

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Stratford

Minutes of the Town of Stratford reorganizational/regular Town Board Meeting held on February 13, 2025 at the municipal building located at 120 Piseco Rd.

Present:

Richard Fogarty	Supervisor
Scott Seeley	Councilman
John Ploss	Councilman
Todd Vedder	Councilman
Patricia Dineen	Town Clerk

Absent: Lorraine Rumrill

Public present -- 6

Supervisor Richard Fogarty called the meeting to order at 6:34PM. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public speaking opened at 6:35 PM

Susan Fogarty informed everyone that for the upcoming election period there will be the following terms ending.

Supervisor
Town Clerk
Highway Superintendent
2 Town Councilmembers
Fulton County Clerk
Fulton County Treasurer

Anyone wishing to run for any of these positions must make an appointment starting February 18, 2025 with the Board of Election to pick up their petitions.

Joan Ploss again thanked the Highway Department for the excellent job they are doing keeping up with all the storms despite being short a truck.

Larry Neely presented the board with the Annual 2024 Report Summary of calls by type of situation found for the Stratford Fire Department.

PUBLIC SPEAKING ended at 6:41 PM

Supervisor Fogarty requested the board convene to executive session according to NY Law Section 105 Litigation.

Motion by Scott Seeley and Second by John Ploss to enter into executive session.

Ayes-4

The board entered into executive session at 6:38.

Executive session ended at 6:58.

Supervisor Fogarty re-opened the regular board meeting at 6:58.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES-none

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

TOWN HISTORIAN – Moira Marshal attended a 250th Commemorative meeting for the American Revolution for preparing the upcoming celebration. She is working with an author who is writing a book about Fulton County Schools. She is also working with Salisbury for their upcoming summer show on Artists and Inventors. Moira is working with the Salisbury Historical Society to build a history of our blended border, people and events. She is also working with Donna Hasbrouck in building a history of the early Settlers of Stratford.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER – Karen stated she received complaints about barking dogs at night, she spoke with the dog owner and owner has arranged for someone to make sure dogs are inside before 10 PM. She also had a call from Fulton county Sheriff dept about an issue of a resident with 100 dogs. She reported that she only saw 25 puppies and 8 adult dogs when she visited. She will be checking regularly to be sure they comply with state and town laws. She also reported one dog bite occurrence. Per protocol guidelines the dog was examined and put on 10 day quarantine and owner is required to license and get rabies shot immediately.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER –Mr Rackmyre submitted a copy of the training status of Code Officials to the Town Board.

BTI Coordinator – Mike Sokira stated that we used 19.5 gallons of VectoBac for the 2024 treatment season. He will be ordering 15 more gallons of pesticide for the current season. He held the 30 hour certification course in December for one Stratford attendee. She passed the test at the DEC and is waiting for her pesticide ID. He is working on updating maps using Google map base.

TOWN JUSTICE – Nicholas Rissemyer's report \$0.00 in fine money for the month of January.

ASSESSOR – David Galarneau submitted his availability schedule January through March 21, 2025.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – Lawrence Staring stated that the weather has been keeping them very busy, he said they have found the limit of what they can do with our crew and

equipment. They are pushing back banks and clearing intersections as they can. There were some minor breakdowns.

A motion by Scott Seeley and second by John Ploss to accept the minutes of the December 12, 30 and January 9 Town Board Meetings. All were in agreement.

TOWN CLERK REPORT – Patricia Dineen reported that the total State, County and Local Revenue was \$725.00 of which \$725.00 was turned over to the Town Supervisor as clerk fees.

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 Sales Tax Distribution for the 4th Quarter in the amount of \$93,474.39. He also received the NBT Bank Transfer of \$300,000.00 for the purchase of the plow truck. The year-end interest income from NBT Bank was \$41,399.41.

SUPERVISOR’S Monthly Report-

Mr. Fogarty reported they are still working on Highway contract.

The food pantry will 3rd Thursday of each month.

Supervisor Fogarty attended County meetings January 2, 27, 28 and 30th.

