

**Town of Stuyvesant  
Public Hearing – Local Law #1 of 2019  
February 14, 2019**

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 14, 2019. In attendance at the hearing were Supervisor Ron Knott; Councilmembers Tom Burrall, Brian Chittenden, and Bill Schneider; Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler; Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli; and Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea. Councilwoman Kelley Williams was not in attendance.

Supervisor Knott opened the Hearing and asked the Town Clerk to read the Public Notice:

***PUBLIC NOTICE***

*Town of Stuyvesant  
Public Hearing – Feb. 14, 2019*

*PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant will hold a Public Hearing for the purpose of taking public comment on proposed Local Law # 1 of 2019 “Grievance Day Establishment” to change the date to be the first Thursday immediately following the fourth Tuesday of May of each year. The Hearing will take place on Thursday, February 14, 2019 at the Stuyvesant Town Hall, 5 Sunset Drive, Stuyvesant, NY 12173. Copies of the proposed Local Law are available in the Town Clerk’s Office during normal business hours.*

*Melissa A. Naegeli, RMC  
Town Clerk*

Supervisor Knott explained that Grievance Day is usually the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of May, held Statewide. Due to our having a new Assessor that we share with other Towns and the Assessor having to be at the Board of Assessment Review (Grievance Day), this proposed Local Law will change the date that the Town of Stuyvesant will hold its annual Grievance Day. This Law will change the day from the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday to the “first Thursday following the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of May”.

Councilman Bill Schneider announced that the date this year would be May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Lee Jamison asked if that was Memorial Day weekend and she was reminded that this is a Thursday.

Councilman Bill Schneider asked if we were to go back to an Assessor that only worked for Stuyvesant could we change the day back to the Statewide day. Tal Rappleyea answered that it would have to be changed with the enactment of another Local Law.

With no further questions or comments, Supervisor Knott closed the Hearing at 7:10pm.

**Town of Stuyvesant  
Town Board Meeting  
February 14, 2019**

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly meeting on Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott; Councilmembers Tom Burrall, Brian Chittenden, and Bill Schneider; Highway Superintendent Charles Stiffler; Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli; and Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea. Councilwoman Kelley Williams was not attendance.

Supervisor Knott opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Correspondence**

- A letter of resignation was received from Marilyn Burch resigning her position on the Planning Board. Supervisor Knott reported that Mrs. Burch had served on the Planning Board for 20 years.
- A letter from the Stuyvesant/Stockport Senior Citizens with an Activity Report for 2018 detailing how they spent the donation from the Town.
- A letter from the Kinderhook Memorial Library detailing how they will spend the additional monies that had been approved at the General Election in 2018.
- A letter from Kinderhook Bank announcing their merger with Community Bank.

A motion was made by Brian Chittenden to approve the bills presented. The motion was seconded by Bill Schneider and was approved by unanimous vote.

**Old Business**

*Stuyvesant Falls Speed Limit* – A letter from NYS DOT denying our request to lower the speed limits throughout the Hamlet of Stuyvesant Falls. Supervisor Knott and Highway Superintendent Stiffler will try to meet with Dean Knox from the County to see if there is anything else that can be done.

*Justice Court* – The Town Court has received a grant for document scanning from the Justice Court System.

*Ken Hummel Park* – A report from the CLC was received following their “fly-over” of the park; all is well.

*Albany Engineering* – Mr. Basha presented Supervisor Knott with a check for \$13,057, \$3000 over the annual \$10,000 agreed to, based on a good year of profits.

## **Reports**

*Town Clerk* – Report is on file

*Highway Department* – Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported that they have been

- Clearing snow
- Cleaning Out the ditches after the rains
- Clearing up an Ice Jam
- Cleaning the garage and preparing to repair the floor
- Researching prices for equipment replacement
- Researching prices to put in the proposed new dedicated road to the Ken Hummel Park – with labor and material it looks to be about \$22,000 and the road will be to Town specifications.

*Recreation Committee* – There was no meeting in February.

*Assessor's Office* – Cathy Knott reported that the majority of exemptions have been returned and reminded everyone that March 1<sup>st</sup> is the absolutely deadline.

Supervisor Knott announced that new value letters will be sent out in the beginning of March. He reminded everyone that just because an assessment goes up does not necessarily mean that the taxes will.

*Railroad Station Restoration Committee* – Lee Jamison reported that there will be a meeting on Saturday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>. She also reported that Stuyvesant Pathways has reached an agreement with a Mason to repair the West side of the building at a cost of \$60/hour not to exceed \$5000.

*Planning/Zoning Boards* – There is business before the Boards – a subdivision before the Planning Board and Variance before the Zoning Board.

