

State of New York  
County of Fulton  
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the Town of Stratford regular Town Board Meeting held on June 13, 2024 at 6:30PM  
at the municipal building located at 120 Piseco Rd.

Present:

Richard Fogarty	Supervisor
Lorraine Rumrill	Councilwoman
Scott Seeley	Councilman
Patricia Dineen	Town Clerk

Absent:

Todd Vedder	Councilman
John Ploss	Councilman

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

Public speaking opened at 6:31 PM

Alicia Rice questioned if the increase of salt was only on county highways or did it include town highways also. She also asked if it was a directive or suggestion from the County of Fulton Highway Department. Superintendent Staring stated that we are expected to provide a level of service which will keep the highways safe. He determined that level based on his many years of experience keeping the roads safe. Alicia asked if we have examined the reports being done to determine the safety of salt on highway to lakes and streams. Mr. Fogarty stated that they have been looked into and that there has been a new study done by the Adirondack Park which is about to be released and the Highway Superintendent and Supervisor will definitely examine the new report when it comes out.

Helen Costa Tesi was the next to speak. The Stratford Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a Community Family Day at the Stratford Fire House on Saturday, July 20 between the hours of 10AM – 4PM. This will include tour of Fire House, Chinese Auction, Bounce House, Duck Tank, live Music and food provided by our locally owned Fictitious Farms. Any donations for the Chinese raffle will be appreciated. In conjunction with this there will be a Citizens Preparedness Training Session in the Stratford Town Hall at 10AM. All participants must preregister in advance at [www.prepare.ny.gov](http://www.prepare.ny.gov) or if you would like assistance registering, Moira Marshall will be at the clerks office Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup> and June 22<sup>nd</sup> to assist registration. All households who attend will receive a free backback filled with emergency supplies. Helen also informed us that they are looking for Social Members to join the Fire Department. This doesn't mean fighting fires, it is to be a part in fundraising and community events. Helen also asked if there is a possibility of getting a caution or curve sign put on Piseco road after the intersection of Piseco and Dugway. She has witnessed many close calls on the curve. Superintendent stated he would take a look at the curve to see if any signage could be done.

Gary Rumrill was the next public speaker. He wanted to state that he felt the town is using the right portion of salt on the town roads. He stated "If you look at the State roads, they are white with salt during the winter but the town roads are in good shape without that".

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Beautification committee-Richard Fogarty reported on behalf of Karen Jaquay that the pavilion project has been completed and he is working on repairing the picnic tables and benches that were salvaged from the old pavilion. He also reported that a planter box was put in the town park and Susan Fogarty has planted summer plants in it. Supervisor Fogarty also asked for feedback about possibly putting some type of Veteran's Memorial Flag Pole in the park.

Historical Society- Lorraine Rumrill announced that they succeeded in gaining new memberships since the last meeting and would like to once again invite new members to join.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

TOWN HISTORIAN – Moira Marshall reported that she has been working on the upstairs room where historical records and her office are to make it a safe place for storing old records and items donated by the community. She is trying to create an area where the community can come to check things out. She is creating a historical time line of a number of people and properties in our town. She will be meeting with History Forge Historians to find requirements for us to start work on creating our Town History database. She also catalogued a Stratford built baseball bat with pictures and history from Robert Stalnaker.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER – Karen Jaquay reported that there was a call about 2 dogs loose on Powerhouse road. She has searched but was unable to locate them. There were no further calls about the loose dogs. The ACD that was running loose all winter and spring was captured by a couple on Piseco Rd and they have adopted him. Inspection of the kennels should be done by the next meeting.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – David Rackmyre reported that he has had several code related calls and emails, inspections and meetings with residents. Two code violations from last month have complied and the other 2 are working on taking care of the issues.

BTI Coordinator – Mike Sokira reported that they are continuing to treat and monitor streams but many of the smaller areas have dried up due to the low water levels. He has one applicator that hasn't been able to get out much and suggests that the board considered an extra applicator for next year to utilize when applicators are not able to get out.

TOWN JUSTICE – Nicholas Rissemyer's report showed that he turned over \$100.00 in fine money to the Town of Stratford for the month of May.

ASSESSOR – David Galarneau reported that reported that Grievance Day was held on May 31<sup>st</sup> as scheduled.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – Lawrence Staring reported that they are finishing up the sweeping and cleanup, seasonal roads have been raked and they are working on filling pot holes and washouts. He has reached out to 2 companies to get supply quotes for the flat head mower needing repair. One has responded with a price of \$3,499. and there will be additional expenses to repair the tractor as well. He has looked into rental prices for the mower and they are \$8,000. for one month, therefore he suggested that the town repair the mower rather than renting. Once again we are in need of a mechanic.

TOWN CLERK REPORT – Patricia Dineen reported that the total State, County and Local Revenue was \$1,150.00 of which \$1,143.00 was turned over to the Town Supervisor as clerk fees and \$7.00 was sent to NYS Ag & Market program.

