

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the Stratford Regular Board meeting held on Thursday, November 12, 2015 at the municipal building located at 120 Piseco Rd.

Present:

Robert Johnson Jr.	---	Supervisor
Allan Perkins	---	Councilman
Dawn Youker	---	Councilwoman
Lorraine Rumrill	---	Councilwoman
Joan Ploss	---	Councilwoman
Diana Massicotte	---	Town Clerk
Charles Goodwin	---	Superintendent
Norman Wright	---	Code Enforcement Officer
Lita Hillier	---	Bookkeeper
Michael Sokira	---	BTI Director
Peg Klages	---	Deputy Town Clerk

Absent:

Leigh Anne Loucks	---	Assessor
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Supervisor Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 6:32 pm with the Pledge to the Flag.

Residents in attendance: Carolyn Walker, Dorothy Eifert, Allicia Rice, Heidi Christiansen, Susan and Dick Fogarty, Gary Rumrill, Barbara Schwartz, Dean Myers, and Ken Thompson.

Supervisor Johnson congratulated Lorraine Rumrill, Allicia Rice and Richard Fogarty on winning the election.

Supervisor Johnson recognized the veterans for their service to our country.

REPORTS

The Code Enforcement Officer read his report as follows:

October 8, 2015 through November 11, 2015

- Issued two building permits
- 6 Inspections
- three Certificate of Compliance
- One Certificate of Occupancy
- Many phone calls

CEO met with resident regarding house fire. CEO Wright stated that he should be notified by the Fire Department when there is structure fire.

CEO Wright would like internet at his house. CEO stated he would like to increase his contractual expenses. The Board suggested increase of \$1,500.

Bookkeeper Hillier handed out October Treasurer's report.

Assessor – no report.

Supervisor Johnson addressed the question asked regarding the garage. The rafters were fixed a long time ago. There is a leak in the break room and garage part. Consulted with Ron Briggs Construction company, not a big job just patch in roof. Roof is scheduled next year for replacement of steel which will be put out for bid next year. Superintendent Goodwin showed Engineer everything he needed for septic system. Engineer will be working with APA.

Supervisor Johnson read the Highway Superintendent's report as follows:

Bridge on Piseco Road over East Canada Creek has been fixed. The cost was less than \$18,880.00. It came to \$18,200.00, I asked him to add the engineering to this and the cost was \$18,800.00.

The sand hauling is done.

The Trucks are all set for plowing and sanding roads.

Got fire wood cut for the wood stove.

Chips has been filed for road work.

Back on five day week starting November 15.

No report from DCO.

BTI Director, Michael Sokira, read his year end report as follows:

1. Used 18.66 gallons of VectoBac 12AS.
2. Treated 21-1/2 miles of streams.
3. Mid spring saw low water conditions which contributed to lower BTI usage.
4. Corey DeBonte did not treat in 2015 and Nicole Wainwright was unable to get out much so I hired Richard Nilsen from Caroga to help take up the slack.
5. I'm teaming up with Caroga to offer a 30 hour pesticide training class again this year. I have three individuals interested in treating next year. The date has not yet been set, but will occur in January 2016.
6. We are all set with the three required permits for 2016 (Aquatic insect permit, Spedes permit, and the Pesticide business permit). There will be no charge for these permits in 2016.
7. All mandatory reporting has been completed to the DEC for 2015.

Supervisor Johnson stated Mike Sokira did a good job.

Supervisor Johnson read the following letter from Bookkeeper Hillier as follows:

Please accept this letter as my resignation effective December 31, 2016 due to personal reasons.

It was very hard for me to make this decision especially after my many years of being with the Town of Stratford. However, I want to thank this board for all their help during my time here as Town Bookkeeper and Budget Officer.

Thank you especially, Supervisor Robert Johnson, as it has been a pleasure working with and for you. I hope to see you all sometime and hope you are all well in the future.

Yours respectfully,

Lita K. Hillier

Supervisor Johnson stated he appreciated Lita’s service. He said the state auditor gave her high marks. He appreciated all she did to make his job easier.

Attorney Day regarding litigation stated to Supervisor Johnson that it has to go through due process.

Supervisor Johnson called for an executive session.

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss to enter into executive session to discuss Highway contract at 7:06 pm.

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

Supervisor Johnson called the meeting back to order at 7:55 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to approve the regular Board meeting minutes of October 8, 2015.

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

Motion made by Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to open the meeting for discussion on the preliminary budget.

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

Discussion began at 8:21 pm.

Public Hearing closed at 9:03 pm.

RESOLUTION 17-2015

ADOPTION OF 2016 BUDGET

Offered by Councilwoman Rumrill, Seconded by Councilman Perkins.

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

WHEREAS, the Stratford Town Board held its regular meeting on November 12, 2015,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that this governing body adopts the final budget as presented at a total of \$1,306,136.00 which includes the fire district of \$60,000.00.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

Motion made by Councilwoman Ploss, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to approve the bills on Abstract #11.

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

General Fund – Abstract 11 Voucher Nos. 164 through 189 \$ 9,439.53

Highway Fund - Abstract 11 Voucher Nos. 149 through 162 \$42,010.61

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Allicia Rice said that on behalf of the Fire Department she would like to apologize to Norm Wright for not being notified regarding the fire. There were four fires, three chimneys, one house. Norm Wright said he would have to be notified if there is structure fire because he would have to inspect it.

Allicia handed out information on training for new elected officials.

16-15 RESOLUTION BY TOWN BOARD APPROVING TRAINING FOR NEW OFFICERS

WHEREAS, there is an opportunity for the newly elected officers to receive training in Albany,

RESOLVED, that the Stratford Town Board does hereby approve the officers to attend the training school in Albany January 13 – 15, 2016.

Offered by: Councilwoman Lorraine Rumrill Seconded by Councilwoman Joan Ploss

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

OLD BUSINESS

A new member was appointed to the BAR because Paul Riley’s term ended September 30, 2015.

15-15 RESOLUTION BY TOWN BOARD APPOINTING SUE FOGARTY TO THE BAR

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy on the BAR by the term ending of Paul Riley and,

WHEREAS Sue Fogarty has expressed an interest to be appointed to the BAR,

RESOLVED, that the Stratford Town Board does hereby appoint Sue Fogarty to the BAR and her term to be effective October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2020.

Offered by: Councilwoman Joan Ploss Seconded by Councilman Allan Perkins

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

NEW BUSINESS

None

With no further business, on a motion by Councilwoman Rumrill seconded by Councilwoman Ploss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Massicotte, Town Clerk