

MAY 12, 2011
TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held its monthly meeting on Thursday, May 12, 2011 the Stuyvesant Town Hall. In attendance at the meeting were Supervisor Valerie Bertram, Councilperson Brian Chittenden, Councilperson Ronald Knott, Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli, Highway Superintendent Bernie Kowalski and Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea. Councilman Edward Scott was not in attendance.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Brian Chittenden to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Kelley Williams and was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Ronald Knott to approve the bills. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden and the motion was approved unanimously.

Supervisor Bertram reported to the Board that there was a pending Budget Transfer. The General Fund amount was \$26,841 and the Highway Fund amount was \$24,000. A motion to approve the transfer was made by Councilman Ronald Knott and seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

REPORTS:

Town Clerk

The Town Clerk's Report is on file in her office.

Highway Department

Highway Superintendent Bernie Kowalski reminded everyone that the townwide clean up day would be held on May 14th and that residents needed to get their punch cards from the Town Clerk.

Mr. Kowalski reported that he is looking into various energy saving options for the highway garage.

Mr. Kowalski reported that the Highway Dept. has received the mower for the cemetery and has begun working there. Supervisor Bertram said that Mr. Richard Moran had offered to clean the stones in the cemetery. He offered to purchase the materials and do the work free of charge. Bernie asked that he be reminded that he has to be very careful. Supervisor Bertram will contact Mr. Moran.

Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer

The report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Planning Board & Zoning Board

Shirley Narzynski reported that at the Planning and Zoning Boards had meetings in April. The Planning Board has Public Hearings scheduled on the following minor subdivisions: Kornbluh, Albany Engineering, Austin and Gersch. An application from Will Pflaum to combine properties will be reviewed. These will be held at the Planning Board meeting scheduled for May 23rd. The Zoning Board will meet regarding an application from James Kromer, on May 31st.

The Zoning Board meeting will be rescheduled to May 31st due to the statewide Assessment Grievance Day on May 24th.

Greenway Committee

Councilman Knott reported that the committee will hold a Public Information Presentation on Thursday, May 19th at 7pm. This will conclude the Committee meetings.

Town Hall Committee

Councilman Knott reported that he is investigating the prices to replace the exterior lights on the grounds.

Supervisor Bertram said she had received a proposal from Jean Hewig to modify some of the landscaping around the building. She has requested approval to spend \$100. The Board agreed to the request and Supervisor Bertram will notify Ms. Hewig. Councilman Knott reported that Ms. Hewig also requested a load of mulch to add to the gardens around Town Hall. Bernie will get the mulch.

Railroad Restoration Committee

Councilman Knott reported that Marilyn Burch had held a small craft fair at the station last weekend.

Councilman Knott also reported that he and Supervisor Bertram had met with the various agencies with respect to the grant project at the station. DOT is having problems moving the project due to changes in Federal regulations. The Architect is asking for an additional \$3800 to continue working on the project. Supervisor Bertram said they will have to discuss with the Architect an hourly rate.

Councilman Knott asked Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli to contact Schodack Septic to have the porta-potty returned to the Station. Supervisor Bertram asked that she also get one for the playground in the landing and the Ken Hummel Park.

Town Historian

Supervisor Bertram announced that the book is at the printers and that a test print was being completed. She also said that Mrs. Knott has proposed that Historic Stuyvesant Day be held at the Sandbar in Stuyvesant Falls. It will center around a book signing and Albany Engineering has offered tours of the Hydroplant.

Assessor's Office

Cathy Knott, the Assessor's Clerk, reported that Grievance Day will be held on May 24th in the Town Hall. The hours will be 4-8pm.

Recreation Committee

Councilwoman Kelley Williams reported that the Committee met on May 7th. She and Lee Jamison toured the playgrounds and made a list of repairs that were needed, that includes the benches, extending the fence in the landing, additional pea stone, replacing the fence in Stuyvesant Falls and reseeding the garden spot in Stuyvesant Falls.

Councilwoman Williams also report that the letters to the residents regarding the summer program will be going out soon. Supervisor Bertram announced that the program will begin on July 11th and will run for 6 weeks. The negotiated price with the Town of Kinderhook will remain the same as last year and the swimming has been added back in. Supervisor Bertram asked Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli to put a notice in the newspaper telling residents to sign up by calling the Town Clerk's Office.

Dog Control Officer

The Dog Control Officer was not in attendance.

Trails Committee

Lee Jamison reported that there will be a trail clean up at the Ken Hummel Park on Saturday, May 14th. She added that Encon Officer Chris DeCintio donated used signs as trails markers.

Environmental Management Council

Kathryn Schneider was not in attendance.

New Business

Supervisor Bertram announced a candlelight memorial to be held on September 11th at the Columbia County September 11th Memorial. It will mark the 10th Anniversary of 9-11-01.

Old Business

Supervisor Bertram addressed some concerns about the proposed Capital Project. She said she would like to the Board to consider putting the project back together to include both the salt sheds and the renovations to the garage.

Public Comments

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Ronald Knott and seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden. The motion was passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Recorded this 12th Day of May 2011

Approved this 9th Day of June 2011

TOWN CLERK

SUPERVISOR

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MAY 2011 ABSTRACTS

THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE PRESENTED FOR AUDIT:

TOWN OF STUYVESANT ABSTRACTS				
	MAY 2011			
CLAIM #	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	HIGHWAY
148	Columbia County Treasurer (\$6520.82)	9060.8	2,370.94	4,149.88
149	National Grid (\$1822.09)	5182.4	1,336.44	
		5132.4	205.93	
		1620.4	279.72	
150	Fairpoint Communications (\$352.01)	1620.4	232.29	
		5132.4	119.72	
151	Kingston Oil Supply Corp.	1620.4	733.46	
152	Stuyvesant Post Master	1620.4	110.00	
153	Rainbow Distributing Co. (\$28.00)	1620.4	21.00	
		5132.4	7.00	
154	Columbia Co. Sheriff's Dept.	1110.4	131.11	
155	Johnson Newspaper Corp.	1355.4	24.44	
156	Staples Business Advantage (\$281.90)	1355.4	115.80	
		8020.4	115.80	
		1410.4	50.30	
157	Xerox Corporation	1410.4	124.92	
158	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	2,250.00	
159	Morris Associates	1440.4	9,574.00	
160	Metz Wood Harder Inc.	1910.4	158.50	
161	Charlene Leach	6140.4	34.00	
162	The Hudson River Tractor Co., LLC	8810.4	7,241.96	
163	Unifirst Corp.	9090.9	152.46	
164	NexTel Partners	5010.4	46.96	
165	Culligan	5132.4	36.75	
166	Main Care Energy (\$1325.33)	5132.4	507.77	
		5110.4		817.56
167	Mario's Home Center (\$491.04)	5132.4	477.55	
		5130.4		13.49
168	Keil Equipment Co., Inc.	5130.4		360.30
169	Vantage Equipment, LLC	5130.4		279.38
170	Ben Funk, Inc.	5130.4		163.40
171	Van Kleeck's Tire, Inc.	5130.4		98.00
172	Mooradians	5130.4		42.50
173	Northeast Automotive Parkts, Inc.	5130.4		123.68
174	Don Slovak	5130.4		700.00
175	Lapiner Bros., Inc.	5130.4		186.25
176	Tractor Supply	5130.4		229.26
177	Lowe's	5130.4		29.56
178	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4		94.91
TOTAL FORWARD			22,265.79	3,138.29

