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The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott, Councilman Brian Chittenden, Councilwoman Kelley Williams, Councilman Edward Scott, Councilman Tom Burrall, Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli, and Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler. Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea was not in attendance.

Supervisor Knott opened the meeting at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the Pledge, Supervisor Knott asked for a moment of silence to remember Howard Gleason, Sr.

A motion to approve the previous minutes was made by Ed Scott, seconded by Tom Burrall and approved by unanimous vote.

A motion to approve the bills as presented was made by Tom Burrall, seconded by Ed Scott and was approved by unanimous vote.

Correspondence

- A letter from NYS Agriculture & Markets reporting that the DCO report was passing.
- A letter from the Public Service Commission regarding closure of offices.
- A letter from NYS DOT reporting that a portion of Route 9 will be closed June 10th – June 14th.
- A letter from the Kinderhook Memorial Library regarding a 414 vote on the ballot in November requesting a 6% increase.
- Letters from the Farm Bureau and Cornell Cooperative Extension regarding Solar Power seminars coming up.

Old Business

Ferry Road -- Supervisor Knott reported that funding had been granted for the Ferry Road Shoreline Restoration Project. He has met with DEC and Surveyors to review and brainstorm ideas for shore stabilization.

Stuyvesant Falls Bridge -- Supervisor Knott reported that the bridge has been put on the County's 5-year plan. A "bridge committee" has been established and ideas from Dr. Kim have been sent to the County Planners. Historian Juanita Knott is researching historical information on the bridge.

Reports

Town Clerk – The Town Clerk Report is on file. Melissa Naegeli announced that she would be attending the Annual NYS Town Clerk's Association Conference.

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Recreation Committee – Kelley Williams reported she had called the Town of Kinderhook for information on the summer program and is waiting for information.

Lee Jamison reported that there would be a bird walk at Ken Hummel Park on May 19th 6-8pm.

Railroad Station Committee – Marilyn Burch reported that volunteers are working on priming for the contractors. Work is being done on the composting toilet. The Rhubarb Festival is scheduled for Friday, May 13th at the Town Hall. The next committee meeting will be Saturday, April 16th at the Station.

Supervisor Knott reported that he had met with the contractors regarding the composting toilet. He also reviewed for the Board and audience the depot finances since the beginning of the project 10-15 years ago.

Environmental Management Council – Supervisor Knott reported that there had been no other letters received with interest in the position as Town representative to the Council. Councilman Brian Chittenden renewed his motion to recommend Christian Sweningson as the Town Representative to the County EMC. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and the motion passed by unanimous vote. Supervisor Knott read a report of the previous EMC meeting as provided by Christian Sweningson. The report is on file.

RESOLUTION
TOWN OF STUYVESANT TOWN BOARD
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WHEREAS, Article 47, Section 47-0105 of the Environmental Conservation Law states that the Environmental Management Council shall consist of one member of each city, town and village conservation advisory council within the County or additional members as the county appointing authority may provide; and

WHEREAS, The Town board of the town of Stuyvesant desires to have representation on the County Environmental Management Council; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Schneider has represented the town of Stuyvesant for several years, and now has notified us she no longer wishes to pursue another term; and

WHEREAS, Christian Sweningsen has express his interest in serving this position;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Stuyvesant hereby resolves to nominate Christian Sweningsen to the County Government committee to be appointed to a two year term on the County Environmental Management Council

<u>Town Board Members</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ronald Knott	X		
Kelli Williams	X		
Brian Chittenden	X		
Edward Scott	X		
Thomas Burrall	X		

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Dog Control Officer – A report of no action was received. Tal is working on the new law wording.

Zoning Revision Committee – Kelley Williams reported that there was no new information.

Kinderhook Memorial Library – Lee Jamison reported that she had petitions to get the proposed increase on the November ballot. She reviewed contribution amounts from other Towns and sources.

Office for the Aging – Ida Leiser reported that the first meeting was scheduled for Friday, April 15th.

