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The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott, Councilman Edward Scott, Councilman Brian Chittenden, Councilman Tom Burrall, Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli, and Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea. Councilwoman Kelley Williams and Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler were not in attendance.

Supervisor Knott opened the meeting at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Knott asked for a moment of silence in memory of Tom Shanahan.

Supervisor Knott opened the Public Hearing for the Proposed Zoning Law and asked Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli to read the Public Notice, as published in the Official Newspapers.

**TOWN OF STUYVESANT
COLUMBIA COUNTY NEW YORK
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
LOCAL LAW ENACTING A NEW ZONING LAW**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant shall hold a public hearing on February 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the evening at the Town Hall, 5 Sunset Dr., Stuyvesant, NY 12173, concerning the enactment of a new zoning law.

Copies of the proposed local law are available in the Town Clerk's office.

*Town Clerk, Melissa Naegeli
January 17, 2017*

Supervisor Knott reviewed a brief history of the Zoning Law and recent revisions. He explained that the Public Hearing would remain open until the meeting on March 9th and the law will remain on the Website for review.

Lee Jamison thanked Supervisor Knott for incorporating suggested changes and concerns with respect to noise for home occupations.

Christian Sweningson echoed Lee Jamison's comments regarding noise and the difficulty in enforcement. Mr. Sweningson said any perceptible regulation should be there because the Building Inspector is appointed and would be beholden to certain people. He added that he appreciated the work that was put into the document.

Joe Belline asked if home farmstands would still be allowed. Supervisor Knott replied that yes they would be and that the intent of the Board is to keep agribusiness a broad definition. Supervisor Knott explained that wording had been changed to "NYS Agricultural District".

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Christian Sweningson added that he appreciated the process the Board has taken and that he had replied to others with concerns that everyone was working together on the revised law.

With no additional comments or questions, Supervisor Knott recessed the Public Hearing until March 9th.

The regular business meeting resumed.

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Edward Scott, seconded by Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote.

Correspondence

Report from the Stuyvesant/Stockport Senior Citizens;

- A letter regarding the Website Revision committee from Christian Sweningson;
- Letters of interest in the vacancies on the Planning and Zoning Boards from Paula Van Meter and Will Pflaum;
- Letter from Will Pflaum with comments on the proposed Zoning Law;
- Letter seeking nominations for the NYS Historian Award; Supervisor Knott said he would like to submit the name of Juanita Knott and the Board agreed;
- Blank nomination forms for the Columbia County Senior Citizen of the Year;
- Letter from the Village of Kinderhook seeking support in having the Kinderhook Creek named a NYS Inland Waterway;
- Letter from the NYS Association of Towns regarding AIM Funding of \$15,000 being threatened by Albany – if a Town doesn't have a consolidation plan on the ballot, they will lose the funding.

A motion to approve the bills submitted was made by Tom Burrall, seconded by Edward Scott, and was approved by unanimous vote.

Reports

Town Clerk – The Town Clerk Report is on file. Melissa also read the tax collection report that is available in her office. Melissa asked the Board for permission to again hire ARE Productions for timing services for the Ken Hummel Race in August. She added that the Duathlon last year was a success and raised a lot of money and would like to do that again this year. She asked that the Board allow Supervisor Knott to sign the Contract for services, as long as the price did not exceed the quoted price from 2016. A motion was made by Edward Scott to approve the requests. The motion was seconded by Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote.

Recreation Committee – Lee Jamison reported that she and Cal Burch had met and are considering another snow shoe walk. Ms. Jamison also reported that she had spoken with Kathy Schneider regarding an owl walk. Mrs. Schneider said the owls seemed to be distressed and that an owl walk should be postponed.

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Railroad Station Committee – Lee Jamison reported that a pot luck dinner would be held on February 10th at 6pm. There will be a family movie night at the depot on Saturday, February 11th at 4pm; they will be showing “Some Like It Hot”.

Environmental Management Council – Christian Sweningson reported that a meeting of the Natural Resources Inventory Group discussed a granted funded 2 year program of information collection throughout the County and to prepare GIS layered maps in .pdf formats. Supervisor Knott added that money had been included in the County Budget for additional Planning Department employees, with emphasis on one who will have GIS experience.

Dog Control Officer – Report on file

Kinderhook Memorial Library – Lee Jamison reported that the Tuttle Family had announced an up to \$1Million pledge match challenge. Supervisor Knott added that the Library had held a cooking event at the Town Hall and Town Historian Juanita Knott had made a display in the back of the room with historic cookbooks.

Office for the Aging – No report

Highway Department – the Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler was not in attendance as they were out plowing.

Assessor’s Office – Exemptions are due no later than March 1.

Planning/Zoning Boards – No report

Historian – No report

Cemetery – No report

ZEO/Building Inspector – Report is on file.

Town Hall – Cathy Knott thanked Joe Scrum for fixing the problem in the ladies’ room so now it held the heat.

Tom Burrall reported that he had been attending fire school and was learning about emergency management. He is reviewing the Town’s Emergency Management Plan and making notes for edits. He added that he is getting price quotes to have an AED machine in the building.

County Government

The County Board of Supervisors have budgeted \$5000 per year to the Friends of Lindenwald.

The SEQRA review will be in March for the proposed sewer line connection from Greenport to Commerce Park; it will be a lengthy project.

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Supervisor Knott reported that several sites had been reviewed for a new Fire Tower and Training Center for County fire companies. He had met with fire company representatives and everyone has agreed on a site in the Commerce Park.

