

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the Town of Stratford regular Town Board Meeting held on July 11, 2024 at 6:30PM
at the municipal building located at 120 Piseco Rd.

Present:

Richard Fogarty	Supervisor
Lorraine Rumrill	Councilwoman
John Ploss	Councilman
Patricia Dineen	Town Clerk

Absent:

Todd Vedder	Councilman
Scott Seeley	Councilman

Supervisor Fogarty opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag at 6:31 PM.

GUEST SPEAKER- Branden Loren, bookkeeper to the Supervisor gave a report of the Town of Stratford financial standings. He reported that at this time the expenses are in line with the budget items and he does not see any unexpected expenses between now and the end of the fiscal year that could change that.

PUBLIC SPEAKING opened at 6:50 PM

Larry Neeley submitted the quarterly report for the Stratford Volunteer Fire Department. They have successfully trained 3 more interior firefighters which gives them 5 total. They would like to welcome the public to join the Fire Department as social members to assist the firefighters in fundraising events etc, They are currently working on a grant for a new pumper. The new OSHA standards impose a serious financial restraint for small town volunteer fire departments. The department now has 3 certified Emergency Responders and 2 RN's.

Helen Tesi reminded the public that the Fire Department is holding an Open House on July 20th. They will have music, food by Fictitious Farms(Stratford's own), games, Chinese auction and a dunk tank. Overflow parking will be at the town garage.

Gary Rumrill questioned what will be done about the missing board member that has not been attending meetings. Supervisor Fogarty stated that the board member does not take a paycheck and the board is aware of the issue and will be addressing it.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Historical Society- Lorraine Rumrill announced that there will be a meeting of the Historical Society the first Monday of August at 6:30 PM. They are looking for new members to help fill the positions to create by-laws.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

TOWN HISTORIAN – Moira Marshall reported that she has been given approximately 150 photos donated by Laura Moody. The photos are of Helterline Lumber Co, Helterline Family, McGowan families and others. She is in process of cataloging the photos. She is also continuing to post facts and photos on the facebook page.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER – none

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – David Rackmyre reported that he has had several code related calls and emails, inspections and meetings with residents. He attended court on July 2, 2024 for property at 6161 ST Hwy 29A. The case was adjourned until August 9, 2024 so the defendant can obtain an attorney.

BTI Coordinator – Mike Sokira reported that they will be done treating at the end of July. The Aquatic permit is set to expire on 12/31/24. It will need to be renewed and is valid for 5 years of treating streams. He will be teaching a 30 hour class with Caroga in December. Mr. Sokira would like to add two applicators for next year.

TOWN JUSTICE – Nicholas Rissemyer's report showed that he turned over \$413.00 in fine money to the Town of Stratford for the month of June.

ASSESSOR – David Galarneau reported that reported that there were 3 property grievances received. All 3 were reduced. He did field work gathering information on a sale property used in an appraisal. Final assessment roll was picked up from Fulton County.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – Lawrence Staring reported that they are filling pot holes and dealing with washouts and a beaver dam on Piseco Rd. He continues to get Verizon to move the poles on Voorhees Rd so the construction can begin. Mr. Staring has been researching and comparing repair vs replace vs leasing options for new truck, He asks the board how they want to proceed. Mr. Staring stated that we are still need to fill the mechanics position and asked the board to consider a part time summer position for mowing, not to exceed 20 hours per month.

After discussion, the town board approved putting an ad in paper to fill the positions.

A motion was made by John Ploss and second by Lorraine Rumrill for Superintendent Staring to sign the paperwork to order the new truck from Steele Sales.

AYES 3

NAY 0

ABSENT 2(Vedder, Seeley)

TOWN CLERK REPORT – Patricia Dineen reported that the total State, County and Local Revenue was \$930.00 of which \$904.50.00 was turned over to the Town Supervisor as clerk fees, \$3.00 was sent to NYS Ag & Market program and \$22.50 was submitted to the NYA Health Dept for marriage licenses.

A motion by Lorraine Rumrill and second by John Ploss to accept the minutes of the June 13th regular meeting.

AYE	3	Fogarty, Rumrill, Ploss
NAY	0	
ABSENT	2	Vedder, Seeley
ADOPTED		

SUPERVISORS FINANCIAL REPORT

Supervisor Fogarty presented the NBT Bank Statement Book to be viewed by anyone interested. Budget VS Actual report was presented.

Mr. Fogarty received a check from Auction International for \$7,782.50

SUPERVISOR’S Monthly Report

The next food pantry will be August 7th between 10-12. Mr. Fogarty attended Fulton County Meetings May 13th and committee meetings on June 10,24,25 and 27th. He also attended an ALGRB a meeting Keene Valley on June 26th and a Fulton County meeting on June 28 at FMCC on a 10-year tourism plan for the county.

On motion of Councilman John Ploss and second by Councilwoman Lorraine Rumrill the following resolution was offered.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS RESOLUTION 31-2024

RESOLVED that the bills contained on Abstract #7 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	# 123 to #131	\$ 4,101.06
Highway Fund	# 88 to #095	\$ 4,732.28
Prepaid	# 54 to #095	\$23,435.46

Ayes	3
Nay	0
Absent	Todd Vedder, Scott Seeley

Adopted July 11, 2024

On motion of Richard Fogarty and second by John Ploss the following resolution is offered.
AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION #27-2024 TRANSFER OF FUNDS
RESOLUTION #32-2024

WHEREAS, The Town of Stratford Board would like to amend the Fund Transfer of A1990.4 to A8090.4 in Resolution 27-2024 in the amount of \$176.67.

RESOLVED to transfer funds as follows for the purpose of maintaining a balanced budget.

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
A8090.2 Environmental Control Equipment	A8090.4 Environmental Control Contractual	\$ 176.67

BE IT RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution will be available for public review at the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours.

AYE 3
NAY 0
ABSENT: Vedder, Seeley

ADOPTED July 11, 2024

On motion of Lorraine Rumrill and second by John Ploss the following resolution is offered.

SUPERVISOR GRANTED PERMISSION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH
STANDARD INSULATING COMPANY

RESOLUTION #33-2024

WHEREAS The Town of Stratford Board grants Supervisor Richard Fogarty permission to enter into contract with Standard Insulation Company for the installation of LG 24k outdoor Heat Pump with 4 wall heads, 7k each 3 rooms upstairs in town office building and an additional 7k in clerk's office including all materials needed to complete the entire installation.

BE IT RESOLVED that Supervisor Richard Fogarty is authorized to enter into contract with Standard Insulation Company for the amount of \$14,275.00 for the installation (including all materials) necessary of a heat pump system.

AYE 3
NAY 0
ABSENT Vedder, Seeley

ADOPTED July 11, 2024

OLD Business—none

NEW Business – The Town Hall and Judge Chambers needs to have the floors stripped and rewaxed. Supervisor Fogarty will get some pricing and present it at the September Meeting.

With no further business to discuss a motion by Lorraine Rumrill and second by Scott Seeley to close the July 11, 2024 Town Board Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05PM

Respectfully submitted

Patricia Dineen, Town Clerk

I hereby certify that the aforementioned is a true and accurate copy of the minutes recorded at the Town of Stratford Town Board meeting of July, 2024.

SEAL

DATED

July 11, 2024

Patricia Dineen, Town Clerk