

DECEMBER 27, 2007
TOWN BOARD YEAR-END MEETING

The Stuyvesant Town Board held its monthly and year-end meeting on December 27, 2007 at the Stuyvesant Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Valerie Bertram, Councilperson Edward Scott, Councilperson Ronald Knott, Councilperson Bradlee Webster, Councilperson Rosalind Gumaer, Highway Superintendent Bernie Kowalski, Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli and Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea.

Supervisor Bertram called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and the meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to approve the November minutes was made by Councilperson Edward Scott, seconded by Councilperson Bradlee Webster and was carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

- ✧ Letter from COARC notifying the Town that they will no longer be providing cleaning services.
- ✧ Letter from Thomas Rinaldi congratulating the Town on the Railroad Station restoration so far.
- ✧ Letter from CLC outlining the easement restrictions for the property on Sharptown Road.
- ✧ Letter from Time Warner Cable with the results of the survey conducted along Route 21.
- ✧ Letter from resignation from Rose Heintz resigning from the Planning Board.
- ✧ Letter of interest from Pat Casey asking for consideration for the open seat on the Planning Board.

Motion made by Councilperson Bradlee Webster to approve the communications as read and seconded by Councilperson Edward Scott. The motion was carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the bills was made by Councilperson Edward Scott and seconded by Councilperson Ronald Knott. Motion was carried unanimously.

REPORTS:

Town Clerk

Report is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Highway Department

Highway Superintendent Bernie Kowalski reported that the fuel tanks at the Highway Garage needed to be replaced. They received an estimate from Main Care for \$1900.00. The employees of the Highway Department were able to purchase and replace the tanks themselves for \$700.00

Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer

Report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Dog Control Officer

There was no report filed.

Planning Board & Zoning Board

No report was given. Supervisor Bertram and the Town Board publicly acknowledged and thanked Rose Heintz and Larry Kennet for their many years of service.

Greenway Committee

Councilman Ron Knott reported that Tom Kilcer is having sample maps made up to overlay town maps of the different soils. There should be a better map at the next meeting. The Committee is looking into windmills and what the Town would have to do to have windmills erected. The next meeting will be January 24, 2008.

Agriculture Committee

No report.

Town Hall Committee

Councilman Ronald Knott said that in light of COARC no longer providing cleaning services for the Town Hall, George Knott has agreed to pick up what they were doing. Councilman Edward Scott will be taking care of the snow removal duties for the sidewalks around the Town Hall.

Railroad Station Restoration Committee

Councilman Ron Knott reported the Holiday Party at the Depot went well and Santa was in attendance. There are outdoor lights on the building. The Town Board met with the Committee and they have agreed to ask the Architects to put together a list of the work that remains with estimates.

Cemetery Committee

Councilman Brad Webster reported that the cemetery is closed for the winter. The sign has been replaced and additional tree work will be completed soon.

Assessor

Cathy Knott, Assessor's Clerk, reminded everyone that exemption forms need to be in the Assessor's Office by March 1.

Supervisor Bertram reported that at a workshop meeting December, the Town Board members, the Assessor's Clerk, and the Secretary to the Planning & Zoning Boards met with a representative of BAS (Business Automation Systems) to hear a proposal to link the computers of the Assessor's Office, the Building Inspector and the Planning Board.

Recreation Committee

Councilwoman Rosalind Gumaer reported that the Committee met on December 1 and Supervisor Bertram, Council Ron Knott, and Bob Redding (from the Rod & Gun Club) were also in attendance. They discussed proposed hunting guidelines for the property on Sharptown Road. While more discussion is needed, it was agreed to close the park to hunting effective December 18.

A letter was received from Larry Divney offering to donate 10 years work of maintenance at the Sharptown Road property. Supervisor Bertram will contact Mr. Divney to thank him and to get a better understanding of his generous offer.

Sean Cummings has spoken with CLC to request help with the trail building projects and grant writing for funding for the drawings. Mark Burch is working on the soil and water maps.

At the Committee's request, Mr. Gibbs of Stuyvesant Falls researched ice skating rinks and various pricing packages with the idea of putting a small rink at the playground in Stuyvesant Falls.

Councilwoman Gumaer reported that a petition will be circulated through Town asking for opinions on development of the park on Sharptown Road.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2008 at 9:00am at the Town Hall.

Old Business

Bridge on Schoolhouse Road – no written correspondence has been received on the status. Senator Saland's Office is continuing talks with CSX. Councilman Knott has spoken with CSX and they are still reviewing the reports. He gave a copy of Railroad Law #93 to all Board members that states "their job is to maintain, no necessarily to replace".

A member of the audience asked about concerns regarding the overpass at Ridge Road. Supervisor Bertram explained that Ridge Road was different situation because the surface of the road doesn't go over the bridge, therefore inspection duties fall entirely to CSX.

There was a brief presentation by Bob Clark of Valatie regarding a private engineering report he had prepared on the condition of the railroad bridge over Ridge Road. It is Mr. Clark's opinion that the bridge is unsafe. A discussion followed regarding legal liability in event of a bridge failure. Attorney to the Town, Tal Rappleyea, said according to Railroad Law #93 the liability is CSX' since it's their bridge and the Town doesn't have any road surface on it.

