

**State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Stratford REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Municipal Building, 120 Piseco Road
February 14, 2019**

Present:

Allicia Rice	Supervisor
Richard Fogarty	Councilman
Allan Perkins	Councilman
Lorraine Rumrill	Councilwoman
Heather VanDenburgh	Town Clerk
Charles Goodwin	Highway Superintendent
Norman Wright	Code Enforcement Officer

Absent:

Joan Ploss	Councilwoman
Karen Jaquay	Dog Control Officer
Michael Sokira	BTI Director

Town Officials Not Required to Attend:

Leigh Anne Loucks	Assessor
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Number of Residents in Attendance: 5

Supervisor Rice called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORTS:

Highway Superintendent Goodwin's report was reviewed by the Town Board (See attached). Supt. Goodwin stated he has a man he would like to hire for the open mechanic position. The furnace in the garage is failing, and the parts are difficult to find. He hopes it will make it through the winter. Super. Rice left the room at 6:34p to make copies of the Highway 284 Agreement for the Board Members. She returned at 6:37p. Council. Rumrill referred to a previous discussion about not hiring a new Highway Dept. employee until the new union contract was completed. Supt. Goodwin stated he needed to fill that position and that he waited until 2019 to do so.

284 AGREEMENT: Supt. Goodwin presented his plan for 2019 in regards to road work, and is available to view at the Town Clerk's office. He looks to complete the Stewarts Landing and West Shore Road project that was slated for the fall of 2018, and the other roads he wishes to work on include portions of Piseco, Seeley, Powerhouse, Avery, Hadcock, and Kelly Rd. He stated that hot top prices have decreased since the last quote received in the fall of 2018. Supt. Goodwin does not have the 2019 CHIPS budget yet, so the plan will be altered as soon as the amount we receive becomes available. Super. Rice stated that this plan can be modified at anytime. The 284 Agreement presented by Supt. Goodwin was signed by all Board Members present and given to TC VanDenburgh to file.

Code Enforcement Officer Wright's report was reviewed by Town Board (See attached). Super. Rice stated that she received an email from a resident regarding a building project, and the resident asked if the build was approved by CEO Wright. She inquired to CEO Wright, and he stated the property had not been issued a building permit. CEO Wright put a stop work order on this property. She stated that

residents should inquire with CEO Wright if they do not see a building permit on display at a build site. CEO Wright examined the women's bathroom in the Town Hall that was under renovation by Rachel Adams of the Stratford Seniors, which started in November 2018. He spoke to Ms. Adams, and told her that if the bathroom was not completed by Saturday, February 16th, that the Town Hall would not be available to rent to the public. TC VanDenburgh acknowledged this, and will not rent the hall until notified by CEO Wright that the appropriate safety improvements have been made.

There was no Assessor report for this month.

There was no Dog Control Officer report for this month.

AG & MARKET REPORT: Super. Rice reviewed the Dog Control Officer Inspection Report, completed on 1/17/19. DCO services were rated "Satisfactory."

There was no BTI report for this month. BTI Director Sokira had a shipment of Vectobac delivered.

The Town Clerk verbally reported for February 2019: TC VanDenburgh reminded the public again that there is a strict 2 decal policy for the Transfer Station.

Justice Arena submitted his Justice Court Fund Internet Report to the Town Board. Super. Rice states he is still clarifying the funds received between January-October 2018, and where the payments should be applied. However, he is making progress, and only a few are unaccounted for. Justice Gardner did not complete his audit by January 20, 2019, and Super. Rice sent a report to NYS Comptroller reflecting this. He also has accounts still open with M&T Bank that were to be closed when he resigned as Stratford Justice. Super. Rice is inquiring as to her options to remedy this.

Supervisor Rice's Report:

Town of Caroga Deputy Supervisor requested another letter of support for the boat wash station. Dr. Pierz wrote the letter, and Super. Rice signed it. Friday, February 8th, Fulton County Ambulance Services (FCAS) shut down. Fulton County is coordinating ambulance services at the moment to ensure Stratford and other townships affected by the FCAS shut down have coverage. Currently, MOVAC, JAVAC, and GAVAC will be covering Stratford depending on their availability.

