

**Town of Stuyvesant
Town Board Workshop / 2020 Preliminary Budget Hearing
November 7, 2019**

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly workshop and 2020 Preliminary Budget Hearing on Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott; Councilmembers Kelley Williams, Tom Burrall, Bill Schneider, and Brian Chittenden; Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli; Highway Superintendent Charles Stiffler. Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea was not in attendance.

Supervisor Knott opened the Hearing at 7:06pm. Two members of the public were in attendance. Supervisor Knott asked Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli to read the notice as published in the official newspaper.

**PUBLIC NOTICE
Town of Stuyvesant
Public Hearing
Preliminary 2020 Budget**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of Stuyvesant will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 7:00pm for the purpose of taking comment from any interested resident with regard to the Preliminary 2020 Budget. Copies of the Preliminary Budget are available in the Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours and on the Town Website at stuyvesantny.us. Salaries included in the Preliminary Budget are: Supervisor \$7,535.00; Town Board Members (4) 11,980.00; Town Clerk/Tax Collector \$23,643.00; Highway Superintendent \$57,290.00; and Town Justices (2) \$17,488.00. The Hearing will be held at the Stuyvesant Town Hall, 5 Sunset Drive, Stuyvesant, NY 12173.

Melissa A. Naegeli, RMC
Town Clerk

Supervisor Knott reviewed the proposed Budget line-by-line. The amount to be raised by taxes is \$419,706 resulting in a 0% increase. The total budget, with fire districts, library, and lighting districts is \$557,171.00

Supervisor Knott asked if there were any comments or questions from the Board.

Councilman Bill Schneider asked where we stood on building permits this year based on the estimate from the current Budget. Supervisor Knott explained that we seemed to be on track for the budgeted amount.

Councilman Tom Burrall asked about the Stuyvesant Fire District budget number and why it wasn't included. Supervisor Knott explained that their

budget document was received after our proposed budget document was printed. The number was provided to the Board.

Councilman Bill Schneider asked about the mowing personal service line. Supervisor Knott explained that Highway Superintendent Stiffler currently uses whoever is available on his crew to mow but has asked to hire a part time employee for mowing. There was a discussion about hiring a part time employee to do the mowing and whatever else may be needed.

Supervisor Knott asked if there were any questions from the public.

Joan Snyder asked for clarification on the health insurance for significant others. Supervisor Knott explained that old hires the Town pays 90% for employee and spouse insurance, for new hires the Town pays 90% for employee. The Town does not pay for unmarried partners.

Mike Naegeli asked how much time was left on the salt shed bond. Supervisor Knott said about 7 years. Mr. Naegeli asked if money is being set aside for the next big anniversary. Supervisor Knott said there will be money available. Mr. Naegeli also asked if there were any anticipated bumps in revenue. Supervisor Knott explained that the Board was conservative in their estimates of revenue for 2020 and budgeted them to be a little lower than expected.

With no further questions or comments, a motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Tom Burrall. The motion was seconded by Brian Chittenden and the motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler presented information to the Board and requested permission to purchase a 2 yard sander for the utility body truck. The best price he found was from Wester for \$4906 and it is on State Contract. While he didn't have to provide additional quotes, he also offered a quote from Fisher for \$5963. A motion to approve the purchase from Wester was made by Tom Burrall. The motion was seconded by Bill Schneider and was approved by unanimous vote.

Prior to the Workshop, Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli delivered to Supervisor Knott the proposed 2020 contract for services from the Columbia Greene Humane Society. Supervisor Knott explained to the Board that the Contract is the same as the current contract with no increase in fees. A motion to accept the contract was made by Brian Chittenden. The motion was seconded by Ron Knott and was approved by unanimous vote.

Supervisor Knott reported to the Board that Assessor Lynn Hotaling would like to purchase a laptop to be used from home for her multiple towns. The cost would be split between the towns. She will present the amount to the Board next month.