

The June Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Stamford was held on June 12, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town of Stamford Municipal Building with the following present:

Supervisor-John Kosier
Councilperson- David Post
Councilperson – Daniel Deysenroth
Dept Hwy – Jon Ballard
Dept Hwy – Kevin Rinehart

Also present: Liz Page, Duane Martin, Ruthanne Van Buren, Jackie Lamport, Julie Sechrist, Jake Palmatier, Phyllis Hillis, Keneth Gopel, Mike Triolo, Mike Cairns, Ray Baker, Bill Eklund and Doug Murphy. Absent from the meeting was Brent Trimbell.

The meeting was CALLED TO ORDER at 6:02 pm and started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A RESOLUTION was made by John Kosier and second by Daniel Deysenroth to move into Executive Session at 6:04pm for a Personnel Matter.

The foregoing RESOLUTION WAS DULY PUT TO A VOTE which resulted as follows:
AYES: John Kosier, Daniel Deysenroth and David Post
NAYES: None
Said RESOLUTION was thereupon adopted.

A RESOLUTION was made to bring Executive Session to a close by John Kosier and second by David Post at 6:10pm.

The foregoing RESOLUTION WAS DULY PUT TO A VOTE which resulted as follows:
AYES: John Kosier, Daniel Deysenroth and David Post
NAYES: None
Said RESOLUTION was thereupon adopted.

Phyllis Hillis had been asked to fill her husband, Roderick Hillis, place on the Board. She opted to decline the position and read a letter to that effect. John again gave thanks for Rod's membership and friendship over the years on behalf of the Board.

Brent Trimbell resigned from the Board effective immediately and send in a letter stating same.

A MOTION was made by Daniel Deysenroth and second by David Post to appoint new members to fill the spots until December. Julie Hillis Sechrist and Jake Palmatier are both on the ballot running for the position and with two spots now available, both were appointed to the Board. ALL AYE votes cast, MOTION carried.

A MOTION was made by David Post and second by Daniel Deysenroth to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. ALL AYE votes cast, MOTION carried.

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

A MOTION was made by David Post and seconded by Daniel Deysenroth to approve Highway Bills Abstracts dated June 12, 2024 for DA in the amount of \$5406.26 claim nos DA 2426-2433 & DB in the amount of \$4407.38 claim nos DB 2410-2412 for a total of \$9813.64. ALL AYE votes cast, MOTION carried.

Updates from the Highway Department include a John Deere tractor that is having issues. Kevin Rinehart has been trying to get it fixed but needs John Deere to come out and take a look. Jon Ballard mentioned an equipment fund to address newer vehicles to purchase as needed. Schools and Villages have them and it would make sense as they will probably need to start thinking about it soon. The CHIPS money should have a little leftover, but may need it to reseal some roads. Jon Ballard will have a report provided for what we have and when it may come up for replacement. Kevin Rinehart wanted an update on culverts to see if it had been considered.

A MOTION was made by Julie Hillis-Sechrist and second by Daniel Deysenroth to clarify the policy indicating that the property owner shall pay for the initial culvert pipe and the Town Highway Department would install it at no further cost. If there is normal wear and tear that leads to replacement needed, the Town Highway Department would then pay for the culvert pipe and replacement. If the property owner is putting more than one culvert pipe in on their property they would again be responsible for the cost of the initial culvert pipe with installation, repair or replacement provided by the Town Highway Department. There are exemptions for Agricultural properties. ALL AYE votes cast, MOTION carried.

A MOTION was made by David Post and seconded by Daniel Deysenroth to approve General bills Abstract No. 6 dated June 12, 2024 for A in the amount of \$3391.27 claim nos A 2466-2480 & B in the amount of \$3051.53 claim no B 2406 & SL in the amount of \$76.32 claim no 2404 for a total of \$6519.12. ALL AYE votes cast, MOTION carried.

