

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Stamford was held on Aug. 11, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town of Stamford Municipal Building with the following present:

Supervisor-John Kosier
Councilperson- Roderick Hillis
Councilperson-Daniel Deysenroth
Councilperson- David Post
Councilperson-Brent Trimbell

Absent was: Hwy. Supt. Jonathan Ballard

Also present: Jackie Lamport, Liz Page, David & Jackie Soule, Kevin Rinehart and Tom Cochran.

The board meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

David and Jackie Soule were present requesting the town take over Doc Stark Lane, a private road that is located off Decker Road. They stated the road was built to town specifications in approximately 1990 and is approximately ¼ mile long. Councilman Brent Trimbell will contact Jim Thomas of Delaware Co. Public Works to meet with Hwy. Supt. Ballard and check out the road and see if it meets with the specifications for a town road takeover. The board tabled a decision and will take under consideration.

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

A MOTION was made by Brent Trimbell and seconded by Daniel Deysenroth to approve General bills abstract no. 8, dated Aug. 11, 2021, Fund A – claim nos.: 112 – 121 & 123 – 126, Fund B – claim nos. 16 – 17, and Fund SL – claim no. 10 in the amount of \$6,076.02. ALL AYE votes cast, MOTION carried

A MOTION was made by David Post and seconded by Daniel Deysenroth to approve Highway bills abstract no. 8, dated Aug. 11, 2021, claim nos.: Fund DA – claim nos. 61 & 63 - 69 and Fund DB – claim nos. 25 – 30 in the amount of \$103,324.50. 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. 8, dated Aug. 11, 2021, claim nos. 37 – 41 in the amount of \$4,767.78. ALL AYE votes cast, MOTION carried.

Town of Stamford	Supervisor's Report						Jul-21
	General Townwide	General Part-Town	Highway Townwide	Highway Part-Town	SK Light	SK Walls	
Beginning Balance:	\$ 335,640.11	\$ 64,423.20	\$ 231,643.66	\$ 274,371.16	\$ 2,343.28	\$ 2,437.24	\$ 53,888.64
REVENUES							
Robinson Broadhurst Grant			\$ 100,000.00				
Interest Earned	\$ 25.85	\$ 0.32	\$ 20.00	\$ 28.33			\$ 0.29
Dog Fees	\$ 43.50						
Permits		\$ 910.00					
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 35.00						
Delhi Telephone	\$ 972.64						
Court Fines	\$ 795.00						
EXPENDITURES							
Abstracts	\$ 1,675.13	\$ 2,889.54	\$ 7,120.66	\$ 102,202.21	\$ 113.17		\$ 9,556.17
Health Insurance	\$ 1,823.11		\$ 6,540.64				
Payroll & Fringe	\$ 14,391.42	\$ 852.66		\$ 15,493.34			
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 319,622.44	\$ 61,591.32	\$ 318,002.36	\$ 156,703.94	\$ 2,230.11	\$ 2,437.24	\$ 44,332.76

Deputy Hwy. Supt. Kevin Rinehart gave the following highway report:

- Have been assisting the Towns of Kortright and Bovina and Village of Stamford with road improvements.
- Finished with culvert pipes changed and cleaned due to the last heavy rain.
- Would like to have an 8 -10 yr. town plan of truck replacements.

Discussed was a narrow bridge on Foote Hollow Rd. that needs a longer culvert. A longer replacement is very costly (approximately \$40,000.). There is possibly that an extension added.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-2021 was introduced by Daniel Deysenroth and seconded by Brent Trimbell:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that we reappoint Timothy Shafer to the Planning Board for a 5-year term effective from 9/1/2021 – 8/31/2026.

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

Correspondence was received from New York State Opportunity Homes and Community Renewal Crystal Loffler, President of Community Renewal thanking the town for the application for NYS Community Development Block Grant funding. The Town of Stamford was not selected for funding in this round. An application will be resubmitted through Western Catskills next year for no cost.

Further discussed was the sample Cannabis Local Law Opting out of Adult Use Cannabis Retail Dispensaries and On-Site Consumption Sites. This was tabled until next month. Supv. John Kosier will contact Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond and invite him to our next meeting to discuss his opposition to Adult Use Cannabis Retail Sales in the county. He was unable to attend the meeting tonight. Two letters were received by the town board in support of not opting out of the opportunity to allow cannabis related business in the town.

