

JUNE 10, 2010
TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held its monthly meeting on Thursday, June 10, 2010 at the Stuyvesant Town Hall. In attendance at the meeting were Supervisor Valerie Bertram, Councilperson Brian Chittenden, Councilperson Rosalind Gumaer, Councilperson Ronald Knott, Councilperson Edward Scott, Highway Superintendent Bernie Kowalski and Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli.

Supervisor Bertram called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Councilman Edward Scott to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ronald Knott and was approved unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications to be read.

A motion was made by Councilman Edward Scott to approve the bills submitted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden and was approved unanimously.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Gary Spielmann addressed the Board on behalf of the Kinderhook Memorial Library. He announced that there was a proposition from the Library Trustees to petition to put on the November ballot to increase the Town's contribution to the Library from \$20,000 to \$25,000. Mr. Spielmann said that of the Library's 206,909 Annual Budget, 86% comes from public funding. The remainder is raised through fundraisers and library fines.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Bertram reported that the NYS DEC had contacted her to say that the air monitor was broken, wouldn't be repaired and will be removed. Supervisor Bertram added that the last 3 months of readings are on the website.

Supervisor Bertram told everyone that the \$5,000 member item from Assemblyman Gordon had been received.

Councilman Knott asked about the status of the Outdoor Wood Burner law that was being drafted. Supervisor Bertram said that DEC requirements have been completed and look to be more restrictive than the Town's proposed law. In addition, the DEC will handle the enforcement if their law is adopted. She added that public comments are being accepted on the DEC language and suggested that the Board wait to see what the State decides to do with the law. The Board agreed to wait for the DEC Law.

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Supervisor Bertram said she would contact Gene Kelly, Region 4 Director of the NYS DEC, to offer the Town Hall to hold a public meeting on the proposed language. Attorney for the Town Tal Rapplelea said that even if the Town passed a law the DEC language would take precedence. Written comments must be to DEC by July 2, 2010.

REPORTS:

Highway Department

Highway Superintendent Kowalski reported the trash clean up day was a success and that the original 4 large dumpsters were full by noon. He said that the Board had budgeted \$6000 for both days for the year and that this one cost \$4200 and that it was the biggest one so far. Superintendent Kowalski said they filled 9 dumpsters and suggested that something be put in place to ensure that only residents are taking advantage of the free drop off. Several ideas were suggested and the Board agreed that there will be something in place for the Fall trash clean up day to verify residency and perhaps limit the amounts dropped off per person.

Highway Superintendent Kowalski also reported that the Department has paved Sunnyside Rd. and Lindenwald Avenue.

Town Clerk

Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli read her financial report and it is in file in her office.

Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer

Gerry Ennis thanked the Board for the recent joint meeting held with the Planning and Zoning Boards. He said it was a good idea and that it should be a regular meeting. Supervisor Bertram said she would like the meetings to be held quarterly.

Mr. Ennis reported that there is an increasing problem with foreclosures in the Town and that banks are not being as responsible as in the past about cleaning up the properties. Mr. Ennis suggested that the Town may want to budget to clean up properties and they would be able to get the money reimbursed upon the sale of the property.

Planning Board & Zoning Board

Report will be on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Greenway Committee

Councilman Knott reported that there was no meeting in May. The next meeting will be June 24th at 7:00pm and Steve Winkley will be there to discuss the status of the ground water study.

Town Hall Committee

Councilman Knott reported that the water pressure in the mens' room had been adjusted. Councilman Knott also reported that he was searching online for information for a sign to be posted in front of the Town Hall announcing various events and meetings. He provided everyone with copies of the information he had found so far but agreed to keep looking.

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Railroad Restoration Committee

Marilyn Burch began her report with showing everyone a copy of the Register Star with a photo of the plaque dedication at the RR Station. Mrs. Burch announced that Friday, June 11th would be “Strawberry Shortcake Day” at the Farmers’ Market and they would cost \$3.00 each.

Mrs. Burch announced that Jane Jessup Gifford had donated benches from an old church to the railroad station. She said they look great in the station.

Councilman Knott gave an update on the DOT Grant. He reported that the package is now in the Poughkeepsie Office and is being reviewed. He added that a response is expected in 2-4 weeks.

The next meeting will be June 19th at the railroad station at 9:00am.

Town Historian

Town Historian Juanita Knott announced that the theme for Historic Stuyvesant Day 2010 will be “Our Treasurers”. Everyone is encouraged to bring items that they’ve made, found, or have been given that may be interesting for the history of the area. She will have a showcase set up in the Town Hall for the morning of August 14th.

Councilwoman Gumaer asked about the picnic. Mrs. Knott said the picnic will be held at the Landing Playground at 1pm and will be the traditional hot dogs with everyone bringing a dish to share.

Assessor’s Office

Assessor’s Clerk Catherine Knott reported that Grievance Day went well and that 9-10 people came in.

Recreation Committee

Councilwoman Rosalind Gumaer reiterated that the money from Assemblyman Gordon had been received.

Councilwoman Gumaer thanked the volunteers who helped at the Stuyvesant Falls Playground and said the new flowers are coming up.

Councilwoman Gumaer reported that there was a small meeting on June 5th to discuss ideas for the kids during the Ken Hummel 5K Race on August 14th. They also discussed possibly rescheduling the July meeting due to the holiday, possible plans for the Ken Hummel Park, and trash issues at the playgrounds. Councilwoman Gumaer reminded everyone that the letters for the Kinderhook Playground program had gone out and that people should call the Clerk’s Office by June 30th to get on the list.

