

AUGUST 12, 2010
TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held its monthly meeting on Thursday, August 12, 2010 at the Stuyvesant Town Hall. In attendance at the meeting were Supervisor Valerie Bertram, Councilperson Brian Chittenden, Councilperson Rosalind Gumaer, Councilperson Ronald Knott, Councilperson Edward Scott, Highway Superintendent Bernard Kowalski, Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea and Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Edward Scott to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Rosalind Gumaer and was approved unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter received from the Columbia County Office of Fire Coordination commending the Stuyvesant Fire Company for their response to the fire at the Demarest home.

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A motion was made by Councilman Edward Scott to approve the communications as read and to have it filed in the Town Clerk's Office. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden and was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Rosalind Gumaer to approve the bills submitted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ronald Knott and was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Bertram introduced Raymond Jurkowski of Morris Associates who gave a presentation on the cost analysis of a project to repair the Highway Garage and to construction of a salt shed on the Sharptown Road property. Mr. Jurkowski's powerpoint presentation was approximately 45 minutes long and he covered the history of the highway garage, the damages to the garage building, the need for the salt storage and the proposed costs of the project. Mr. Jurkowski gave two cost estimate scenarios – the first being the full amount being financed by the Town and the second included a \$250,000 grant from the State being used to reduce the overall costs of the project.

A printout of the complete presentation is available in the Town Clerk's Office.

REPORTS:

Highway Department

Highway Superintendent Kowalski reported that all of the major work has been completed. He said that there is still some chip sealing that needs to be completed on Gibbons and Hollow Roads but that they are still waiting for materials.

Town Clerk

Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli read her financial report and it is in file in her office. Melissa reminded everyone that the Ken Hummel 5K Race will be held on Saturday morning – Historic Stuyvesant Day.

Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer

Mr. Ennis was not in attendance and his report is on file in Town Clerk's Office. There was a question regarding the zoning ordinance in relation to political signs. Supervisor Bertram will speak with Mr. Ennis regarding this issue. Supervisor Bertram and Councilman Knott explained that the Board is looking at the existing Zoning Laws and are compiling a list of laws that need to be changed, deleted or added. They said this issue would be added to that list.

Planning Board & Zoning Board

The Planning Board met on July 26, 2010 and had an application for a lot line adjustment from the Belfry House. The Public Hearing will be held on Monday, August 23, 2010 at 7:00pm.

Greenway Committee

Councilman Ronald Knott reported Steve Winkley has the maps completed and is finishing up his report. There will not be a committee meeting in August. The next meeting will be in September where the Committee is hoping to have a public presentation for the Board.

Town Hall Committee

Nothing to report.

Railroad Restoration Committee

Marilyn Burch reported the volunteers continue to work on the railroad station. Two windows have been uncovered and that all of the windows have been repaired, glass installed and the transoms are also done.

Mrs. Burch showed the advertisement that she placed in the Register Star upon the approval of the Town Board at the July meeting. The ad was nearly ¼ page and was only \$10.00.

Mrs. Burch reported that the t-shirt supply needed to be replenished. She requested permission to purchase 5 dozen shirts @ \$7.75/shirt for a total cost of \$465.00 – the shirts are sold for \$12.00. A motion was made by Councilwoman Rosalind Gumaer to allow Mrs. Burch to make the purchase. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ronald Knott and was passed by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Burch also reported that the coming Farmers' Market would feature an Art Show in depot of Watercolors done by Otto Miranda (a committee volunteer). The art will be in the Station during the market hours of 4pm-7pm. At 7pm there will be an Artists' Reception with light refreshments.

Town Historian

Town Historian Juanita Knott reported that Historic Stuyvesant Day was the coming Saturday. She said that on Friday evening – shirts and memorabilia from past Historic Stuyvesant Days would be available for sale at the Farmers' Market. On Saturday the day will begin with the Ken Hummel 5K Race. There will be a picnic at the Stuyvesant Landing playground and Mrs. Knott has asked everyone to invite 2 or 3 neighbors to come in an effort to increase the attendance. During the picnic there will be a display in the Town Hall of treasurers from the residents.

Assessor's Office

Assessor's Clerk Catherine Knott reported that all was quiet.

Recreation Committee

Councilwoman Rosalind Gumaer reported that the kids from the Kinderhook Playground Program had a field trip to the Ken Hummel Memorial Park on July 27th. She reported that 74 children and 20 staff were in attendance. Councilwoman Gumaer said there were 8 volunteers who she would like to thank – they were: Kathy Schneider, Cal Burch, Eric Burch, Christian Sweningson, Otto Miranda, Sean Cummings, Michelle Richardson and Bill Gumaer.

Councilwoman Gumaer reported that the Recreation Committee will have games and activities for the kids during the Ken Hummel 5K.

Councilwoman Gumaer added that she would like to see a portion of the \$250,000 grant go toward a pavilion to be built at the Ken Hummel Park.

Martin Roby, in the audience, said he would like to thank Councilwoman Gumaer for her hardwork on the Recreation Committee and added that his daughter is having a great time at the summer playground program and enjoyed the field trip to the Park.

Trails Committee

Sean Cummings reported that the committee has tried to have work sessions at the trails near the river with Chris DeCintio but the weather has been uncooperative.

Mr. Cummings said that Kinderhook Town Board will be the lead agency for the tri-Town grant that was awarded last year. Jeff Olsen from SUNY-Albany will be the consultant on the project.

Dog Officer

No report.

