State of New York County of Fulton Town of Stratford

Minutes of the Stratford Regular Board meeting held on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at the municipal building located at 120 Piseco Rd.

Present:

Allan Perkins --- Councilman
Joan Ploss --- Councilwoman
Dawn Youker --- Councilwoman
Lorraine Rumrill --- Councilwoman

Norman Wright --- Code Enforcement Officer

Diana Massicotte --- Town Clerk
Lita Hillier --- Bookkeeper
Leigh Anne Loucks --- Assessor
Michael Sokira --- BTI Director

Absent:

Robert Johnson Jr. --- Supervisor
Charles Goodwin --- Superintendent
Peg Klages --- Deputy Town Clerk

Deputy Supervisor Perkins called the regular meeting to order at 6:33 pm with the Pledge to the Flag.

Residents in attendance: Allicia and Frank Rice, Heidi Christiansen, Ken Thompson, and Dave Cool.

Deputy Supervisor Perkins said that Supervisor Johnson was ill.

# **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Allicia Rice reported that 20 people were present for the Red Cross training.

# **REPORTS**

Code Enforcement Officer, Norman Wright, read his report as follows:

January 8, 2015 through February 11, 2015

Two Inspections

One Fire related inspection

One Certificate of Occupancy issued

Eight Certificate of Compliance issued

There were a few phone calls

Frank Rice mentioned that new legislation was passed regarding prefab plywood truss-type structures. The property owner is to notify Code Enforcement Officer if this type of construction is being used. The CEO in turn notifies the Fire Department. This will also be noted in the permit.

The Treasurer distributed her report for February. Lita said she was working on the Financial Report. The Board complimented her on the great job she has done.

Assessor, Leigh Anne Loucks, reported working on litigation and STAR forms.

Deputy Supervisor Perkins read the Highway Superintendent's report as follows:

Have been doing a lot of snowplowing and sanding during ice storm.

Had two breakdowns: #7, 2002 Freightliner drive shaft and Truck 8, 2007 Sterling rear spring.

Pushing snow banks back for last two weeks in between storms.

Still have more to do.

Heidi Christiansen asked if the Highway Department could check on snow banks on Route 29A.

BTI Director, Michael Sokira, reported as follows:

Sent in aquatic permit application packet for 2015 on February 7, 2015.

Advertised at the Town Hall, Town website, Post Office and Transfer Station for new pesticide applicators. No takers, cancelled the scheduled training class.

We are down to three applicators, Peter Szczebak, Nicole Wainwright and me. Lost Corey DeBonte for this year.

Set up an account with Clarke to supply BTI to the town. Will be ordering pesticide in March.

Deputy Supervisor Perkins read a note from Emma Baulch stating she would like to have the use of the hill beside the school to have a fun day in the snow on February 21, from 11:00 to 12:00 noon.

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss to give permission to Emma for her snow day on February 21, 2015 from 11:00 to 12:00 noon.

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Perkins, Rumrill, Ploss and Youker Nays 0

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

# **NEW BUSINESS**

None

# **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss to approve the Reorganization and regular Board meeting minutes of January 8, 2015.

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Perkins, Rumrill, Ploss and Youker Nays 0

Motion made by Councilwoman Ploss, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation with Town Attorney, Allan Day at 7:00 pm.

**ADOPTED** Ayes - 4 Rumrill, Perkins, Ploss and Youker Nays - 0

Meeting called back to order by Deputy Supervisor Perkins at 9:47 pm.

Deputy Supervisor Perkins stated there would be a special executive meeting Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 7:00 pm to discuss with the Town Attorney, Allan Day, pending litigation.

## **AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

Motion made by Councilwoman Ploss, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill to approve the bills on Abstract #2.

**ADOPTED** Ayes - 4 Rumrill, Perkins, Ploss and Youker Nays - 0

General Fund – Abstract 2 Voucher Nos. 15 through 34 \$30,950.04 Highway Fund - Abstract 2 Voucher Nos. 2 through 20 \$16,402.38

The Town Board audited the Judge's books. Judge Gardner supplied the Board with a copy of the Court report for 2012 through 2015. They will finish auditing the Town Clerk's books at the next meeting.

Councilwoman Rumrill announced that the Salisbury Center Fire Department fish fry starts February 20, 2015.

With no further business, on a motion by Councilwoman Rumrill seconded by Councilwoman Ploss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Massicotte, Town Clerk