

State of New York  
County of Fulton  
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the Stratford Regular Board meeting held on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at the municipal building located at 120 Piseco Rd.

Present:

Alicia Rice	---	Supervisor
Allan Perkins	---	Councilman
Richard Fogarty	---	Councilman
Lorraine Rumrill	---	Councilwoman
Joan Ploss	---	Councilwoman
Charles Goodwin	---	Superintendent
Diana Massicotte	---	Town Clerk
Norman Wright	---	Code Enforcement Officer
Janet Dickson	---	Deputy Town Clerk
Nicholas Macri	---	Town Attorney

Absent:

Leigh Anne Loucks	---	Assessor
Michael Sokira	---	BTI Director
Karen Jaquay	---	Dog Control Officer

Supervisor Rice called the regular Town Board meeting to order at 6:30 pm with the Pledge to the Flag.

Residents in attendance: Gary Ford, Gary Rumrill, Peter and Mary Szczebak, Jay Pierz, Dorothy Eifert, Peg Klages, MaryBeth Salamone, and Ken Thompson.

Supervisor Rice asked for a motion to go into executive session.

Motion made by Councilwoman Ploss, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to move into executive session to discuss a personnel matter at 6:31.

**Adopted:   Ayes 5           Rice, Perkins, Ploss, Rumrill, Fogarty**  
**Nays 0**

Meeting called back to order at 6:58 on a motion made by Councilwoman Ploss and seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill.

**ADOPTED   Ayes - 5           Rice, Rumrill, Ploss, Perkins and Fogarty**  
**Nays - 0**

Supervisor Rice gave a synopsis of a letter received from The Association of Towns as follows: Towns doing everything they can do to reduce the taxes, the state is not doing their part.

Letter from The Census Bureau enclosing a Local Update Information Guide and Contact Information Update Form.

Summary of Alcohol Testing from Boces. They come to the Town Barn for testing if tester available in area otherwise the men have to go to Herkimer.

Update from Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli.

Letter from Adirondack Trust Insurance enclosing our Package policy renewal from NYMIR. Included in letter was the following: NYMIR members currently have automatic coverage for liability claims resulting from misappropriation of personally identifiable information of your residents, public officials, employees or volunteers stored on your computer. NYMIR now offers an optional product to further protect municipalities from cyber related losses. A \$50,000 limit is available. In our policy we have some coverage to protect us.

The insurance packet was \$1300 less than last year. Charlie removed equipment we no longer we had.

Councilman Fogarty asked Superintendent Goodwin to include hours and mileage. He is working on it.

## **REPORTS**

Highway Superintendent Goodwin reported as follows:

Been doing a lot of plowing and sanding.

Got grader out to cut ice on roads to smooth them up.

2014 Freightline Truck #9 back from Yorkville. Put new exhaust box on it.

John Deere Loader 624J, put new water pump on it.

Freightline 2002 Truck #7 had put new wheel hub, two new wheels and new brake drum.

2007 #8 sterling had put oil sensor and duct-moled pin intake tube.

Highway Superintendent Goodwin asked the Town Board that we need to do something about generator because the electricity went out. Need to fix box. Need drain system outside door to get water out of barn before someone gets electrocuted. Will get estimate for standby generator and 200 amp panel. Fire system kept going off in barn, something shorted out and they had to put a new panel box in.

Supervisor Rice stated that detectors have to be replaced every ten years. She asked Charlie to check into standby generator.

Supervisor Rice checking into what other towns do regarding part-time workers. Each County is significantly different.

CEO Norman Wright's report as follows:

January 10, 2017 – February 6, 2017

One inspection

No meetings

Issued one permit

One complaint

Some Phone calls

Karen Jaquay, Dog Control Officer gave her report.  
January 12, 2017 through February 7, 2017

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of January I received a call from Fulton County Public Health about a dog bite. On January 13, 2017 went to dog owners residence, advised them on the protocol of containment of dog for the 10 days. Owners stated they would comply with all requirements.

On January 17, 2017 I returned to finish inspection of dog. All was complied with and dog was found in good health. Shots and license up to date. Quarantine over.

On January wrote report for Fulton County Public health on status of dog and mailed that day.

On January 19, 2017 checked status of dogs in a pending case and found all dogs in good health.

On February 4, 2017 I was called about 2 dogs running at large. When I got to the location the owner had arrived and had custody of the dogs. I asked if they were both licensed. They were not, he was going to the Town Clerk the next open day and taking care of the matter at hand and would make sure they were not lose again.