*Environmental Management Council* – Christian Sweningson reported:

- A new member from Gallatin;
- A Presentation from Jolene Race from the Solid Waste Dept. and Ron Knott regarding the new recycling program;
- Working on Resolution to ban expanded polystyrene
- The Natural Resources Inventory has been completed and training is being scheduled for Planning and Zoning Boards members
- A Recycling Resources Guide is being created
- A new member from the CGCC
- Reviewing a report from the committee working with Rob Lopez, County Emergency Management, regarding changes based on the TCI Fire.

*Town Historian* – Juanita Knott reported that County-wide meetings have been held and are very informative. The “new” County group is working on:

- A list of bibliographies in each Town;
- The possibility of GIS mapping of cemeteries;
- Getting acquainted with the difference resources available from each Town.

The County group meets quarterly.

*Dog Control Officer* – No report

*Cemetery Committee* – Melissa Naegeli reported that she had spoken with “We Dig It” to correct billing from Stuyvesant Falls cemetery burials.

*Kinderhook Memorial Library* – Lee Jamision reported they had sent their bill to the Towns. She also announced that the “Friends of the Library” will be looking for sponsors for the various programs the Library offers, i.e. Big Truck Day.

*ZEO/Building Inspector* – Report on file.

*Office for the Aging* – Richard Moran stated that the Committee does not meet through the Winter and that the next meeting will be in April. Christian Sweningson added that the County is looking for nominations for “Senior Citizen of the Year” and they are due February 28<sup>th</sup>.

*Town Hall* – Supervisor Knott reported that the faucet in the ladies’ room and the urinal in the mens’ room need to be replaced. He will contact Hatfield Joyce since they did the work in the past.

Melissa Naegeli asked about the status of purchasing a new stove, as discussed at the Workshop meeting. Supervisor Knott said someone has to pick one out and the Highway Department has the Lowe’s card and could pick it up.

*Website Committee* – A Department Heads meeting will be scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Supervisor Knott will email everyone.

*County Business* – Supervisor Knott reported that

- He had attended the NYSAC Conference
- The Committee for Buildings at the County is working on Assessments of the buildings and getting figures for repairs. It’s estimated to cost approximately \$5M over the next 5 years. They are working on prioritizing projects
- Interviewing for the County Highway Director and Weights & Measures Director

### **New Business**

A Public Hearing was held on proposed Local Law #1 regarding Grievance Day Establishment, and changing the day from the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday to the “first Thursday following the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in May”. A motion was made by Brian Chittenden to adopt the Local Law. The motion was seconded by Tom Burrall and was passed by unanimous vote. Tal Rappleyea will prepare the documents for filing and Melissa Naegeli will sign and file with NYS.

Supervisor Knott presented a Resolution to Restore AIM Funding. After reading and briefly explaining that this in response to this funding being removed from the 2019 Executive Budget for municipalities that source under 5% of their budget from AIM resources. A motion was made by Brian Chittenden to adopt this Resolution. The motion was seconded by Bill Schneider and was approved by unanimous vote. Councilman Schneider explained to the audience that is money we have already budgeted for and equates to 4% of our budget.

Supervisor Knott announced that he had sent a request to National Grid for the prices related to converting street lights to LED.

Supervisor Knott asked Tal Rappleyea to briefly explain the NYS “Zombie Law”. Mr. Rappleyea explained that this law mandates that the Towns are able to get information on abandoned properties regarding banks or owners to compel the care for the properties. He also explained that while the law is a State Law, we have to adopt a Local Law accepting the State Law. He will draft something for the Board to review and consider.

### **Board Comments**

Councilman Bill Schneider reported to the Board that it appears that no one at the Kinderhook Transfer Station is checking for recycling permits and suggested that a more official sign be put in, other than a handwritten sign on a piece of cardboard. Supervisor Knott explained that through attrition the transfer stations are short-staffed and the County is looking into better signage.

### **Public Comments**

Lee Jamison marked that she had asked about a \$15 M project at the January meeting and was upset that no one on the Board told her what it was. She said she found out later that it was a project by Wil-Roc Farms on the IDA list

and she would like to see any project or proposed agreement. Councilman Chittenden discussed the proposed digester project that Wil-Roc Farms is considering with a company named Vanguard. He added that he doesn't know the costs nor did he know where the \$15M number came from.

Peter Donohoe added that travelling for food waste should be red flag for this project. Councilman Chittenden explained that he didn't believe that would be something that Wil Roc would be doing.

Christian Sweningson explained that the EMC had been looking at this project as an interesting option for eliminating food waste from landfills.

