

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Stamford was held on Dec. 14, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town of Stamford Municipal Building with the following present:

Supv. -John Kosier
Councilperson- Daniel Deysenroth
Councilperson-Roderick Hillis
Councilperson-David Post
Councilperson-Brent Trimbell
Hwy. Supt. Jonathan Ballard

Also present: Jackie Lamport, Liz Page, Ken Gopel, Kevin Rinehart, Lindsey Dodd and Duane Martin.

The board meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A MOTION was made by Roderick Hillis and seconded by David Post to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. ALL AYE votes, MOTION carried.

Lindsey Dodd of Young/Sommer LLC Attorneys at Law was present to give the board an update on the ambulance service-Headwaters EMS. Ray Baker has been named as Director of Operations. The hiring of personnel and lining up of ambulances is being done. Ms. Dodd explained a resolution from each of the three towns (Stamford, Kortright and Harpersfield) is needed to apply for a Certificate of Need from the NYS Dept. of Health which usually takes about six weeks to obtain and will speed up the process. She explained the process as Headwaters EMS is applying for a Certificate of Need and takes approximately two years to receive. When Headwaters EMS obtains this the towns will not reapply for the Certificate of Need.

RESOLUTION NO. 61-2022 was introduced by Brent Trimbell and seconded by Roderick Hillis:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that we adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF STAMFORD

Whereas, under the provisions of Article 30 of NYS Health Law 3008(7)(a) towns are permitted to establish and operate an ambulance service; and

Whereas, the Town of Stamford, a municipality in Delaware County, New York, has determined that it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the Town and the Town's residents to establish, contract for and/or operate an ambulance service or contract for the operation of the ambulance service pursuant to General Municipal Law § 122-b; and

Whereas, the Town Board has determined that all property, property owners and interested persons within the town will be benefited by the establishment and operation of an ambulance service;

It is hereby resolved that:

The Town of Stamford, County of Delaware, State of New York, finding need for ambulance service in the Town of Stamford, declares that the town establish, contract for and/or operate an ambulance service under contract, for operation within the town's boundaries; and it is further resolved, that

The boundaries of the service shall encompass the entire town;

The Supervisor of the Town of Stamford shall be empowered to take all steps necessary to obtain ambulance operating authority, including forwarding this resolution to the New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services; and

This service shall take effect immediately upon approval by the REMSCO and/or state.

The foregoing RESOLUTION WAS DULY PUT TO A VOTE WHICH resulted as follows:

AYES: John Kosier-Roderick Hillis-Daniel Deysenroth
David Post-Brent Trimbell

NOES: None

Said RESOLUTION was thereupon declared duly adopted.

CERTIFICATION

I, **Diane Grant**, Town Clerk of the Town of Stamford hereby certify that the above resolution was duly made by the Stamford Town Board at a duly constituted meeting of the Town Board on December 14, 2022.

Town Clerk

Dated: _____ 2022

A MOTION was made by Daniel Deysenroth and seconded by Brent Trimbell to approve the Supervisor's monthly report. ALL AYE votes cast, MOTION carried.

Town of Stamford	Supervisor's Report					Nov-22	
	General Townwide	General Part-Town	Highway Townwide	Highway Part-Town	SK Light	SK Walls	Sewer Dist.
Beginning Balance:	\$ 411,868.59	\$ 57,498.27	\$ 223,289.72	\$ 117,249.99	\$ 2,675.09	\$ 2,437.24	\$ 37,617.33
REVENUES							
Interest Earned	\$ 28.10	\$ 0.24	\$ 27.26	\$ 3.24			\$ 0.16
Charter Communications	\$ 378.42						
Delhi Telephone	\$ 1,011.94						
Registrar		\$ 120.00					
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 49.16						
Del City Elections	\$ 6,500.00						
Mortgage Tax	\$ 23,384.86						
Dog Fees	\$ 34.50						
Court Fines	\$ 839.00						
Permits		\$ 790.00					
EXPENDITURES							
Abstracts	\$ 7,477.33	\$ 2,948.93	\$ 16,037.90	\$ 4,643.95	\$ 59.62		\$ 5,896.14
Health Insurance	\$ 1,779.92		\$ 6,819.68				
Payroll & Fringe	\$ 14,742.06	\$ 871.98	\$ 16,713.83				
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 420,095.26	\$ 54,587.60	\$ 183,745.57	\$ 112,609.28	\$ 2,615.47	\$ 2,437.24	\$ 31,721.35

A MOTION was made by Brent Trimbell and seconded by Daniel Deysenroth approve General bills abstract no. 12, dated Dec. 14, 2022, claim nos.: Fund A – A212 – A229, Fund B – B23 – B29 and Fund SL – SL12 in the amount of \$10,479.41. ALL AYE votes cast, MOTION carried.

A MOTION was made by Daniel Deysenroth and seconded by Brent Trimbell to approve Highway bills abstract no. 12, dated Dec. 14, 2022, claim nos.: Fund DA – DA64 – DA76 and Fund DB – DB34 – DB37 in the amount of \$160,967.20. ALL AYE votes cast, MOTION carried.