It was suggested that a letter be prepared to CSX asking them what the status of the inspection report is and what the next step will be. Mr. Rappleyea will draft a letter to be reviewed at the next meeting.

New Business

Supervisor Bertram announced to everyone that the swearing in ceremony for newly-elected Town Officials will be held on January 1, 2008 at the Town Hall. All are invited to attend.

Councilwoman Gumaer reported that she, Dr. Asbornsen, Sean Cummings and Doug McGivney, Town of Kinderhook Supervisor, met and walked the trails at Sharptown Road and discussed the possibility of having a program at the trails in the summer in conjunction with the playground program in Kinderhook.

Councilman Ronald Knott made a motion to appoint Patricia L. Casey to the vacant seat on the Planning Board. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Rosalind Gumaer and passed unanimously.

Supervisor Bertram told everyone that letters of interest in the vacancies on the Planning Board or the Zoning Board should be submitted to the Town Board.

Councilwoman Rosalind Gumaer reported that she had attended a conference at the Pace Law School on planning and development and said they stressed the importance of having alternate members on the Planning and Zoning Boards.

Public Comment

There were public comments regarding the status of the LaFarge Burn Plant, the Air Quality Monitoring, and the Stuyvesant Fire District redistricting.

The Garden Club was thanked for the hard work and talent in decorating the Hall with greens for the holidays.

Councilman Edward Scott reported that he has been in contact with DEC regarding the Town’s concerns over the permit to burn granted to LaFarge. He is working with a contact to try to get a representative to come to the Town.

Tom Davis, from the Stuyvesant Fire Company #1, asked to address the Board and the public regarding a loan that the Fire Company is trying to procure for the purchase of a new fire truck. The loan will be USDA Rural Development loan will be for \$200,000 at 4.25% interest with a term of 15 years. The final submission of documents was December 24, 2007. The trucking being purchased will replaced the rescue van currently in service.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Bradlee Webster and seconded by Councilman Ronald Knott. The motion was carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

DECEMBER 2007 ABSTRACTS

THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE PRESENTED FOR AUDIT:

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| 402 | National Grid | 2180.00 | 430 | Wiper Shaker Technology | 205.00 |
| 403 | Fairpoint Communications | 300.13 | 431 | A.T.R. Trucking | 2298.42 |
| 404 | NexTel Partners | 46.46 | 432 | N & S Supply | 682.98 |
| 405 | Col. Co. Solid Waste | 8160.40 | 433 | Cargill Inc. | 3228.39 |
| 406 | Sausbier’s | 39.00 | 434 | Rich Mulica | 528.10 |
| 407 | Bonded Concrete, Inc. | 180.00 | 435 | Col. Co. Solid Waste | 179.28 |
| 408 | C.J. Miner | 704.40 | 436 | Col Co Highway Dept | 50.38 |
| 409 | Ghent Wood Products | 256.00 | 437 | Col Co Treasurer | 4421.23 |
| 410 | Culligan | 27.00 | 438 | Chatham Printing | 199.20 |
| 411 | Rainbow Distributors | 5.94 | 439 | The Independent | 41.34 |
| 412 | Mario’s Home Center | 244.54 | 440 | Johnson Newspaper | 67.13 |
| 413 | Hudson Electrical | 76.35 | 441 | Col Co Sheriff’s Office | 48.60 |
| 414 | Chemung Supply | 499.50 | 442 | NY Planning Federation | 214.00 |
| 415 | Bernard Kowalski | 1519.96 | 443 | Carrie O’Hare | 168.03 |
| 416 | Insta-Chain, Inc. | 213.08 | 444 | Service Education, Inc. | 700.00 |
| 417 | Tractor Supply | 208.04 | 445 | E-Biz Docs | 1104.00 |
| 418 | Mooradian Hydraulics | 32.20 | 446 | Williamson Law Book Co | 119.99 |
| 419 | Northeast Automotice Parts | 35.33 | 447 | Mark Fitzgerald | 235.50 |
| 420 | Columbia Tractor | 5.64 | 448 | Howard Gleason Jr | 76.24 |
| 421 | Northern Safety | 264.51 | 449 | Dell, Inc. | 113.96 |
| 422 | CarQuest of Valatie | 104.12 | 450 | Olde Kinderhook Integrated | 73.00 |

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| 423 | VanKleeck's Hudson | 971.15 | 451 | Staples Business Advantage | 1155.51 |
| 424 | Stuyvesant Fire Co | 756.20 | 452 | Xerox | 124.92 |
| 425 | Main Care Energy | 2155.07 | 453 | Tal Rappleyea | 2625.00 |
| 426 | Colarusso Quarry | 4918.31 | 454 | COARC | 22.00 |
| 427 | Cargill, Inc. | 6128.75 | 455 | Empire Alarms | 43.90 |
| 428 | Unifirst Corp | 122.13 | 456 | Col-Greene Humane Society | 305.00 |
| 429 | Zwack, Inc. | 182.83 | 457 | Marilyn Burch | 108.85 |

Recorded this 27th Day of December 2007

Approved this 10th Day of January 2008

TOWN CLERK

SUPERVISOR

COUNCILPERSON

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