New Business

Supervisor Knott provided the Board with a Standard Workday Resolution for highway employees. He explained that we had passed one previously for Elected officials but the State said one was needed for employees as well. The Resolution creates a standard 8 hour workday. A motion to adopt the Resolution was made by Brian Chittenden, seconded by Edward Scott, and approved by unanimous vote. The Resolution will be filed with the NYS Retirement System.

Edward Scott reported that the weigh station situation had improved.

Board Comments

Supervisor Knott announced that Albany Engineering had sent the Town their fees for the Hydro Electric Plant. He added that they reported \$725,911 gross in electricity.

Public Comments

Lee Jamison asked about the Trail Committee related to the Kinderhook-Stuyvesant-Stockport meetings. At their January meeting it was announced that a \$58,000 grant had been received. She added that it was reported that people seemed to be more inclined to work with National Grid on licensing agreements. The tri-town committee is working on standards. Supervisor Knott said there was a rumor that Governor Cuomo was proposing a trail from NYC to Canada and that he was talking about taking over National Grid right of ways. Ms. Jamison asked for any notes or reports from Sean Cummings. Supervisor Knott said he would look through the documents Mr. Cummings had given him when he resigned from the Committee.

Lee Jamison asked about broadband and said Hillsdale was disputing the speed data. She also said the Attorney General was suing Time Warner for false information and asked if Supervisor Knott had any additional information. Supervisor Knott reported that the County had been requesting information on where the “build out” would be but did not have additional information.

Edward Scott reported that National Grid had been around repairing lights. Supervisor Knott reported that he had learned that the lighting districts were established in 1935. He asked about recreating lighting districts or the possibility of merging them in to one. Tal Rappleyea said he would look into making one district.

A motion to adjourn was made by Brian Chittenden, seconded by Edward Scott and was approved by unanimous vote.

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Vouchers presented at the February 2017 meeting for approval:

<i>February 2017</i>					
CLAIM #	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	LIGHTS LND/FALLS	HIGHWAY
31-17	CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc (3512.79)	9060.8	600.48		2,912.31
32-17	Constellation (483.81)	5182.4		232.72	
		5182.4		251.09	
33--17	National Grid (1349.82)	5182.4		656.62	
		5182.4		693.20	
34-17	National Grid	5132.4	185.52		
35-17	National Grid	1620.4	26.78		
36-17	Time Warner Cable (393.01)	1620.4	270.81		
		5132.4	122.20		
	<i>2/2/2017</i>		<i>1,205.79</i>	<i>1,833.63</i>	<i>2,912.31</i>
37-17	Constellation (172.77)	5132.4	166.95		
		1620.4	5.82		
38-17	Nolan Bottle Gas, Inc.	1620.4	280.67		
39-17	Marlin Business Bank	1620.4	114.00		
40-17	Sausbier's Awning Shop	1620.4	18.50		
41-17	NYS Office of State Comptroller	A2610	573.00		
42-17	The Columbia Paper	1010.4	19.01		
43-17	Columbia Co. Treasurer (Sheriffs)	1110.4	328.74		
44-17	Carrie A. O'Hare	1110.4	103.62		
45-17	NYSAMCC, Inc.	1110.4	40.00		
46-17	NYS Magistrates Association	1110.4	160.00		
47-17	Col. Co. Magistrates Assoc.	1110.4	50.00		
48-17	Howard Gleason, Jr.	1355.4	127.00		
49-17	Xerox Corp.	1410.4	143.50		
50-17	The Hyatt Regency-Rochester	1410.4	665.00		
51-17	NYSTCA c/o Linda Laird	1410.4	125.00		
52-17	Tal G Rappleyea, Esq	1420.4	1,437.50		
53-17	Johnson Newspaper Corp. (45.06)	1010.4	20.47		
		8020.4	24.59		
54-17	Staples, Inc. (138.18)	1110.4	73.17		
		1410.4	49.65		
		1220.4	15.36		
55-17	Melissa Naegeli	5010.4	50.74		
56-17	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	69.05		
57-17	Culligan	5132.4	28.93		
58-19	Rainbow Distributors	5132.4	35.41		
59-17	Madsen Overhead Doors	5132.4	9,457.00		
60-17	Valley Energy (1876.73)	5132.4	503.79		
		5110.4			1,372.94
61-17	T & L Construction	5110.4			300.90

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62-17	Northern Tool	5130.4				39.99
63-17	Day's Repair	5130.4				40.00
64-17	Zwack, Inc.	5130.4				63.73
65-17	Ben Funk, Inc.	5130.4				350.53
66-17	Grainer	5130.4				463.55
67-17	Callanan Industries	5110.4				876.84
68-17	Construction Tool Warehouse	5130.4				130.95
69-17	H.L. Gage Sales, Inc.	5130.4				58.52
70-17	Mario's Home Center	5130.4				98.79
71-17	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4				294.61
72-17	Wex Bank	5110.4				83.13
73-17	Lowe's	5130.4				284.05
74-17	Tractor Supply	5130.4				108.75
75-17	Paychex of New York LLC	1320.4	425.88			
76-17	Repeat Business Systems	1620.4	49.53			
77-17	SMG	1620.4	81.15			
78-17	Business Automation Svs (59.79)	1410.4	8.55			
		1355.4	8.55			
		8020.4	8.55			
		3620.4	8.55			
		1220.4	8.55			
		1620.4	17.04			
79-17	County Waste	5132.4	93.58			
	2/9/2017		15,396.40			4,567.28
	February total		16,602.19	1,833.63		7,479.59