

**April 6, 2017**

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott, Councilwoman Kelley Williams, Councilman Edward Scott, Councilman Brian Chittenden, Councilman Tom Burrall, Highway Superintendent Charles Stiffler, Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli, and Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea.

Supervisor Knott opened the meeting at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Knott reconvened the Public Hearing and asked for comments from the audience.

Lee Jamison read a letter from Joyce Chowenhill who has an in-home occupation. Ms. Chowenhill's concern was with the requirement to recertify a home occupation permit every 2 years. She suggested that the requirement be removed and to have people notify the Town when changes occur. The letter was put on file.

Robert Gibbs stated a concern with the Enforcement of Violations section and asked if there were specific guidelines that the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer had to follow. He added that there should be clear and reasonable guidelines for the ZEO to follow for investigating complaints that aren't obvious. Supervisor Knott responded that there are likely NYS guidelines for ZEO procedures and that Mr. Ennis goes to training every year. Mr. Gibbs asked if the Board monitored his work and Supervisor Knott explained that a monthly report was given from the Building Department.

Lee Jamison reiterated her previous comments about mediation being included in the Zoning Law for complaints other than construction rules, and that it's a useful step. Supervisor Knott replied that mediation was discussed with respect to the Zoning Law but it was decided that it didn't belong in the Zoning Law, that it was more appropriate in the court system.

Christian Sweningson commented that he had wrestled with including mediation in the Zoning Law but wasn't sure how to add it. He added that he supports mediation being a part of the process.

Mr. Sweningson also asked about a reference on Page 24 to Agribusiness in Agriculture Zone. Supervisor Knott replied that the change had been made but was made after the prints were made.

There being no additional comments, a motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Ed Scott. The motion was seconded by Tom Burrall and was approved by unanimous vote.

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Supervisor Knott called the regular meeting to order.

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

**Correspondence**

- A letter from Joe Belline expressing interest in the vacancy on the Planning Board;
- A letter from Assemblyman Peter Lopez regarding STAR Program proposal;
- A letter from the NYS Retirement System outlining 2 new positions that must be established in the Town as retirement benefit contacts. Supervisor Knott will be the Contact Administrator and Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli will be the Security Administrator.
- A letter regarding the new area code and changes to the 518.

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

**Old Business**

The annual Spring Trash Day will be held on May 6<sup>th</sup>. E-waste will be accepted this year. Tickets are available from the Town Clerk's Office and the Highway Department during regular business hours.

The Personnel Policy had to be updated to reflect the different hours in the summer for the Highway Department; 8 hour days to 10 hour days.

National Grid – NY Energy Solution power lines. PSC has sent a letter saying the need exists and the project will continue. Bids are being analyzed for the 2017-18 plans.

A quote was received from Columbia County Real Property for the proposed revaluation. Supervisor Knott reported that the Assessor Howard Gleason had been having trouble staying at 100% and it has been 10 years since we've had a full revaluation. The bid was \$12,000 with ½ being paid in 2018 and ½ being paid in 2019. Supervisor Knott asked the Board for permission to sign the agreement to get in line for the work to be performed. A motion was made by Ed Scott to hire the County and get in line for the work. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was passed by unanimous vote.

**Reports**

*Town Clerk* – Report on file.

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*Recreation Committee* – Kelley Williams reported that they had met and discussed trees for the playgrounds. She also reported that the Lease for the conservation area at Hummel Park had been signed and the back field will only be mowed in September.

Councilwoman Williams reported that she had received prices from Wolfe's Nursery for 15' Maple trees for \$175 and 8' Pines for \$200. Robert Gibbs suggested a project for families to plant saplings. Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler suggested the pines for the Landing playground to cut down on the vehicles driving in the field. Cathy Knott added that the trees at the landing were a group effort several years ago. Doug Mayer and Robert Gibbs volunteered to help organize the project.

Lee Jamison reported that bluebird nesting boxes had been installed in the Conservation area at the Park. She added that trail maintenance at the Ken Hummel Park was scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*Railroad Station Committee* – Lee Jamison reported that a pot luck dinner would be held on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Movie Night will be April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4pm showing West Side Story.

*Environmental Management Council* – Christian Sweningson reported that the Climate Change presentation had been well attended. The Council is accepting nominations for the Good Earthkeeping Award.