Supervisor Fogarty informed the board that the Highway contract will be having a mediation meeting on March 4, 2025. He also had a copy of the LaMont plans for the town barn and would like to send them out for bid to see what pricing comes back.

Mr. Fogarty also suggested that he get the town barn water tested by the county to see where it stands and possibly look into a water softening system next year to alleviate purchasing drinking water and the preservation of the equipment.

On motion of John Ploss and second by Scott Seeley the following resolution was offered.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS RESOLUTION #09-2025

RESOLVED that the bills contained on Abstract #2 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	# 17 to # 31	\$ 104,607.50
Highway Fund	# 10 to # 22	\$ 27,164.26
Prepaid	# 8 to # 29	\$ 6,184.44

Ayes	4	Fogarty, Seeley, Vedder, Ploss
Nay	0	
Absent	1	Rumrill

Adopted

OLD Business - none

NEW Business

On motion of John Ploss and second by Scott Seeley the following resolution was offered.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCING LOCAL LAW NO. 1 of 2025 OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD

A LOCAL LAW INCREASING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE TOWN SUPERVISOR AND TOWN CLERK
FROM TWO (2) TO FOUR (4) YEARS

RESOLUTION #10-2025

WHEREAS, the Town of Stratford is desirous of adopting Local Law No. 1 of 2025 increasing the term of office of the Town Supervisor and Town Clerk from two(2) to four(4) years; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2025 has been presented to the Town Board for its review and consideration; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Town Board calls for a public hearing to be held on the attached proposed Local Law No. 1 during a regular Town Board meeting scheduled for Thursday March 13, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town of Stratford Town Hall located at 120 Piseco Road, Stratford, New York 13470; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is directed to publish a notice of public hearing in the Leader Herald, to post it on the town website and the town notice board as required by the New York State General Municipal Law.

Richard Fogarty, Supervisor

Patricia Dineen, Town Clerk

Present: Fogarty, Seeley, Vedder, Ploss

Absent: Rumrill

Town Board Members:

Richard Fogarty	Yea	
Scott Seeley	Yea	
Todd Vedder		Nay
John Ploss	Yea	
Lorraine Rumrill		Absent
Carried		

On motion of John Ploss and second by Todd Vedder the following resolution is offered.

SUPERVISOR GRANTED PERMISSION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH
COUNTY OF FULTON PLANNING SERVICES

RESOLUTION #11-2025

WHEREAS The Town of Stratford Board grants Supervisor Richard Fogarty permission to enter into contract with the County of Fulton Planning Services.

BE IT RESOLVED that Supervisor Richard Fogarty is authorized to enter into contract with the County of Fulton Planning Service to be billed quarterly (not to exceed \$500.00) for the period 1/1/2025 thru 12/31/2025. Town of Stratford will be billed for actual hours spent by Planning Department Staff (at 2025 hourly county staff rate) performing the service to the Town of Stratford.

AYE	4	Fogarty, Ploss, Vedder, Seeley
NAY	0	
ABSENT	1	Rumrill

ADOPTED

On motion of Scott Seeley and second by Todd Vedder, the following resolution is offered.

AUDITING OF TOWN CLERK/TOWN JUSTICE RECORDS FOR YEAR
2024

RESOLUTION #12-2025

WHEREAS the auditing of the yearly reports for the Town Clerk and Town Justice for the year 2024.

RESOLVED, that the following is hereby offered by Supervisor Richard Fogarty and Councilwoman Lorraine Rumrill that they have examined the Stratford Town Clerk and Town Justice records from January 1-December 31, 2024. The documents were found to be in order.

BE IT RESOLVED: a copy of this report will be available for public review at the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

AYE	4	Fogarty, Seeley, Ploss, Vedder
NAY	0	
ABSENT	1	Rumrill

ADOPTED

With no further business to discuss a motion by Scott Seeley and second by John Ploss to close the February 13, 2025 Town Board Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51PM

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 February 13, 2025.

SEAL

DATED February 13, 2025

Patricia Dineen, Town Clerk