A MOTION was made by Daniel Deysenroth and seconded by John Kosier to approve South Kortright Sewer District bills abstract dated June 12, 2024 in the amount of \$7532.53 for claim nos SK 2428-2430. ALL AYE votes cast, MOTION carried.

Mike Cairns attended the meeting on behalf of LVDV to give an update on the Sewer Project. There were some updates they were hoping to make in 2023 but were unable to remove valves only. They must replace the whole unit. Emmons Metro indicated a "return fee" for anything not used. They were able to get a good price for the valves at current market, but if they wait until 2025, it will be considerably more expensive. So they would like to get the valves now, but still make a budget and plan for the work to be done in 2025. He also indicated that recent repairs included sealing things off to avoid rainwater from coming in and adding work to the system.

A MOTION was made by Daniel Deysenroth and second by David Post to order the parts needed. ALL AYE votes cast, MOTION carried.

Ray Baker attended the meeting on behalf of Headwaters EMS to give an update. They were approved for their own CON so we will not have to renew our own. They have enough people trained in ALS to staff the Ambulances 4 days a week and are working towards 7 days per week. They hope to have everything final in July but are asking Towns to continue until December when the contract expires. He said they have 3 or more calls per day, which should be enough to pay for themselves. Duane Martin said again that he had an incident and the EMS service was prompt and the crew was very helpful. Ray Baker also stated that Jackie Lamport has been a huge help as our contact from the Town.

Doug Murphy and Bill Eklund attended the meeting to discuss some issues they have been having with the law that UTVs are legal on Stamford Roads. They indicating problems on their properties of trespassing, not following the rules, leaving farm gates open and having their cattle loose. They indicated that local Law Enforcement has not been helpful. They also indicated that it is hard not being consistent among the Towns because Stamford includes Jefferson, Roxbury and Harpersfield that do not allow UTVs on the road. Roxbury has it on their agenda, but it has been there for a long time with no resolution. One thing they have discussed is having specific roads legal that lead from one trail to another. They however, are not allowed on the scenic rail trail. They asked if we had issues or reports. Kevin Rinehart said no damage done or reported to the roads, Jackie Lamport said no trespasses appeared in Court. Daniel Deysenroth said the hope of the law would be to keep people off of the rail trail. The landowners feel helpless. The 607 Club was supposed to self-monitor, but the assumption is that the people trespassing are not part of the Club. We will keep an eye out and thanked them for their input.

In regards to Short Term Rentals, nothing new to report.

A RESOLUTION was made by Daniel Deysenroth and second by John Kosier to approve the proposal of the Hobart Rotary to hold the Sausage and Brew Festival at 101 Maple Avenue on August 24, 2024.

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

AYES: John Kosier, Daniel Deysenroth and David Post

NAYES: None

Said RESOLUTION was thereupon adopted.

Some signs were put up by the Highway Department at the request of Ken Gopel for Dan Palm on Decker Road. Dan had lost his wife recently and then soon after lost his vision. The signs were to alert drivers of a blind person area and were put up promptly. Dan sent in a letter, read by John Kosier, thanking Ken for addressing it and the Town Board and Highway Department for acting so quickly.

A MOTION was made by John Kosier and seconded by David Post to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 pm. ALL AYE votes cast, MOTION carried.