*Dog Control Officer* – No report

*Kinderhook Memorial Library* – Lee Jamison reported that the newsletter was out. Big Truck Day will be held on June 17<sup>th</sup> at the Stuyvesant Town Hall. Overdue books amnesty will be 4/9 – 4/15 – donations to the food pantry will be accepted in lieu of a fine.

*Office for the Aging* – Ida Leiser reported that their meetings would begin in 3 weeks. Supervisor Knott reported that the monthly report from the OFA was available in the Town Hall.

*Highway Department* – the Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported

- they are working on paving projects and stone topping in the development behind Williams Farm;
- they are taking the wings off the plow trucks; and
- Snow fences are coming down the week of 4/10.

*Assessor's Office* – Cathy Knott reported that on 5/1 Changes to Assessment letters will be mailed. She encouraged everyone to come in and look over their inventory cards and to meet with the Assessor Howard Gleason. Grievance Day will be Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

*Planning/Zoning Boards* – Jeff Jensen reported that the Zoning Board will hold a Public Hearing on 4/11 regarding the raising of a house on Ferry Road.

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*Historian* – Supervisor Knott reported that he had escorted Town Historian Juanita Knott to the CGCC celebration for County Historians. He also reported that he had submitted her name to be recognized as a NYS Historian.

*Cemetery* – Councilman Scott reported that a tree may have to be removed in the Firwood Cemetery. He also reported that many of the trees of concern at the Butler cemetery had been removed during the cutting of the Ash trees.

*ZEO/Building Inspector* – Report is on file.

*Town Hall* – Chuck Stiffler reported that a light post had been hit and destroyed. The incident is being investigated by the Sheriff's Department.

### **County Government**

Supervisor Knott reported that updated broadband maps had been put in the Town Hall. If companies take the State money offered, they have to get service around the area; 3+ years away. Mid-Hudson Cable is extending some broadband service in to Stuyvesant Falls on County Route 25.

### **Bridge Committee**

Supervisor Knott reported that the Committee met and Dean Knox was in attendance. We are in the lineup for work to be done in 2020 with money available. The Committee will plan a town wide public meeting for ideas.

### **New Business**

Supervisor Knott reported that the lease with Allied Healthcare for the Sandbar Park was received. The lease included a road and a hydrant from Albany Engineering. He will meet with Allied during the week of April 10<sup>th</sup>.

The lease with Marie Allen for lands at the Ken Hummel Park has been signed.

A motion was made by Brian Chittenden to appoint Joe Belline and Paula Van Meter to the vacant positions on the Planning Board. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote. Mr. Belline was in attendance and was asked to come to the Clerk's Office to be sworn in prior to the next Planning Board meeting. Supervisor Knott will contact Ms. VanMeter.

The County has passed new Veterans exemption numbers.

Supervisor Knott reported that he had received a proposal from BAS for upgrading email services. A motion was made by Ed Scott to allow Supervisor Knott to sign the agreement with BAS. The motion was seconded by Brian Chittenden and was passed by unanimous vote. Supervisor Knott also reported that it had been suggested to centralize the server for better security. He is getting prices from BAS and from the County for that work.

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Supervisor Knott asked the Board to consider purchasing a projector and pulldown screen. He will gather pricing information.

Supervisor Knott asked the Board to approve his attending the Finance School hosted by the Association of Towns at a cost of \$200. A motion to approve the request was made by Ed Scott, seconded by Kelley Williams, and approved by unanimous vote.

SEQRA Review for Zoning Law (on file with Zoning Law). The Resolution to make a determination of a Negative Declaration was read by Supervisor Knott and Councilwoman Kelley Williams. Town Clerk took a roll call vote and the Resolution passed with a 5-0 vote.

Councilwoman Kelley Williams read a Resolution to adopt Local Law #1 of 2017 Zoning Law. Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli took a roll call vote and the Resolution passed with a 5-0 vote and the Local Law #1 of 2017 was adopted. Tal Rappleyea will file with NYS Secretary of State.

**Board Comments**

Tom Burrall reported that April 29<sup>th</sup> is “Recruit NY” for volunteer firefighters. Stuyvesant Falls Fire Company will host an Open House and Family Day.

