

**State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Stratford REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Municipal Building, 120 Piseco Road
September 12th, 2019**

Present:

Alicia Rice	Supervisor
Allan Perkins	Councilman
Richard Fogarty	Councilman
Joan Ploss	Councilwoman
Lorraine Rumrill	Councilwoman
Heather VanDenburgh	Town Clerk
Charles Goodwin	Highway Superintendent
Norman Wright	Code Enforcement Officer
Moira Marshall	Town Historian

Not Present:

Michael Sokira	BTI Director
Karen Jaquay	Dog Control Officer

Town Officials Not Required to Attend:

Leigh Anne Loucks	Assessor
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Number of Residents in Attendance: 8

After having a conversation between the public and Assemblyman Robert Smullen, Supervisor Rice called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:37pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Correspondence: ADK Action asked the Town to send a letter restating our pledge to reduced use of road salt on Adirondack roadways pursuant to Resolution 27-18 passed by the Board on July 12, 2018. Super. Rice also mentioned the DASNY grant, which is awaiting audit reviews. It is unclear whether Stratford can put the Highway Department building repairs out to bid, she is awaiting response.

Highway Superintendent Goodwin's report was reviewed by the Town Board (See attached). Supt. Goodwin filed his yearly inventory report, and stated that the new employee is doing good work. He stated that the repaving projects for Cemetery Rd. will cost \$19,720.00, and Piseco Rd. will be \$38,304.00. There will be \$100,000 left in CHIPS money before the \$55,000 new truck payment is due. He ordered 140 tons of road salt. All highway employees are compliant with the new sexual harassment training. Highway employee Ben Rutkowski offered to take (2) dead trees down in the Town Park for free. He would also like to purchase the Highway Dept's wood splitter for \$800. Councilman Fogarty stated that \$800 is a fair price for the wood splitter.

RESOLUTION 26-19, Removal of Dead Trees in Stratford Park and Sale of Wood Splitter

RESOLVED that the Stratford Town Board gives Ben Rutkowski permission to remove the two trees from the Stratford Town Park, so long as he provides the Town an insurance certificate before work commences;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Stratford Town Board agrees to sell Ben Rutkowski the Highway Department wood splitter for the purchase price of \$800.00.

Offered by Councilman Fogarty, Seconded by Councilman Perkins

5 AYES **Rice, Fogarty, Perkins, Ploss, Rumrill**

0 NAYS

Code Enforcement Officer Wright's report was reviewed by the Town Board (See attached)

There was no Assessor report for this month.

Dog Control Officer Jaquay's report was reviewed by the Town Board (See attached)

BTI Director Sokira's report was reviewed by the Town Board. Super. Rice stated that Director Sokira will be placing an ad in the Country Editor for 2020 BTI applicators.

Town Historian Moira Marshall verbally conveyed her report this month. She attended a Historian conference in Albany. She is also looking forward to starting a historical blog, then a Facebook page.

Justice Arena's report for this month was reviewed by the Town Board.

Town Clerk VanDenburgh had nothing to report this month.

Supervisor Rice had nothing to report this month.

LED STREET LIGHTING UPDATE: A gentleman from National Grid is coming to Stratford on Wednesday the 18th to assess the Town Hall and Town Highway Dept. lighting. Super. Rice heard that National Grid will be replacing all broken street lights with LED lights on their own without Town involvement; she wants this in writing before trusting it.

BUDGET PREPARATION

BUDGET REQUEST FORMS: Super. Rice reports that almost everyone has submitted their budget request forms. There is a question of adding a line item to the budget for Stratford's contribution to a countywide ambulance service; Fulton County is looking to get a Certificate of Need to retain control over ambulance services.

FIRST BUDGET WORKSHOP DATE: October 14, 2019 at the Stratford Town Hall at 3:00pm.

Financial Report

The Assessor laptop was purchased through HP.com, and has been received. Super. Rice stated that the sales tax that was paid will be reimbursed once HP processes our tax exempt paperwork.