New Business

Stuyvesant Fire Chief Steve Montie asked Supervisor Bertram to read a letter he received from Meagan Pane (age 15) from Connecticut. Her letter was transmitting Walmart gift cards to be delivered to the Demarest Family and Mr. Scannell as a donation toward their rebuilding after their fires.

Supervisor Bertram followed up this letter by saying that it was during times like these (the fires) that our Town shines. Our community is able to put aside differences and work together to make it better for those that are suffering a hardship. She thanked everyone who had helped these families in any way.

Public Comments

Stuyvesant Fire Chief Steve Montie announced that there would be a fundraiser for the Demarest Family on Saturday, August 21st at the firehouse and tickets were available. He added that he has been in constant contact with the family and that they are pretty set with everything and thanked everyone for their generosity.

Chief Montie added his thanks to the community for coming together to makes things better for a local family. He said that both families are planning to rebuild on their properties and are staying in town.

Supervisor Bertram asked Councilman Chittenden if he knew of any fundraising efforts for the Scannell family. Councilman Chittenden did not.

Councilman Knott announced that he had recently attended a Finance School sponsored by the Office of the State Comptroller. At that training they discussed unclaimed funds and how it may or may not relate to municipalities. Mr. Knott did some investigating and prepared all of the necessary paperwork and presented Supervisor Bertram with a check in the amount of \$3126.29. The money was from unclaimed from funds that AT&T owed to the Town.

Supervisor Bertram announced that the LaFarge presentation on their next project will be held at the Stuyvesant Town Hall on Thursday, September 16, 2010 at 5pm.

Supervisor Bertram announced that Councilman Knott would be attending the NYSERTA meeting to be held in Ravena on August 24, 2010 at 7pm.

There was a question about the rust spots on the Stuyvesant Falls Bridge. Supervisor Bertram explained that the County had a schedule for maintenance and repairs to County Bridges. She added that during the recently floods she asked the County Engineer to come look at the Stuyvesant Falls Bridge to make sure it was okay.

Cathy Knott asked the Town Board for permission to coordinate the Town's Halloween Party. She proposed to hold the party on Saturday, October 30th at the Town Hall and requested approval for \$200 for supplies for the party. A motion was made by Councilwoman Rosalind Gumaer to have Mrs. Knott plan the party and to approve the request for the funding. The motion was seconded by Councilman Edward Scott and was approved by unanimous vote.

Supervisor Bertram said that a Budget Workshop needed to be scheduled. After a brief discussion the meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 23, 2010 at 8pm at the Town Hall.

Ms. Lee Jamison thanked the Stuyvesant Fire Company and the Valatie Rescue Squad for their quick and compassionate response to the call for Mr. Jerry Flint, on behalf of his family.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Brian Chittenden and seconded by Councilman Ronald Knott. The motion was passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Recorded this 12th Day of August 2010

Approved this 9th Day of September 2010

TOWN CLERK

SUPERVISOR

COUNCILPERSON

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AUGUST 2010 ABSTRACTS

THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE PRESENTED FOR AUDIT:

CLAIM #	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	HIGHWAY	CK#
263	Fairpoint Communications (329.23)	1620.4	223.55		9156
		5132.4	105.68		
264	National Grid (1816.02)	5182.4	1,226.29		9159
		5132.4	196.85		
		1620.4	392.88		
265	Corner Stone Telephone Co.	1620.4	33.71		
266	Fairpoint Communications (327.53)	1620.4	225.70		
		5132.4	101.83		
267	Mark J. Kelly	1620.4	119.50		
268	Sausbier's Awning Shop, Inc.	1620.4	25.00		
269	Looseleaf Law Publications	1620.4	16.90		
270	Columbia County Treasurer (5745.87)	9060.8	2,086.32	3,659.55	
271	Johnson Newspaper Corp. (45.39)	1355.4	14.72		
		1410.4	10.67		
		<i>RR</i>	20.00		
272	Staples Business Advantage (39.62)	1355.4	10.99		
		1410.4	28.63		
273	Xerox Corporation	1410.4	270.36		
274	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	2,031.25		
275	Morris Associates	1440.4	404.80		
276	E Biz Docs (<i>JCAP Reward</i>)		900.00		
277	Lisa's Silkscreen (5K Race)	7550.4	1,135.00		
278	NYS Association of Towns	8020.4	70.00		
279	Columbia County Solid Waste	8060.4	86.86		
280	Andrew Broockmann	8810.4	700.00		
281	Hudson Valley Tree Service	8810.4	400.00		
282	Unifirst Corp.	9090.8	79.84		
283	NexTel Partners	5010.4	46.80		
284	Mario's Home Center (76.48)	5132.4	51.48		
		<i>RR</i>	25.00		
285	Culligan	5132.4	26.75		
286	Rainbow Distributors	5132.4	14.00		
287	Colarusso Blacktop Co.	5110.4		552.00	
288	A.T.R. Trucking	5110.4		1,137.22	
289	Fleet Services	5110.4		487.38	
290	Main Care Energy (1562.47)	5110.4		1,562.47	
291	D & W Diesel, Inc.	5110.4		324.88	
292	Monroe Tractor & Implement Co.	5130.4		211.47	

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293	G. Pulver Glass, Inc.	5130.4		65.00	
294	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4		9.20	
295	Tractor Supply	5130.4		12.99	
296	Mooradians	5130.4		490.68	
297	Dolan's Welding & Repair	5130.4		120.00	
298	Lowe's	5130.4		21.21	
299	Colarusso Sand & Gravel	5142.4		1,320.59	
	TOTAL ABSTRACT		\$18,657.98	\$19,949.28	

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