**Public Comments**

Lee Jamison reported that the Kinderhook-Stuyvesant-Stockport Trail Committee meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month. She attended the meeting and they discussed the Lindenwald/Van Allen House Dutch Heritage Trail. An event is being planned for June 17<sup>th</sup> to officially open the trail. The Committee will walk the trail on State Farm Road at their next meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Supervisor Knott reported that the pickup truck from the Highway Department will be able to be used to pick up bags from the Riversweep work.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ed Scott, seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Melissa A. Naegeli, RMC*

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*Vouchers presented at the April 2017 meeting for approval:*

126-17	CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc. (3512.79)	9060.8	600.48			2,912.31
127-17	Marlin Business Bank	1620.4	114.00			
128-17	National Grid (RR Station)	1620.4	22.50			
129-17	National Grid (Town Hall)	1620.4	21.02			
130-17	National Grid (Garage)	5132.4	118.31			
131-17	National Grid (1276.98)	5182.4			638.49	
		5182.4			638.49	
132-17	Staples Credit Plan	1220.4	119.99			
133-17	Business Automation Svcs (104.75)	1620.4	38.25			
		7510.4	23.75			
		1410.4	8.55			
		1355.4	8.55			
		3620.4	8.55			
		1220.4	8.55			
		8020.4	8.55			
134-17	Sausbier's Awning Shop	1620.4	141.50			
135-17	SMG	1620.4	126.33			
136-17	Safeguard Business Systems	1320.4	193.65			
137-17	Time Warner Cable (391.59)	1620.4	268.25			
		5132.4	123.34			
138-17	Constellation (270.41)	5182.4			130.07	
		5182.4			140.34	
139-17	Melissa Naegeli	1410.4	92.00			
140-17	Stuyvesant Post Office (245.00)	1355.4	196.00			
		1110.4	49.00			
141-17	Johnson Newspaper Corp (45.06)	1010.4	17.48			
		1355.4	27.58			
142-17	Tal G Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	1,250.00			
143-17	Xerox Corp.	1410.4	140.50			
144-17	Paychex of New York LLC	1320.4	189.99			
145-17	Constellation (86.70)	5132.4	85.40			
		1620.4	1.30			
146-17	Association of Towns	5010.4	110.00			
147-17	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	69.05			
148-17	T & L Construction	5132.4	165.20			
149-17	Valley Energy (1448.74)	5132.4	258.56			
		5110.4				1,190.18
150-17	Colarusso Quarry	5110.4				3,512.36
151-17	GH Berlin Windward	5110.4				684.10
152-17	Rick's Tire Service	5130.4				137.50
153-17	Mooradian Hydraulics	5130.4				75.00
154-17	John Deere Financial	5130.4				30.30

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155-17	Air Gas USA LLC	5130.4				2,440.95
156-17	Share Corporation	5130.4				53.23
157-17	Morton Salt, Inc.	5142.4				2,316.17
	Shelter Point Life Insurance Co		406.80			
	6-Apr-17		5,012.98	1,547.39		13,352.10
158-17	NYS Office of State Comptroller	A2610	484.00			
159-17	Col Co Treasurer (Central Printing)	1620.4	30.00			
160-17	SMG	1620.4	311.98			
161-17	Business Automation Svcs (60.16)	1620.4	17.41			
		1410.4	8.55			
		1355.4	8.55			
		3620.4	8.55			
		1220.4	8.55			
		8020.4	8.55			
162-17	Nolan Bottle Gas, Inc.	1620.4	306.69			
163-17	Carrie A O'Hare	1110.4	29.83			
164-17	Col Co Treasurer (Sheriff's)	1110.4	131.13			
165-17	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	625.00			
166-17	Johnson Newspaper	8010.4	24.96			
167-17	County Waste	5132.4	93.58			
168-17	Rainbow Distributors	5132.4	34.47			
169-17	Culligan	5132.4	28.93			
170-17	Wex Bank	5110.4				172.04
171-17	Mooradian Hydraulics	5130.4				616.75
172-17	Gigi's Wrench	5130.4				54.00
173-17	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4				423.41
174-17	Rick's Tire Service LLC	5130.4				1,091.48
175-17	Air Gas USA LLC	5130.4				26.10
176-17	Northeast Automotive Parts, Inc.	5130.4				24.91
177-17	Ben Funk, Inc.	5130.4				142.40
	13-Apr-17		2,160.73			2,551.09
	<i>April Total</i>		<i>7,173.71</i>	<i>1,547.39</i>		<i>15,903.19</i>