Town of Stamford	Supervisor's Report						May-24
	General Townwide	General Part-Town	Highway Townwide	Highway Part-Town	SK Light	SK Walls	Sewer Dist.
Beginning Balance:	\$ 806,292.59	\$ 90,187.20	\$ 512,328.82	\$ 356,555.59	\$ 4,215.78	\$ 2,437.24	\$ 60,368.43
REVENUES							
Interest Earned	\$ 1,117.20	\$ 92.26	\$ 1,363.10	\$ 694.58			\$ 82.43
Interest on Property Tax	\$ 7.39						
Tax Penalties	\$ 4,118.74						
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 47.81						
Charter Communications	\$ 389.89						
Dog Fees	\$ 28.50						
5-Permits	\$ 1,338.00						
County Road Fund			\$ 5,296.98				
April Court Fines	\$ 390.00						\$ 52.50
Young/Sommer							\$ 134.93
Total Income	\$ 6,099.53	\$ 1,430.26	\$ 6,660.08	\$ 694.58			
EXPENDITURES							
Abstracts	\$ 28,058.72	\$ 3,051.53	\$ 687.49	\$ 28,975.87	\$ 59.93		\$ 2,649.50
Health Insurance	\$ 3,754.84		\$ 7,209.68				
Payroll & Fringe	\$ 16,369.08	\$ 914.44		\$ 17,135.72			
Total Expenses	\$ 48,182.64	\$ 3,965.97	\$ 7,897.17	\$ 46,111.59	\$ 59.93		
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 764,209.48	\$ 87,651.49	\$ 511,091.73	\$ 311,138.58	\$ 4,155.85	\$ 2,437.24	\$ 57,853.86

HEADWATERS EMS					
DATE	CHECK #	MEMO	DEPOSITS	CHECKS	BALANCE
4/30/2024		BALANCE FORWARD			\$ 11,896.64
5/6/2024		DEPOSIT	\$ 3,126.11		X
5/6/2024		DEPOSIT FROM GENERAL	\$ 1,175.59		X
5/6/2024		DEPOSIT FROM GENERAL	\$ 1,014.37		X
5/9/2024		1007 HEADWATERS EMS		\$ 11,896.64	X
5/10/2024		DEPOSIT	\$ 0.01		X
5/13/2024		DEPOSIT	\$ 3,873.43		X
5/20/2024		DEPOSIT	\$ 1,197.78		X
5/20/2024		DEPOSIT FROM GENERAL	\$ 1,230.04		X
5/20/2024		DEPOSIT FROM GENERAL	\$ 643.31		X
5/24/2024		DEPOSIT	\$ 940.67		X
5/31/2024		INTEREST	\$ 28.24		X
			\$ 13,229.55	\$ 11,896.64	
5/31/2024		GCCB BALANCE			\$ 13,229.55
5/31/2024		OUTSTANDING CHECKS			\$ -
5/31/2024		TOWN OF STAMFORD BALANCE			\$ 13,229.55

**Town of Stamford Town Board
c/o John Kosier, Supervisor
P.O. Box M
Hobart, NY 13788**

June 10, 2024

Dear Mr. Kosier and Board Members,

I was extremely honored to be asked to fill in as Councilperson for the remainder of 2024 for the balance of my husband, Roderick Hillis's, term of office, due to his passing on April 12, 2024. I had responded yes, when I was first asked.

After careful thought and consideration, looking at the overall picture of what would be expected of me, including the time that would be involved, I realized that it would not be fair to the Board for me to consider this position for the remainder of 2024, when elections would choose a permanent member for this position.

I think that the Board has a tremendous responsibility to our local public in the Town of Stamford and to make good and thorough discussions when making the best possible decisions for the good of all involved. Please continue that good work!

I appreciate your belief that I could make a difference, but for other personal reasons, I must decline to fill in as temporary Councilperson for the remainder of 2024.

With Sincerest Thanks!



**Phyllis Thorpe-Hillis
815 Madison Hill Rd.
Hobart, NY 12388
607-538-1242**

June 11, 2024

On April 15, 2024, I lost my vision and am now legally blind. Through my neighbor and good friend Ken Goppel, it was requested that the Town of Stamford install Blind Person signs at both approaches to my residence on Decker Road. I am gratified with which the promptness of the request was fulfilled. With the presence of the signs and my use of a white cane, I feel that motorists have been made aware of my limitations, sufficiently. Thus, I feel comfortable enough to take solo walks on Decker Road.

Through my friend Ken, I extend my thanks to the Town of Stamford Board and especially the Town Highway Department, for their efforts in responding to the request.

With gratitude,
Dan Palm

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 _____

Attest _____

Town Clerk