The discussion regarding Vanguard and the project continued with Councilman Chittenden explaining the benefits of the proposal. Supervisor Knott reported that Vanguard would be coming to give a presentation to the Planning Board at their February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting and encouraged those interested to attend.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Brian Chittenden. The motion was seconded by Tom Burrall and was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

The vouchers presented for payment at the February, 2019 Town Board meeting:

<b><u>CLAIM #</u></b>	<b><u>PAYEE</u></b>	<b><u>A/C#</u></b>	<b><u>GENERAL</u></b>	<b><u>LND/ FALLS</u></b>	<b><u>HIGHWAY</u></b>
19-020	Greene County Commercial Bank		37,092.93		
19-021	Stuyvesant Post Office (\$200)	1410.4	100.00		
		1110.4	100.00		
19-022	CDPHP Universal Benefits (\$4133.14)	9060.8	1,413.04		2,720.10
19-023	NYS Office of State Comptroller	A2610	2,066.00		
19-024	Stuyvesant Post Office (\$385.00)	1410.4	275.00		
		1010.4	110.00		
19-025	Aaron's Carpet Cleaning	1620.4	175.00		
19-026	Jeffrey A. Pinkowski, Inc.	1620.4	2,800.00		
19-027	Time Warner Cable (\$554.27)	1620.4	276.84		
		5132.4	277.43		
19-028	Nolan Bottle Gas, Inc.	1620.4	767.21		
19-029	National Grid	5132.4	116.22		
19-030	National Grid	1620.4	21.02		
19-031	National Grid	1620.4	23.91		
19-032	Marlin Business Bank (\$189.87)	1620.4	114.00		
		1410.4	75.87		
19-033	SMG	1620.4	71.13		
19-034	Constellation (\$114.89)	1620.4	3.38		
		5132.4	111.51		
19-035	Business Automation Services (\$2720.00)	1620.4	1,620.00		
		1410.4	1,100.00		
19-036	Paychex of New York, LLC	1320.4	808.63		
19-037	Melissa Naegeli	1410.4	18.95		
19-038	Schwaab, Inc.	1355.4	39.25		
19-039	Staples, Inc. (\$116.11)	5010.4	8.88		
		1410.4	76.31		
		1110.4	30.92		
19-040	Paula Van Meter	1110.4	325.00		
19-041	Williamson Law Book Co.	1110.4	100.00		
19-042	NYSAMCC, Inc.	1110.4	50.00		
19-043	NYS Magistrates Association	1110.4	160.00		
19-044	Columbia Co. Magistrates Association	1110.4	60.00		
19-045	Columbia County Treasurer (Sheriff's Dept)	1110.4	223.52		
19-046	Johnson Newspaper Corporation	8020.4	23.68		
19-047	We Dig It LLC	8810.4	475.00		



19-048	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	69.61		
19-049	Culligan	5132.4	28.93		
19-050	County Waste	5132.4	145.94		
19-051	Sausbier's Awning Shop	5132.4	36.00		
19-052	Rainbow Distributing Co, Inc.	5132.4	14.98		
19-053	Mario's Home Center (Account 7210)	5132.4	40.40		
19-054	Valley Energy	5132.4	699.31		
		5130.4			171.60
19-055	Charles Stiffler	5130.4			101.79
19-056	Wex Bank	5110.4			369.07
19-057	Morton Salt Inc.	5142.4			7,106.76
19-058	Mooradian Hydraulic & Equip. Co., Inc.	5130.4			79.45
19-059	Mario's Home Center (Account 7200)	5130.4			253.10
19-060	Ben Funk	5130.4			237.47
19-061	National Grid (\$1366.72)	5182.4		664.14	
				702.58	
19-062	Constellation (\$435.78)	5182.4		209.66	
				226.12	
	7-Feb-19		52,145.80	1802.50	11,039.34
19-063	Repeat Business Systems	1620.4	35.56		
19-064	Staples, Inc. (\$47.29)	1355.4	2.54		
		1410.4	23.84		
		1110.4	20.91		
19-065	Juanita Knott	7510.4	63.47		
19-066	Tal G. Rappleya, Esq.	1420.4	1,406.25		
19-067	NYSTCA	1410.4	135.00		
19-068	Marriott Syracuse Downtown	1410.4	750.00		
19-069	Tech Partners	1110.4	65.00		
19-070	Valley Energy	5132.4	502.01		
19-071	Carquest of Valatie	5130.4			309.42
19-072	Share Corporation	5110.4			499.90
19-073	Valley Energy	5110.4			1,296.73
19-074	Air Gas USA LLC	5130.4			34.50
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