

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Stamford was held on Sept. 8, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town of Stamford Municipal Building with the following present:

Supervisor-John Kosier  
Councilperson- Roderick Hillis  
Councilperson- David Post  
Councilperson-Brent Trimbell  
Hwy. Supt. Jonathan Ballard

Absent was: Councilperson-Daniel Deysenroth

Also present: Liz Page, David & Jackie Soule, Delaware Co. Sheriff Craig DuMond, Ken Gopel and Jacob Gopel.

The board meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond was present to urge the town board to adopt a Local Law to opt out of Adult Use Cannabis Retail Dispensaries and On-Site Consumption Sites. The option of opting out deadline is Dec. 31, 2021. The board can always opt-in after Jan. 1, 2022. The Sheriff is requesting a brief pause for the board to do research to find out if this is going to be good for the community. He stated regulations are not set up yet by the state and there is no way to test for THC levels on roadsides. He doesn't think government should be promoting cannabis use. He read the following prepared statement:

Firstly, please know that I take my responsibilities as Sheriff very seriously, part of which involves thoroughly researching topics (informing myself) prior to taking any stance or action. My first and foremost responsibility to the people of Delaware County is public safety. While I have read the various studies regarding the topic of legalized marijuana, pro and con, I also form my opinion based on the expert knowledge of professionals in the field regarding this topic. Police executives, prosecutors, doctors, drug counselors/treatment professionals, etc. In 2018 Visited Colorado. Research.

In regarding to the current topic, some individuals have declared that I am somehow anti-business, anti-farmer, etc. They go on to only portray a small piece of the story to fit their narrative. My letter to the municipalities only urged them to pump the breaks and opt out for now for the following reasons:

1. The way the law was written only allows a municipality a "one time" opt-out option. Municipalities that consider opting-out must do so by December 31<sup>st</sup> of this year and can never have this opportunity again. Due to the complete lack of information as to how this process will work in NY State, I suggested that due diligence is in order prior to proceeding. Do your research. Speak to the professionals concerning this matter such as the Medical Society of NY, the NYS PTA and the NYS Association of County Health Administrators. Most importantly, if a municipality even considers opting-out, they must complete a public hearing to gain the public's position on the issue. I strongly feel the public should have a say regarding this measure. Too many times government arbitrarily imposes on the citizenry without giving them a voice.

2. The revenue from marijuana sales has not materialized in other parts of the country as promised. Common sense would indicate that most folks will continue to purchase product on the black market rather than pay an excessive amount for the taxed product. The best illustration I can provide is the Airbnb situation. Municipalities were promised droves of money that never happened. What did happen was diminished housing opportunities due to the lack of properties as well as unaffordable rents for most folks. There were also unanticipated problems that have caused headaches and problems for municipalities as well as neighbors. This "opportunity" was also rushed into and I would hate to see the same mistakes being made a second time.

Maybe in the end, I will be wrong. If I am I will be happy for my concerns will not materialize. Municipalities can always "opt-in" at any time. I just feel a brief pause and a little due diligence is in order to make sure we are making the best decisions on behalf of the good people of Delaware County.

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

A MOTION was made by Brent Trimbell 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 Roderick Hillis to approve General bills abstract no. 9, dated Sept. 8, 2021, Fund A – claim nos.: 127 – 139, Fund B – claim nos. 18 – 20, and Fund SL – claim no. 11 in the amount of \$5,497.24. ALL AYE votes cast, MOTION carried

A MOTION was made by David Post and seconded by Brent Trimbell to approve Highway bills abstract no. 9, dated Sept. 8, 2021, claim nos.: Fund DA – claim nos. 70 – 72 & 74 – 80 and Fund DB – claim nos. 31 – 33 in the amount of \$26,143.16. ALL AYE votes cast, MOTION carried.

A MOTION was made by David Post and seconded by Brent Trimbell to approve South Kortright Sewer District bills abstract no. 9, dated Sept. 8, 2021, claim nos. 42 – 46 in the amount of \$6,141.18. ALL AYE votes cast, MOTION carried.

Hwy. Supt. Jonathan Ballard gave the following highway report:

- We are working on getting the following dirt roads finished: Bucking Rd., David Rd. and Reservoir Rd.
- Waiting on the delivery of more culvert pipes, may have to borrow from neighboring towns and the replace them later.
- Started mowing roadsides again.
- Need to replace rear springs in the 2019 Western Star truck.
- Front springs in the 2012 Western Star need to be replaced along with the leaking fuel rail and battery boxes.
- Doc Stark Lane does need work done to conform to town specifications. The ditch needs to be cleaned and the road needs approximately 15 – 20 loads of gravel, the center of the road is low. The gate has to be removed and the start of the road needs to be raised up off Decker Rd.

