

April 8, 2014

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott, Councilman Edward Scott, Councilwoman Kelley Williams, Councilman Brian Chittenden, Councilman Tom Burrall, Highway Superintendent Kowalski and Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli.

Supervisor Knott called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and open with the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the Pledge, Supervisor Knott asked for a moment of silence for Helen Drumm and Peter Minichiello, residents who had recently passed away.

A motion was made by Councilman Edward Scott to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden and it was passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Councilman Edward Scott to approve the vouchers presented for payment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden and was passed by unanimous vote.

Correspondence

Letter from NYS DOT notifying the Town that \$40 Million had been set aside for NYS.

A letter from NYS DOT regarding the high speed rail project and that there had been an extension for comments until April 30th.

Old Business

Ice House Road – Supervisor Knott reported that the project was moving slowly with no completion date.

Railroad Station– Supervisor Knott reported that before the project could proceed, NYS DOT had to approve the bid process. They had asked for clarification for 8 items. Supervisor Knott is working with Ray Jurkowski, Town Engineer to provide the information requested. The Contractor was contacted and agreed to hold bid price.

Veridian Energy – Supervisor Knott asked if the Board was prepared to vote on the presentation from the previous month. Councilman Scott said he would like to discuss the matter further at a workshop meeting.

Schoolhouse Road – Supervisor Knott met with NYS DOT Planning at the site. While DOT agreed that the siting of the road there are guidelines to be followed. They are sending them to the Town.

Reports

Town Clerk: Report is on file in her office.

Recreation Committee: Councilwoman Kelley Williams reported the Committee had met on April 5th and went to the playground to make a list of necessary repairs. The trail clean up days have been scheduled.

Railroad Station Restoration Committee: The last pot luck dinner will be Friday, April 11th and there will be live music. There will be a Patrick Sweeney celebration on April 25th. Marilyn Burch asked if the Committee could hold railroad station events at the Town Hall when the construction begins at the station. The Rhubarb Festival will be Friday, May 9th 4-7pm.

Environmental Management Council: Kathy Schneider reported that she had been appointed to the Task Force on the Dewey Loeffler Landfill and they will be going on a tour of the facility. The Good Housekeeping Awards were distributed at the March meeting.

Dog Control Officer – Report is on file.

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Zoning Revision Committee: The Committee will meet on April 9th.

Library: Lee Jamison reported that the newsletter was out. There will be an art show on May 17th. The Mystery Dinner was a success and was sold out. Big Truck Day will be held at the Stuyvesant Town Hall on June 21st.

Highway Dept. – Highway Superintendent Bernie Kowalski reported that they went through 11,000 ton of materials over the winter. The plows are off, the snow fences are down and the roads are being swept. He said he expects approximately \$6800 in ChPs money. May 3rd will be the annual clean up day. Punch cards will be available in the Town Clerk’s Office.

Assessor’s Office – Assessor’s Clerk Cathy Knott reminded everyone that Grievance Day will be Tuesday, May 27th from 4pm – 8pm at the Town Hall.

Planning/Zoning Board: Yvonne Main reported that there would be a Planning Board Public Hearing on April 28th.

Supervisor Knott reported that he, Yvonne and Gerry Ennis are working together to get the forms ready for the new program from BAS.

Historian – Juanita Knott reported that she is researching information on Patrick Sweeney. She also reported that the theme of Historic Stuyvesant Day will be Newspapers and the Railroad during the Civil War. The annual picnic will be held at See Park this year.

Mrs. Knott reported that she and Cathy Knott were proposing a fundraising idea to donate to the railroad station project. A limited time House Tour in the Town. She asked permission to put together a planning committee. The tour would be in October, on a driving loop and she hopes to include the churches and firehouses. The Town will have to provide a 1 day indemnity insurance policy for the houses involved. Councilman Ed Scott made a motion to approve the establishment of a planning committee for a House Tour Fundraising event. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote.