A MOTION was made by Brent Trimbell and seconded by David Post to approve South Kortright Sewer District bills abstract no. 12, dated Dec. 14, 2022, claim nos. SK54 – SK61 in the amount of \$13,229.83. ALL AYE votes cast, MOTION carried.

Hwy. Supt. Jonathan Ballard informed the board of the delivery of the new plow truck from Utica Mac. A radio and emergency lights are not installed yet. The plow and wing will be installed by the highway dept.

Hwy. Supt. Jonathan Ballard informed the Town Brook Rd. Slope Stabilization project on Town Brook Rd. was finished yesterday.

Discussed was three estimates received for a single axle 2 ½ ton all wheel drive truck which can't be ordered until fall.

The following correspondence was received from the NYS Dept. of Transportation declining the town's request for a speed limit reduction/extension in the hamlet of South Kortright:



**Department of
Transportation**

KATHY HOCHUL
Governor

MARIE THERESE DOMINGUEZ
Commissioner

THOMAS D. WISER, P.E.
Acting Regional Director

November 8, 2022

Ms. Susan McIntyre, Commissioner
Delaware County Department of Public Works
PO Box 311
Delhi, NY 13753

Dear Commissioner McIntyre,

**RE: SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION/ EXTENSION
10559 AND 11184 COUNTY HIGHWAY 18
HAMLET OF SOUTH KORTRIGHT
TOWN OF STAMFORD, DELAWARE COUNTY**

This is a follow up to our letter dated September 20, 2022. The Region 9 Traffic Safety and Mobility Office (TSMO) has completed their review.

The NYSDOT follows the practice of setting regulatory speed limits at the 85th percentile speed. The 85th percentile speed is a baseline value for which 85% of vehicles travel at, or below. The consensus of traffic engineers throughout the industry is that the appropriate value for a posted speed limit will almost always be established by the 85th percentile speed. Studies have shown that setting the regulatory speed limit lower than the 85th percentile speed typically results in speed differentials between vehicles. Some drivers will obey the lower posted speed while others will feel it is unreasonable and simply ignore it. This disrupts the uniform traffic flow and increases accident potential. Dramatic differences in vehicle speeds can lead to aggressive driving, tailgating, unsafe passing, and accidents associated with these conditions.

Uniform predictable speeds provide for better accuracy when judging gaps in traffic, which is important for traffic entering from intersections and driveways and for pedestrians crossing the roadway. Furthermore, state directives recommend not placing more than 30 percent of drivers in violation of a posted speed limit. This recommendation is based on safety as well as the legal concept of imposing a speed trap which can be deemed by the judicial system as unreasonable and, therefore, unenforceable.

The 85th percentile speed was measured at the two locations specified in the request on County Highway 18 (CH 18) in South Kortright. The 85th percentile speed measured 50 MPH at 10559 CH 18 and 51 MPH at 11184 CH 18 within the current 55 MPH. Further, 3% of these vehicles were over 55 MPH. If the Department were to lower the speed limit to 30 MPH, as requested, it would put 97% of drivers in violation at both locations. Department guidance only allows 30 % of drivers be put in violation of a new speed limit. Therefore, the posted speed limit of 55 MPH is appropriate for these locations.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (607) 721- 8080

Sincerely,



Tony Signorelli, P. E.
Regional Traffic Engineer

PG / NA

c: Diane S. Grant, Town Clerk, Town of Stamford

Councilperson Daniel Deysenroth informed the board the Catskill Revitalization Corp. had an on-line survey on their website for UTV/ATV use on the rail trail. 1329 responded to the survey, 826 noes and 503 yes. The use of UTV/ATVs was not approved at this time.

RESOLUTION NO. 62-2022 was introduced by Daniel Deysenroth and seconded by Brent Trimbell:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that we move into Executive Session at 7:12 pm for a personnel matter and possible litigation.

The foregoing RESOLUTION WAS DULY PUT TO A VOTE WHICH resulted as follows:

AYES: John Kosier-Roderick Hillis-Daniel Deysenroth
David Post-Brent Trimbell

NOES: None

Said RESOLUTION was thereupon declared duly adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 63-2022 was introduced by Daniel Deysenroth and seconded by Brent Trimbell:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that we move out of Executive Session at 7:23 pm with no action taken.

The foregoing RESOLUTION WAS DULY PUT TO A VOTE WHICH resulted as follows:

AYES: John Kosier-Roderick Hillis-Daniel Deysenroth
David Post-Brent Trimbell

NOES: None

Said RESOLUTION was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A MOTION was made by John Kosier and seconded by Daniel Deysenroth to adjourn this meeting at 7:24 P.M. The Organizational Meeting will be held on Jan. 11, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Municipal Building, 101 Maple Ave., Hobart, New York.

WE, the undersigned members of the Town Board of the Town of Stamford,
Delaware County, New York, do hereby certify that we have examined the minutes of the
previous meeting and found them to be correct and accurate as recorded.

Supervisor _____

Councilperson _____

Councilperson _____

Councilperson _____

Councilperson _____

Attest _____

Town Clerk