David and Jackie Soule were present requesting the town take over Doc Stark Lane, a private road that is located off Decker Road. This was tabled last month. Councilman Brent Trimbell contacted and met with Jim Thomas of Delaware Co. Public Works to check out the road and see if it meets with the specifications for a town road takeover. The road needs a considerable amount of work done. This was discussed along with approximate pricing questions. Supv. Kosier will contact Councilperson Daniel Deysenroth (absent from this meeting) regarding the assessed value requirements.

A NYS CDBG 2021 Housing Application Public Hearing is scheduled for Oct. 13, 2021 at 5:45 pm (2<sup>nd</sup> round, no charge).

Supv. Kosier informed the board of the Robinson Broadhurst Foundation meeting for the proposed new ambulance service for the Town of Stamford, Harpersfield, Village of Hobart and possibly Town of Kortright is scheduled for Sept. 15, 2021 at 6:00 pm at the Stamford Fire Dept.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-2021 was introduced by Roderick Hillis and seconded by David Post:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that we approve the following New York State and Local Retirement System Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Official:

Standard Work Day and  
 Reporting Resolution for  
 Elected and Appointed Officials

Received Date

SEE INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORM ON REVERSE SIDE

RS 2417-A

(Rev. 11/29)

Employer Location Code  
 30208

BE IT RESOLVED, that the TOWN OF STAMFORD (Location Code) 130208 hereby established the following standard work days for these titles and will

report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement based on their record of activities:

Name	Social Security Number	NYS SLRS ID	Title	Current Term Begin & End Dates	Standard Work Day	Record of Activities Result	Not Submitted	Pay Frequency	Ter 1
<b>Elected Officials:</b>									
Jonathan Ballard	7882111461825		High Superintendent	11/1/20 - 12/31/23	8	22.11	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bi-Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/>
Diane S. Grant	2244 11055153		Town Clerk	11/3/23 - 12/31/23	8	23.34	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bi-Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sharon Anderson	1926 10527607		Assessor	11/1/20 - 12/31/23	6	10.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Appointed Officials:</b>									
James Barr	3229 41312760		Animal Care Officer	11/1/21 - 12/31/21	6	2.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dani Tomplens	1654 60723077		Code Enforcer	11/1/21 - 12/31/21	6	3.35	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bi-Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barbara Kacbelele	1823 41583552		Deputy Clerk	11/1/21 - 12/31/21	6	1.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/>

I, \_\_\_\_\_ secretary/clerk of the governing board of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the State of New York, (Name of Secretary or Clerk) (Circle one) (Name of Employer)

do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution passed by such board at a legally convened meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ on file as part of the minutes of such meeting, and that same is a true copy thereof and the whole of such original. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the \_\_\_\_\_ on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ (Name of Employer)

Attendant of Posting: I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature of Secretary or Clerk) \_\_\_\_\_ being duly sworn, deposes and says that the posting of the Resolution began on \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Secretary or Clerk) and continued for at least 30 days. That the Resolution was available to the public on the: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

- Employer's website at: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Official sign board at: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Main entrance Secretary or Clerk's office at: \_\_\_\_\_
- Page 1 of 2 (for additional rows, attach a RS 2417-B form.)

(seal)





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

AYES: John Kosier – Roderick Hillis  
David Post – Brent Trimbell

NOES: None

Said RESOLUTION was thereupon declared duly adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 24-2021 was introduced by Roderick Hillis and seconded by David Post:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that introduce Local Law No. 1-2021 – A Local Law Opting out of Adult Use Cannabis Retail Dispensaries and On-Site Consumption Sites.

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

AYES: John Kosier – Roderick Hillis  
David Post – Brent Trimbell

NOES: None

Said RESOLUTION was thereupon declared duly adopted

A Public Hearing for the Proposed Local Law No. 1-2021 of the Town of Stamford Opting out of Adult Use Cannabis Retail Dispensaries and On-Site Consumption Sites is scheduled for Oct. 13, 2021 at 5:00 pm at the Town of Stamford Municipal Building.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2021 was introduced by David Post and seconded by Roderick Hillis:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that we move into Executive Session at 7:16 pm to discuss a personnel matter.

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

AYES: John Kosier – Roderick Hillis  
David Post – Brent Trimbell

NOES: None

Said RESOLUTION was thereupon declared duly adopted



RESOLUTION NO. 26-2021 was introduced by David Post and seconded by Roderick Hillis:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that we move out of Executive Session at 7:26 pm with no action taken.

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

AYES: John Kosier – Roderick Hillis  
David Post – Brent Trimbell

NOES: None

Said RESOLUTION was thereupon declared duly adopted

A MOTION was made by Roderick Hillis and seconded by Brent Trimbell adjourn this meeting at 7:26 P.M. The next regular meeting will be held on Oct. 13, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

Town Clerk