Trails Committee

No report.

Dog Officer

No report.

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New Business

Supervisor Bertram reported that she has had discussions with Gene Kelly (DEC) regarding the \$250,000 Greenway money that was being held for a Stuyvesant Landing boat launch project. Since that idea cannot go forward Supervisor Bertram has asked for the criteria that the money could be used for. When the information is received the Board will hold a workshop meeting to review.

Supervisor Bertram reported that she had no additional information on the La Farge lawsuit money or on Ferry Road.

Councilman Knott reported that the joint Planning/Zoning and Town Boards workshop was a good meeting. One of the things that came out of the meeting was a need to look at the Zoning Laws – specifically the law regarding fences. Supervisor Bertram said there is a process to follow to change the law and that it should be fully reviewed to make sure we can get as many changes done at once as possible.

Councilwoman Gumaer reported that there would be a trail clean up at the Ken Hummel Park on Sunday, June 13 from 10-1.

Supervisor Bertram reported that there is a Zoning/Planning School being offered on July 14th. She also reminded everyone that the Flag Day Parade would be held on the upcoming weekend and that the theme was to honor veterans.

Supervisor Bertram also reported that there had been discussions regarding the repair of the highway garage and the construction of a salt shed. Councilman Knott added that there had been a meeting with the Town Engineer to review the condition of the existing garage and to start a plan for repairs. The Town Board will further review the options and ask the Town Engineer to come to a future Board meeting and give information to the public.

Public Comments

Andrew DeGiacomo asked if there had been any consideration to leasing old barns around town to be used for salt storage.

Christian Sweningson said he was pleased with the analysis and preparation that is being applied before rushing into a large project.

Councilman Chittenden said he was proud of how the highway department employees had been able to “limp” the existing building along for as long as they have.

Mike Naegeli asked Supervisor Bertram about the County Board of Supervisors meeting. Supervisor Bertram said they discussed the Sportsman Federation Contract and that there was nothing controversial.

Councilman Knott reported that he had contact Jim Besha from Albany Engineering for an update on the hydroplant project. Mr. Besha said the penstock was being made in Albany and that they continue to clean out the area.

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A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Ronald Knott and seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden. The motion was passed unanimously.

Recorded this 10th Day of June 2010

Approved this 8th Day of July 2010

TOWN CLERK

SUPERVISOR

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JUNE 2010 ABSTRACTS
THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE PRESENTED FOR AUDIT:

TOWN OF STUYVESANT ABSTRACTS				
JUNE 2010				
CLAIM #	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	HIGHWAY
191	National Grid (1367.40)	5182.4	1,176.38	
		1620.4	191.02	
192	Fairpoint Communication (326.56)	1620.4	222.22	
		5132.4	104.34	
193	Mark J. Kelly	1620.4	300.00	
194	Kingston Oil Supply Corp.	1620.4	511.85	
195	E.A. Morse & Co., Inc. (317.05)	1620.4	79.73	
		5132.4	237.32	
196	Staples Business Advantage (39.97)	1620.4	13.89	
		1410.4	26.08	
197	Xerox Corporation	1410.4	124.92	
198	Columbia County Treasurer (5745.87)	9060.8	2,086.32	3,659.55
199	Michael J. Naegeli	1355.4	103.00	
200	JoAnn Mistler	1355.4	73.00	
201	Kenneth L. Sutherland	1355.4	73.00	
202	Cheryl Trowbridge	1355.4	73.00	
203	Paul Chittenden	1355.4	73.00	
204	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	2,031.25	
205	Morris Associates, PLLC	1440.4	673.50	
206	Ronald Knott	1010.4	200.00	
207	Carrie A. O'Hare	1110.4	82.50	
208	Columbia County Sheriff's Office	1110.4	130.62	
209	Nikki DeCicco	8020.4	250.00	
210	Johnson Newspaper Corp. (105.64)	8020.4	15.94	
		RR	89.70	
211	Andrew Broockmann	8810.4	700.00	
212	Columbia County Solid Waste	8160.4	4,215.01	
213	NexTel Partners	5010.4	48.05	
214	Catamount Consulting, LLC	5110.1		140.00
215	Fleet Services	5110.4		252.84
216	Colarusso Quarry, Co.	5110.4		5,323.86
217	ATR Trucking	5110.4		329.58
218	Gorman Bros., Inc.	5110.4		61,935.95
219	Main Care Energy (2740.17)	5110.4		2,646.47
		5132.4	93.70	

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220	Northeast Automotive Parts, Inc.	5130.4		336.50
221	Tractor Supply	5130.4		42.98
222	Terry-Haggerty Tire Co., Inc.	5130.4		1,936.00
223	Columbia Tractor, Inc.	5130.4		205.08
224	Sunnyside Garage	5130.4		250.00
225	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4		185.89
226	Lapiner Brothers Inc., DBA Kenco	5130.4		60.63
227	Lowe's	5130.4		114.65
228	Dinosaw, Inc.	5130.4		249.00
229	Unifirst, Corp.	5130.4		103.35
230	Tech Air	5130.4		190.00
231	Culligan	5132.4	31.75	
232	Rainbow Distributors	5132.4	14.00	
233	Mario's Home Center (203.86)	5132.4	87.77	
		5130.4	116.09	
	TOTAL FORWARD		\$12,554.99	77,962.33