Cemetery -- Councilman Edward Scott reported that there are 8 or 9 remaining plots available. He added that when the weather improves he will get back to repairing the stones.

ZEO/Building Inspector – Report on file.

Town Hall: Supervisor Knott suggested that the carpets be scheduled for cleaning. Councilman Scott said the top part of the walls at the ends of the building need to be power washed. Mulch will be purchased for the grounds around the building.

County Government

Airport – Supervisor Knott reported that there were hopes the full board would move on the changes to the plans at their meeting on the 9th.

New Business

Supervisor Knott asked Councilwoman Williams if the Zoning Revision Committee could look at the fee schedule in the Zoning Law and see if some clarification of the wording could be made.

Public Comments

Councilman Scott asked if there was any County money budgeted to repair the pot holes on the roads. Supervisor Knott replied that there had been \$1 Million budgeted plus ChPs money.

Yvonne Main reminded everyone that the Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Stuyvesant Republican Committee, would be held on Sat., April 12th from 11-1.

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Lee Jamison thanked Bernie and the highway department for cleaning up the junk around Ken Hummel Park. Councilman Scott reminded everyone to keep an eye out for people who are doing the littering.

Lee Jamison reminded everyone that there would be a Bird Walk held at the Park on April 27th at 8:30 and would be led by Kathy Schneider.

Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli reminded everyone that the Town Clerk’s Office would be closed April 27th through April 30th for her to attend annual training.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Edward Scott and seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden. The motion was passed by unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.

Recorded this 8th day of April 2014

Approved this 8th day of May 2014

_____ Supervisor Knott	_____ Town Clerk – Melissa A. Naegeli
_____ Councilperson	_____ Councilperson
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Abstract of vouchers approved for payment at the February 20, 2014 meeting

CLAIM #	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	HIGHWAY	RAIL ROAD
102	CDPHP Universal Benefits (\$2071.85)	9060.8	414.37	1,657.48	
103	Columbia County Treasurer	9060.8	93.22		
104	ARE Productions	7550.4	600.00		
105	Business Automation Services (\$129.75)	1620.4	29.75		
		1410.4	100.00		
106	Monolith Solar	1620.4	\$281.74		
107	Hatfield-Joyce	1620.4	312.83		
108	Long Energy	1620.4	1,153.96		
109	Time Warner Cable (\$388.77)	1620.4	261.53		
		5132.4	127.24		
110	Ronald Knott	1220.4	252.99		
111	Catherine G. Knott (\$16.59)	1355.4	12.32		
		1620.4	4.27		
112	Johnson Newspaper Corp. (\$86.47)	1410.4	31.40		
		8010.4	16.10		
		1355.4	38.97		
113	Xerox Corporation (\$210.43)	1410.4	144.43		
		1110.4	66.00		
114	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	906.25		

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115	Morris Associates	1440.4		21.60
116	Charlene Leach	6140.4	69.00	
117	Col Co Assoc of Town Superintendents	5010.4	200.00	
118	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	53.40	
119	Colarusso Quarry	5110.4		6,037.87
120	Fleet Services	5110.4		255.77
121	Main Care Energy (\$2176.42)	5110.4		903.03
		5132.4	1,273.39	
122	County Waste	5132.4	82.50	
123	Culligan	5132.4	27.82	
124	Mario's Home Center (\$199.71)	1620.4	165.63	
		5130.4		34.08
125	Kivort Steel	5130.4		318.85
126	Kimball Midwest	5130.4		114.88
127	Lapiner Bros., Inc.	5130.4		258.15
128	River Valley Radio	5130.4		246.50
129	Unifirst Corp.	5130.4		51.80
130	Van Allen Automotive	5130.4		26.95
131	Cryo Weld Corp.	5130.4		86.00
132	Northeast Automotive Parts, Inc.	5130.4		18.83
134	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4		263.42
135	Tractor Supply	5130.4		103.52
136	Lowe's	5130.4		158.59
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				21.60