I called the dog's owner to see if he complied with the licensing of both dogs. They asked for a one week delay due to a parent's death, I agreed to a set date of February 15, 2017.

Supervisor Rice read the BTI report as follows:

Both Jeff Lanphere and Larry Staring have passed their DEC tests to become Pesticide Technicians. Checks were sent to the DEC to get them certified.

Nicole Wainwright and I are due for re-certification. Checks were mailed to the DEC to get us re-certified.

I am currently updating maps to add some new streams that were not on it.

Letters explaining the BTI program were sent to new property owners in Stratford. A total of 20 letters were sent that also asked permission to cross their property if they had fast flowing streams on their property. I am waiting returns of those letters as I may have to update maps based on any objections to enter their property.

Upcoming:

I will need to order supplies for the new applicators and also will need to order pesticide.

Will meet with all applicators to discuss who is treating what area.

Supervisor Rice stated that Mike would come into the office to use the debit card.

Supervisor Rice read the Assessor's report.

Second exemption form applications were sent out.

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss to accept the reports from the Assessor, BTI, Dog Control Officer, Code Enforcement Officer and Highway Superintendent.

**ADOPTED** Ayes - 5      Rice, Rumrill, Ploss, Fogarty and Perkins  
Nays – 0

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Rice provided the process for speed limits which are set by the NYS DOT. To change speed limit the Town has to pass a resolution for the change and submit this to the County Highway Superintendent. This is where it gets bogged down. She still had not heard back from letter she sent two months ago.

Supervisor Rice would like to see the whole Stewart Landing Road reduced. Dorothy Eifert stated it was a definite hazard. Councilwoman Rumrill stated that cars speed on all roads in Stratford and maybe limit should be lowered in whole Town. Town Attorney Macri said he would look into it.

Supervisor Rice included payroll summary of highway men, which included benefits, position, name, total wages for year, insurance benefits and for the highway included buyout. She asked Superintendent Goodwin if he had any problem with the Board looking at the payroll sheet. Superintendent Goodwin calculates payroll, including overtime. Superintendent Goodwin stated he did not.

Supervisor Rice suggested she would ask Kelly to come to our next meeting. Supervisor Kelly has been trying to obtain the records from Lita. Lita still has not turned over the Town's records. She still has not filed the 2015 report. Supervisor Rice said they would discuss the 2016 report in executive session with Kelly.

We received the first payment of \$69,000.00 for sales tax from the County.

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss to approve the bills on Abstract #2.

**ADOPTED** Ayes - 5      Rice, Rumrill, Ploss, Perkins and Fogarty  
Nays – 0

General Fund – Abstract 2	Voucher Nos. 17 through 23	\$ 1,613.02
Highway Fund - Abstract 2	Voucher Nos. 17 through 34	\$10,547.16
Prepaid Fund - Abstract 2	Voucher Nos. 18 through 39	\$25,372.18

Councilman Fogarty said he had a question on the \$95 truck charge on the Fulton County Waste invoice. Supervisor Rice will check into it. She said we are going into singlestream recycling.

Supervisor Rice stated she paid the bill of \$60,000 to the Fire Department.  
Supervisor Rice asked the Board if they would approve her seeking other residents to write grants.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Gary Rumrill said the speed limit was a good thing because there is speeding all over town. He asked why something isn't done when people don't show up for their court appearance. Supervisor Rice stated that the Judge is under the State Court System.

Attorney Macri stated that we are required by statute to have a court.

Peter Szczebak asked about money from the speed tickets. Once the fine is paid in Town, Judge Gardner gives check to Supervisor, then the State bills us and we keep a small portion.

It was asked what the speed limit would be set at.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Perkins to approve the Board meeting minutes of January 9, 2017, reorganization and regular meetings.

**ADOPTED**    Ayes - 5            Rice, Rumrill, Ploss, Fogarty and Perkins  
                  Nays – 0

**NEW BUSINESS**

Councilman Fogarty suggested we should look into adding more BAR members. Supervisor Rice said that one of the problems with a three member board is if someone recuses themselves. She asked the members of the BAR. Sue Fogarty said she did not have a problem bringing in more members. Peg said she would like to see a balance.

Motion made by Councilman Fogarty, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to increase the BAR to five members.

**Adopted:**    Ayes **5**            **Rice, Perkins, Ploss, Rumrill, Fogarty**  
                  Nays **0**

The Board requested that all the members of the BAR go to the training session.

With no further business, on a motion by Councilwoman Ploss, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Massicotte, Town Clerk