County Chamber Urges Local Officials to Allow Retail Cannabis Sales

The Delaware County Chamber of Commerce urges towns and villages to not “opt-out” of the opportunity to allow cannabis-related businesses and capture much-needed tax revenue. The Chamber seeks opportunities to sustain and grow our economy. Beyond retail opportunities, cannabis sales will allow our distressed farmers to tap into this multi-billion dollar industry, through cultivation as well as sales.

The Chamber supports legal cannabis sales for the following reasons:

- The Chamber supports all legal businesses
- Total market demand for legal adult-use cannabis in New York is about \$3.7 billion in the current fiscal year [Marijuana Legalization in New York State--A Fresh Look by James Parrott and Michele Mattingly], with demand rising to \$3.9 billion by FY 2027. However, because legal sales would grow over time and gain market share at the expense of illicit sales, legal market sales would rise from \$566 million in the first full fiscal year of implementation (FY 2023) to \$2.6 billion four years later (FY 2027).
- Using these estimates, State excise tax revenue would be \$159 million in FY 2023, rising to \$765 million in FY 2027. Local share of the excise tax would generate \$25 million, statewide, in FY 2023, rising to \$114 million in FY 2027.
- The Parrott/Mattingly report used a model to reflect 100% in-state cultivation and processing of all cannabis to estimate that the \$2.6 billion in retail sales projected for FY 2027 would generate 50,860 jobs, \$2.2 billion in employee compensation, \$4.7 billion in value added, and \$6.1 billion in total economic output. In addition to the sales-related tax revenues projected above, the expansion of an entire economic sector in New York State will generate additional state and local tax revenue.
- Delaware County farmers, retail owners, residents, and visitors will lose if surrounding towns and counties allow cannabis businesses. Tourists will flock to cannabis-friendly communities and residents will simply buy products elsewhere, depriving Delaware County of those tax revenues.

The public policy question of whether cannabis should be legal is not relevant to the issue of allowing adult-use retail sales and cultivation facilities to operate in Delaware County communities. Adult-use cannabis legislation was passed by the NYS Legislature and signed by the Governor in March 2021. Disagreement with the law should be taken up with our state representatives and regulators, and not town supervisors and mayors. Instead, the Chamber urges local officials to support legal businesses and allow retail cannabis sales.



7/30/21

To The Town of Stamford Board,

This is a letter in support of opting IN of the recreational adult use legal cannabis sales in the Town of Stamford. As an agri-business, we not only encourage the Town of Stamford to allow these legal businesses to operate in the town, but we encourage the town to attract them! Not only would our business benefit from this, our farms could have an additional avenue of income (which in today's industry could be the very thing that helps our generational farms stay in business and ownership), but other local businesses in agriculture would surely benefit from this as well. In addition to the agricultural benefit, the tax revenue of the town would significantly increase and it is our hope that this would generate a flourishing town and also attract more permanent residents because I'm sure you know we are in a labor shortage crisis in our area.

While we completely understand concerns over this new industry, we have seen several of our farm customers enter into the hemp industry over the past 2 years with success. In part, some of this success is because these farms entered into the industry from the get go and became established before the markets were flooded too badly. As we all know, the early bird gets the worm.

On a larger scale, we are seeing other states, such as Massachusetts for example, creating many grants specifically for dairy, beef and vegetable farms to build value added processing on their farms and make efforts to stabilize their local food systems, all with the tax revenue from the recreational, adult use sales. While not entirely clear, it is our understanding that the local municipalities that opt out of this will not receive the tax revenue and it's programs like these that will really benefit our local farms and allow them to secure their future.

We thank you for all you do for our town and your consideration in this matter.

Brooke White

"The Daughter"

Further discussed was the Robinson Broadhurst Foundation proposed new ambulance service for the Town of Stamford, Harpersfield, Village of Hobart and possibly Town of Kortright. Donald Van Etten informed Supv. Kosier a meeting will be scheduled for next week. Councilperson Brent Trimbell informed the board a town resident is head of paramedics for a town in Long Island and manages approximately 15 - 20 employees. He would be interested in assisting in the planning of the ambulance

service and has information on possible state funding for the project. He also would be interested in applying for a job.

A MOTION was made by John Kosier and seconded by Daniel Deysenroth adjourn this meeting at 7:09 P.M. The next regular meeting will be held on Sept. 8, 2021 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