

State of New York  
County of Fulton  
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the Stratford Regular Board meeting held on Thursday, December 11, 2014 at the municipal building located at 120 Piseco Rd.

Present:

Robert Johnson Jr.	---	Supervisor
Allan Perkins	---	Councilman
Joan Ploss	---	Councilwoman
Dawn Youker	---	Councilwoman
Lorraine Rumrill	---	Councilwoman
Diana Massicotte	---	Town Clerk
Leigh Anne Loucks	---	Assessor

Absent:

Charles Goodwin	---	Superintendent
Norman Wright	---	Code Enforcement Officer
Lita Hillier	---	Bookkeeper
Peg Klages	---	Deputy Town Clerk
Michael Sokira	---	BTI Director

Supervisor Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 6:33 pm with the Pledge to the Flag.

Residents in attendance: Henry and Dorothy Eifert, Allicia and Frank Rice, Heidi Christiansen, Sue Fogarty, Ken Thompson, Peter and Mary Szczebak, J. Perz, and Todd Vedder.

**PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Frank Rice announced that the Red Cross is holding a training session on January 20, 2015 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. He asked permission to use the Hall and to place brochures and posters on bulletin boards. It is a basic course. He said the training could be done on line but would be easier to take course in person.

**REPORTS**

Supervisor Johnson read Code Enforcement Officer, Norman Wright's report as follows:

November 13, 2014 through December 10, 2014

One appearance ticket  
Two Inspections  
Inspected barn and took pictures for Court  
There were many phone calls

There was no Treasurer's report for November.

Supervisor Johnson read the Dog Control Officer, Karen Jaquay's report as follows:

November 13, 2014 through December 11, 2014

I have had two no shows in court for failure to license. This is from the same person in the pending animal neglect case.

I will be issuing another failure to license to the same people. This I will coordinate with the State Police. This will be done to keep anything from escalating.

I also had to deal with two dogs running at large that were attacking livestock. They had to be destroyed by the livestock owners. The dog owners were found and advised of the situation and were allowed to remove dogs for burial. I issued two running at large citations to dog owners. Livestock owners did not want restitution or to press charges. This was a case of dogs getting loose by accident and owners actively looking for their pets. They were advised for future reference to call their DCO whenever their pets are missing, that way we all can search and maybe have a better result.

I also had a dog bite and containment from the Public Health Department of Fulton County. Dog had an up-to-date rabies vaccination. As of this date, the dog is out of confinement.

The rest of the month has been quiet.

Assessor, Leigh Anne Loucks reported as follows:

The exemption forms are out. There were two concerns last week. Office was very cold, called Leo, he came down to check it out. Someone had tripped the breaker. Leigh Anne said Ora Seeley was very upset because she had heard that one of the highway trucks had an accident. It did not. There was no accident. Supervisor Johnson said he had checked on it.

Assessor said she needed to talk to board regarding litigation.

Supervisor Johnson read Highway Superintendent, Charles Goodwin's report as follows:

Have been plowing and sanding

Wood stove is working much better with two radiators in the ceiling, it was started November 18.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Supervisor Johnson said he talked to DEC about putting in a gate at Stewart Landing. DEC will get back to Bob regarding gate and keys to residents and Fire Department.

Councilwoman Youker asked why the CEO did not show up at court for the ticket he issued. She said the Judge threw it out because the CEO was not in court. This could not be verified as the CEO and the Judge were not in attendance.

Councilwoman Ploss said the CEO is doing his job, but it takes time to cover the whole town. He is not picking on anyone.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Reorganization Meeting will take place on January 8, 2015 at 6:30 pm with the regular Board Meeting to follow immediately.

Peter Szczebak asked if they still took pictures of the town and do we have access. Assessor Loucks said they take neighborhood pictures but they are hazy.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Perkins to approve the Board meeting minutes of November 13, 2014.

**ADOPTED** Ayes 5 Johnson, Perkins, Rumrill, Ploss and Youker  
Nays 0

Supervisor Johnson called for a motion to go into executive session.

Motion made by Councilwoman Ploss, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to move into Executive Session to discuss litigation at 7:23pm.

Ayes 5 Johnson, Perkins, Rumrill, Ploss and Youker  
Nays 0

Supervisor Johnson called the meeting back to order at 7:51 pm.

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes - 5 Johnson, Rumrill, Perkins, Ploss and Youker  
Nays - 0

General Fund	Voucher Nos. 224 through 243	\$12,581.86
Highway Fund	Voucher Nos. 150 through 162	\$ 5,140.11

Todd Vedder is still dissatisfied with the CEO. Supervisor Johnson said that the CEO and Todd should get together and try to resolve the situation. Councilwoman Youker asked if the CEO was certified. Councilman Perkins said he had completed his certification.

Heidi Christiansen announced that there is a meeting December 17  
With no further business, on a motion by Councilman Perkins seconded by Councilwoman Ploss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Massicotte, Town Clerk