LED Street Lighting: Jessica Waldorf provided the cost of the project if Stratford decided not to move forward with the LED lighting plan, which was \$1,083.04. The conversation to move forward on this plan was tabled until the March 2019 regular meeting.

Lease for use of Stratford Volunteer Fire Company well:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Fogarty, to sign the lease for the Stratford Volunteer Fire Company well for \$1.00 for one year.

2 AYES

Fogarty, Rumrill

2 ABSTAINS

Rice, Perkins

1 ABSENT

Ploss

MOTION IS NOT CARRIED.

Financial Report:

Super. Rice presented her cancelled checks and reconciliation binder to the Board Members. She stated there was an error in the CDPHP bill amount that had been rectified. She also showed a corrected deposit slip. She received the sales tax check right before a deposit, and she amended the slip instead of rewriting it. There was a decrease of \$3300 in our Sales Tax Distribution when compared to 2018; this decrease directly correlates with the total assessment falling from 105% to 100%. Whenever assessments/equalization rates fall, so does our portion of Fulton County sales tax. She encouraged the public again to report to CEO Wright on any building projects in Stratford that do not have a building permit on display; this is to ensure that property improvements are documented correctly and assessments are increased as needed.

FEBRUARY ABSTRACTS:

2019 GENERAL FUND	VOUCHERS 5-19	\$ 20,070.89
2019 PREPAID FUND	VOUCHERS 5-24	\$ 10,769.32
2019 HIGHWAY FUND	VOUCHERS 1-19	\$ 19,313.90

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilman Fogarty to approve the payment of these vouchers.

4 AYES Rice, Fogarty, Perkins, Rumrill
0 NAYS
1 ABSENT Ploss

Super. Rice stated that she has not had office hours for the last few weeks and does not foresee holding hours in the near future. When her husband improves and returns home, she will work from home. She thanked all those who have helped her within the last month while her husband continues to be hospitalized due to his accident.

PUBLIC SPEAKING: Commenced at 7:13pm

N. Rissmeyer asked about the oil burner furnace at the highway garage, Supt. Goodwin stated it is 35 years old and parts for it are obsolete. N. Rissmeyer recommended a place in Johnstown that might be able to retrofit the part he needed. Supt. Goodwin spoke to a resident about pilfering salt from the highway department. N. Rissmeyer suggested signs entering Stratford that notify the public about the building permit requirement. He also asked about pressing charges against Justice Gardner for dereliction of duty. Super. Rice stated she will investigate the recourse options.

PUBLIC SPEAKING: Closed at 7:24pm

OLD BUSINESS: No old business.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

With all business concluded, on a motion from Councilwoman Rumrill and seconded by Councilman Fogarty, the February 2019 regular meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

4 AYES Rice, Fogarty, Perkins, Rumrill
0 NAYS
1 ABSENT Ploss

-Heather VanDenburgh, Town Clerk

REGULAR MEETING
February 14, 2019
AGENDA

1. Call to order of regular meeting
2. Correspondence
3. Reports
 - Highway Superintendent
 - ✓ Contract with highway
 - ✓ CHIPS
 - Codes Enforcer
 - Assessor
 - Dog Control Officer
 - ✓ Ag & Market report
 - BTI Director
 - Judge
 - Town clerk
 - Supervisor
4. LED street lighting
5. Lease for use of SVFC well
6. Financial report
7. Monthly budget update report
8. Payment of bills
9. Public speaking
10. Old Business
11. New Business
12. Adjournment

Highway Report 2-12-19

Ben doing a lot of Sand on Ice
And plowing Snow

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Snow

Have use a lot of Sand on Road's
Cut Ice with Grader on 104 & 119 Down to
Blacktop And Mallott Hill RD And Griswold RD
From 290 To Red House RD

Push Snow Bank Back on Road's for more
Snow to come

Push some Tonn Around Back And Inspection
With Loader

Good #7 Freightline side Dump Box Floor
is Broken And Rustout in spot.

Can Rise side Dump

We getting Bay with it for more with
Sanding

Highway Superintendent
Chuck Loebe

Ceo report

Jan.=8th- feb. -11th

Issued 2 permits- demo,- remodel
camp

4 inspections

1 meeting

Issued one stop work order

1 court appearance

few calls