SEPTEMBER ABSTRACTS:

2019 GENERAL FUND	VOUCHERS 93-100	\$ 4,095.15
2019 PREPAID FUND	VOUCHERS 99-111	\$ 6,660.54
2019 HIGHWAY FUND	VOUCHERS 97-110	\$ 6,773.00

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

5 AYES **Rice, Perkins, Fogarty, Ploss, Rumrill**

0 NAYS

PUBLIC SPEAKING: Commenced at 7:05pm

PUBLIC SPEAKING: Closed at 7:07pm

OLD BUSINESS: Council. Fogarty asked Super. Goodwin about the pre-trip inspection sheets that he requested previously. Council. Fogarty presented a bus pre-trip checklist, and asked Super. Goodwin to bring in the NYMIR checklist that was provided to him. Super. Goodwin stated he only does pre-trip inspections.

NEW BUSINESS: TC VanDenburgh mentioned the Town Hall red office chairs needed replacing; she fell on one in January, and another individual fell a few weeks ago.

RESOLUTION 27-19

RESOLVED that the Stratford Town Board agrees to throw away the red office chairs due to their age and condition, as well as obtain quotes on (8) new office chairs.

Offered by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss

5 AYES

0 NAYS

Super. Rice stated to the public that after this meeting was complete, that the Town Board would be conducting interviews for the Assessor position within the Town Hall and asked the public to please vacate the building.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Ploss, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill.

5 AYES Rice, Fogarty, Perkins, Ploss, Rumrill

0 NAYS

A motion to rescind the adjournment was made by Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss.

5 AYES Rice, Fogarty, Perkins, Ploss, Rumrill

0 NAYS

A motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Assessor interviews was made at 7:18pm by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss.

5 AYES Rice, Fogarty, Perkins, Ploss, Rumrill

0 NAYS

A motion to return to the special meeting was made at 9:16pm by Councilwoman Ploss, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill.

5 AYES Rice, Fogarty, Perkins, Ploss, Rumrill

0 NAYS

With all business concluded, on a motion from Councilwoman Fogarty and seconded by Councilwoman Ploss, the September 2019 regular meeting was adjourned at 9:16pm.

5 AYES Rice, Perkins, Fogarty, Ploss, Rumrill

0 NAYS

-Heather VanDenburgh, Town Clerk

REGULAR MEETING
September 12, 2019
AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Correspondence
 - ADK Action
3. Reports
 - Highway Superintendent
 - Codes Enforcer
 - Assessor
 - Dog Control Officer
 - BTI Director
 - Judge
 - Historian
 - Town clerk
 - Supervisor
4. LED street lighting update
5. Budget preparation
 - ✓ Budget request forms
 - ✓ Budget workshop date
6. Financial report
7. Monthly budget update report
8. Payment of bills
9. Public speaking
10. Old Business
11. New Business
12. Executive session
13. Adjournment

Highway Report 9-5-19

West Shore is Black Top
Shoulder is put down on Stewart Landing RD
Mowing Side Roads
Raking some Roads
Hall Groch Bear in Pen shoulder and Westcut
Mowing Town Hall & Park
Brake Job on 2002 Freightline is Done
Fix Bucket on JD 6245 Loader put Ph Ton
Side & Bucket
Starting To Mow Sandia

Highway Superintendent
Chad Groch

Town Of Stratford DCO Report For
August 8, 2019 To September 11, 2019

1. Went to court and both cases were postponed till Sept. 17, 2019.
2. Had only one call on a lost dog this month. Still has not been found.
3. Went to a class on harassment in town hall.
4. The rest of the month was quiet.

Town Of Stratford DCO
Karen Jaquay

CEO report
Aug 6th-SEPT-9TH
ISSUED 3 PERMITS -
NEW RESIDENTS - GARAGE-CARPORT
6 INSPECTIONS
3 MEETINGS

MANY CALLS