A motion by Richard Fogarty and second by Lorraine Rumril to accept the minutes of the May 9th regular meeting.

AYE	3	Fogarty, Rumrill, Seeley
NAY	0	
ABSENT	2	Vedder, Ploss
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 the Fulton County Quarterly Sales Tax Report and a check for \$82,642.45 We also received a check for \$2,466.49 in Mortgage Tax Distribution.

#### SUPERVISOR’S Monthly Report

The next food pantry will be July 3rd between 10-12. We continue to feed 50-60 families in our area. Mr. Fogarty attended Fulton County Meetings May 13<sup>th</sup> and committee meetings on May 27, 28 and 30<sup>th</sup>. He also attended an ALGRB meeting in Long Lake May 29<sup>th</sup> and an AATV meeting at Saranac Lake June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3rd. Our accountant will be attending our next town board meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup> to answer any concerns from the board and citizens about how the 2024 budget is proceeding. The AFR has been completed and is on file with the State of New York. A copy is on file in the Town Clerks Office for review by any town resident. Mr. Fogarty and the negotiation team have met four times with the union to achieve the 2025/2027 contract. The Municipal Shelter Inspection Report for Brennan was completed on 5/29/2024 and the results were satisfactory.

Mr. Fogarty presented a Proposed Premium Rate increase letter from CDPHP showing a 22.9% increase in cost for next year. This needs to be kept in mind for preparing next year budget.

On motion of Supervisor Richard Fogarty and second by Councilman Scott Seeley the following resolution was offered.

#### AUDIT OF CLAIMS

## RESOLUTION 26-2024

RESOLVED that the bills contained on Abstract #5 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	# 107 to #122	\$ 47,821.60
Highway Fund	# 74 to #87	\$ 16,864.76
Prepaid	# 39 to #53	\$ 5,910.20

Ayes	3
Nay	0
Absent	Todd Vedder, John Ploss

Adopted June 13, 2024

On motion of Richard Fogarty and second by Scott Seeley, the following resolution is offered.

## TRANSFER OF FUNDS

## RESOLUTION #27-2024

WHEREAS, The Town of Stratford Board has accepted the transfer of funds.

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

### General Account

From	To	Amount
A1990.4	A8090.4	\$ 176.67
DA1990.4	DA9089.8	\$ 200.00
A5132.424	A5132.26	\$ 726..10

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:	Todd Vedder, John Ploss

Adopted June 13, 2024

On motion of Richard Fogarty and second by Scott Seeley, the following resolution is adopted.

AUTHORIZE TOWN OF STRATFORD SUPERVISOR TO MAKE PAYMENT TO  
Wm. J. KELLER

RESOLUTION 28-2024

RESOLVED that the Town of Stratford Supervisor Richard Fogarty be authorized to make payment to Wm. J. Keller & Sons Construction Corp. for the construction of the Pavillion at the Town Hall in the amount of \$39,400.00

AYE 3  
NAY 0  
ABSENT Todd Vedder, John Ploss

Motion carried June 13, 2024

On motion of Lorraine Rumrill and second by Scott Seeley the following resolution was offered.

SUPERVISOR GRANTED PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN  
DEPOSIT PLACEMENT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION #29 -2024

WHEREAS the Stratford Town Board gives Supervisor Richard Fogarty permission to enter the town funds into NBT Bank IntraFi Network Deposits.

WHEREAS after reviewing the IntraFi Network Deposit program offered by NBT Bank and verifying the acceptability of Network Deposits with the Office of the State Comptroller of New York State

BE IT RESOLVED that Supervisor Richard Fogarty is given permission to participate in the IntraFi Network Deposit program as offered by NBT Bank.

Ayes 3  
Nay 0  
Absent Todd Vedder, John Ploss  
Adopted June 13, 2024

On motion of Richard Fogarty and second by Lorraine Rumrill the following resolution was offered.

SUPERVISOR GRANTED PERMISSION TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR  
ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH LAMONT ENGINEERS  
RESOLUTION #30 -2024

WHEREAS the Stratford Town Board gives Supervisor Richard Fogarty permission to commission Lamot Engineers for the proposed modifications to the existing Town Highway Garage.

BE IT RESOLVED that Lamont Engineers to provide Civil Engineering and Planning Services according to the 2024 SCHEDULE OF RATES (attached to resolution 2024-#25) in the amount of \$17,516.00 for the proposed modifications to the Town Highway Garage.

Ayes	3
Nay	0
Absent	Todd Vedder, John Ploss
Adopted	June 13, 2024

OLD Business—none

With no further business to discuss a motion by Lorraine Rumrill and second by Scott Seeley to close the June 13, 2024 Town Board Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27PM

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 June 13, 2024.

SEAL

DATED

June 13, 2024

Patricia Dineen, Town Clerk