Highway Department – Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported that the following work is being done or has been completed:

- Snow fences are down;
- Roads are being swept; and
- Replacing culverts and ditch work.

Mr. Stiffler announced that Trash Day will be Saturday, May 14th 8-4pm. There are changes being made to the ewaste but won't be implemented until next year. A change to the "load amounts" has been made for this year – now a truck loaded with an attached loaded trailer will now be considered 2 trips.

Mr. Stiffler also announced that there had been an increase in the CHiPs funding of an additional \$15,000 and it is a 5-year plan. Supervisor Knott added that with the price of asphalt down we should be able to get some paving projects completed.

Assessor's Office – Cathy Knott reported letters will be going out on May 1st regarding changes to assessments. Grievance Day is Tuesday May 24th 4-8pm.

Planning/Zoning Boards – No meetings were held. Supervisor Knott reported that he, Tal, and Gerry had met with the Lossee family regarding the trailer park on Sharptown Road.

Historian – Supervisor Knott reported that Historian Juanita Knott is working on Historic Stuyvesant Day,

Cemetery – Ed Scott reported that Split Line Construction has increased their prices and have made some necessary changes to the services they will provide.

Mr. Steve Taylor (Church St. resident) offered to donate a piece of adjacent property to the cemetery. Supervisor Knott and Councilman Scott will follow up with Mr. Taylor.

ZEO/Building Inspector – Report on file.

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Town Hall – Councilman Tom Burrall agreed to replace the flag.

County Government

Supervisor Knott reported that with the increase in ChiPs funding, the County had added \$3.2 million in paving projects.

There will be work done on County bridges beginning in late May/early June. There will be 3 new bridges and 1 large culvert. There will also be a major repair to a 5th bridge in late summer.

New Business

Supervisor Knott reported there was new Census data; in 2010 Columbia County had 63,096 and in the 2015 Census there were 61,979.

Broadband Update: Supervisor Knott met with Congressman Gibson and a group regarding broadband in Columbia County. There was a study in 2015 and a decision to go after grant funding. The grant is geared toward providers but none of the County providers are going after it. Consultants have suggested going after federal money for “dark fiber” which schools and emergency services are eligible. A meeting is scheduled for April 15th for more information.

Supervisor Knott reviewed the following Resolution which was followed by a Roll Call Vote by Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli:

**RESOLUTION
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Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant has been advised that certain Town Highway Department vehicles have out lived their useful lives and should be deemed surplus and authorized to be sold; and

Whereas, the Town Board has requested the following Town of Stuyvesant vehicles be deemed surplus:

- 1 – 1990 International Dump Truck with front plow and bottom scraper
VIN # 1HTGEASR2LH237115*
- 1 – 1984 International Dump Truck 4 WD with sander
VIN # 1HTLFTVRXEHA41111*

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Town of Stuyvesant Town Board hereby deems the above listed Town of Stuyvesant vehicles to be surplus equipment and authorize the Town Highway Superintendent, Charles Stiffler, to place said items up for public bid for auction or sale.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Supervisor Knott	X		
Brian Chittenden	X		
Kelley Williams	X		
Tom Burrall	X		
Ed Scott	X		

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Supervisor Knott presented a proposed Budget Amendment that will increase the CHiPs line under appropriations by \$11,201 (Fund Code DA5112.2) and under Revenue S/A Chips by \$11,201 (Fund Code DA3501). A roll call vote was taken by Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli and the Budget Amendment was passed by unanimous vote.

Board Comments

Councilman Scott asked if the Board could send a letter to National Grid to check on the outage of lights around Town. Supervisor Knott said he would draft a letter. Supervisor Knott added that there is no accurate map outlining the lighting districts. Lee Jamison asked if the Board could vote to dissolve the districts and remove the lights. Supervisor Knott explained it would have to be a permissive referendum. Steven Taylor suggested a “light hunting party” where a group would get together at night and drive around to get a list of lights out.

