center Road, E. Syracuse, New York,

RESOLVED, to purchase the 2014 Conventional Style Cab and Chassis with Hydraulic Plow Equipment and dump body for the price of \$192,891.00.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Perkins to approve the Board meeting minutes of November 8, 2012.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Johnson, Perkins, Youker, Leavitt, Rumrill
Nays 0

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

Motion made by Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to approve the bills on Abstract #12.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Johnson, Perkins, Youker, Leavitt, Rumrill
Nays 0

Abstracts to be paid in the following amounts:

Highway Fund	Voucher Nos. 143 through 155	\$ 5,676.56
General Fund	Voucher Nos. 196 through 221	\$16,541.82

With no further business, on a motion of Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Leavitt, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana B. Massicotte
Town Clerk