Public Comments

Lee Jamison reported that she and Christian Sweningson had added a meeting on ground mounted solar panels with regard to leases for solar farms. Citizens have been warned about the agreements and participants were provided sample zoning recommendations, moratoriums, and regulations.

Supervisor Knott reported that Ray Jurkowski had offered to come give a class for Planning and Zoning members on steep slopes and that the class could be counted as educational credits. Supervisor Knott will work with Ray to develop something.

Marilyn Burch asked about the speed limit on Riverview Street and if a sign could be put up. Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler said he will look into it.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ed Scott, seconded by Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Melissa A. Naegeli, RMC
Town Clerk*

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Abstract of Vouchers presented at April 2016 meeting:

<u>#</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>A/C#</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>LND/FALLS</u>	<u>HIGHWAY</u>	<u>RR CAP</u>	<u>CK#</u>
121	CDPHP (\$2964.96)	9060.8	432.84		2,532.12		12281/12278
122	Office of State Comptroller	A2610	360.00				12279
123	Stuyvesant Post Office	1410.4	98.00				12280
124	Constellation (\$404.92)	5182.4		194.74			12282
				210.18			
125	Constellation	5132.4	77.59				12284
126	National Grid (\$1250.79)	5182.4		\$608.94			12283
				641.85			
127	National Grid	5132.4	103.32				12285
128	National Grid	1620.4	43.60				12286
129	Time Warner Cable (\$428.49)	1620.4	296.30				12287
		5132.4	132.19				
130	Marlin Business Bank	1620.4	114.00				12288
131	Yaun Co., Inc.	1620.4	165.94				12289
132	Paychex of New York, LLC	1320.4	162.23				12290
		1320.4	192.40				<i>EFT</i>
133	Staples, Inc. (\$34.86)	1410.4	13.94				12291
		1220.4	12.04				
		1620.4	8.88				
134	Business Automation Svcs \$49.34)	1410.4	9.86				12292
		1355.4	9.87				
		8020.4	9.87				
		3620.4	9.87				
		1220.4	9.87				
135	Johnson Newspaper Corp.	1355.4	43.26				12293
136	Colleen Bruno	1110.4	39.20				12294
137	Columbia Co. Treasurer	1110.4	237.97				12295
138	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	750.00				12296
139	Xerox Corporation	1410.4	142.29				12297
140	SMG	1620.4	266.80				12298
141	Gerald Ennis	3620.4	89.44				12299
142	Columbia Co. Office for the Aging	6140.4	2,500.00				12300
143	VFW Pos #9593	6510.4	1,200.00				12301
144	Stuyvesant Garden Club	6772.4	150.00				12302
145	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	69.18				12303
146	Culligan	5132.4	67.86				12304
147	Rainbow Distributors	5132.4	79.43				12305
148	County Waste	5132.4	88.28				12306
149	Charles Stiffler (\$113.14)	5130.4			3.14		12309
		5010.4	110.00				12307

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150	Paraco Gas (\$467.53)	5110.4			283.84		12310
		5132.4	183.69				12308
151	Colarusso Quarry	5110.4			256.77		12311
152	Capital Equipment Service	5110.4			483.05		12312
153	Fleet Services	5110.4			129.07		12313
154	Sausbier's Awning Shop	5110.4			162.25		12314
155	Dolan's Welding & Repair	5110.4			80.00		12315
156	Roddy Niesen	5110.4			6,500.00		12316
157	Mario's Home Center	5130.4			27.30		12317
158	Albany Steel, Inc.	5130.4			87.04		12318
159	Kimball-Midwest	5130.4			627.12		12319
160	GiGi's Wrench	5130.4			42.00		12320
161	Share Corp.	5130.4			487.98		12321
162	Airgas USA, LLC	5130.4			20.80		12322
163	Tractor Supply	5130.4			158.94		12323
164	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4			933.00		12324
165	Morton Salt, Inc.	5142.4			9,117.78		12325
166	Promark International	A2610	990.00				
	Totals		9,270.01	1,655.71	21,932.20		