

OCTOBER 14, 2010
TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held its monthly meeting on Thursday, October 14, 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 and Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli. Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea was not attendance but Kevin Colwell, Esq. was in his place.

Supervisor Bertram called the meeting to order at 7:05pm 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

There were no communications.

A motion was made by Councilman Edward Scott to approve the bills submitted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rosalind Gumaer and was approved unanimously.

Kevin Colwell, Esq. presented the State Environmental Quality Review -- Short Environmental Assessment Form for the proposed Highway Garage and Salt Barn Improvement Project. The form was prepared by Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea and is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Regarding #9 on the form: "*What is present land use in vicinity of project?*" Agriculture was checked and it was requested by the Board to also check "*Park/Forest/Open Space*".

Lee Jamison asked about rain water runoff from such a large roof. Councilman Knott explained that that issue would be taken into consideration and engineered out of the project.

Councilman Ronald Knott made a motion to allow Supervisor Bertram to sign the form since there were no adverse effects or impacts determined by the SEQRA. The motion was seconded by Councilman Edward Scott and the motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Supervisor Bertram gave a brief overview of the proposed budget. She said that the Town had been advised that the "tobacco money" was back in which would aid in making the budget a 3.6% increase – down from 16%. Also highlighted were 3% raises only for the employees of the Highway Dept., only some of the contractual amounts had been increased but most had been reduced, and that there would be an increase in the health insurance – 14% in the general and 12% in the highway. Notification of the retirement increases will result in a 21% increase in the General Fund payments and 45% in the highway Fund.

A budget workshop has been scheduled for Saturday, October 30, 2010 at 9:00am.

Supervisor Bertram told the Board that she had been contacted by the owner of Summerset Landing to ask the Town to approve the named roads for E-911 purposes. She shared a list of the street names with a map of the area with the Board. A motion to approve the names was made by Councilwoman Rosalind Gumaer and was seconded by Councilman Edward Scott. The motion was voted on and approved unanimously. The list of street names will be forwarded to the Emergency 911 Office and kept in the Town Clerk's Office.

Supervisor Bertram reported that she had received the renewal agreement from the insurance company Metz Wood Harder. She explained that the payment was \$438 less and that the company had made a list of suggested changes to the policies. There was a motion by Councilman Ronald Knott to approve the renewal as is and the Board will review the proposed changes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Edward Scott and was approved by unanimous vote.

Supervisor Bertram reported that due to the changes to the dog licensing laws by New York State, the Town would have to assume the entire responsibility of licensing dogs beginning on January 1, 2011. Supervisor Bertram read the proposed law as prepared by Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea.

There was a question of clarification from Will Pflaum. His question was regarding *Section 5 – Paragraph G* “Any dog harbored within the Town of Stuyvesant which is owned by a resident of New York City and licensed by the City of New York, or which is owned by a non-resident of New York and licensed by a jurisdiction outside the State of New York, shall for a period of thirty (30) days be exempt from the licensing and identification provisions of this local law.”. Mr. Pflaum voiced concern because he explained that with his business he sometimes has 50 dogs. Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli explained that the boroughs of New York City issue their own dog licenses. Supervisor Bertram explained that it's like a grace-period for people moving the area or that are here on vacation.

Supervisor Bertram asked the Board if they would like to hold the November meeting on the same day (2nd Tuesday) as it falls on Veterans' Day. The Town Board was in agreement to hold the meeting that day. Two public hearings were scheduled:

6:15pm Public Hearing on Local Law #3 of 2010 relating to the
Regulating the Licensing of Dogs

6:30pm Public Hearing regarding the 2011 Budget

Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli will get the notices to the Register Star.

Supervisor Bertram asked Councilman Edward Scott for clarification on a proposal by the Hudson Valley Tree Service to remove three (3) trees in the cemetery. Councilman Scott said there were three trees identified that should be removed as soon as possible. Since the estimate of \$3100 is below the \$10,000 threshold for three bids, a motion was made by Councilman Ronald Knott to approve the work to be performed by the Hudson Valley Service at a cost of

\$3100. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote.

REPORTS:

Town Clerk

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

Highway Department

Highway Superintendent Kowalski reported the department has been chip sealing and installing snow fences. He reminded everyone about the Fall Clean Up Day to be held on October 23, 2010 from 8-4 rain or shine. He also reminded everyone that they will need to get a resident's punch card from the Town Clerk.

Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer

The report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Planning Board & Zoning Board

Mostly recently approved report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Greenway Committee

Councilman Ronald Knott reported that the summary of the ground water survey is being finalized. The Committee is reviewing the NYS regulations regarding siting of wells and is looking into having the regulations added to the building permit package given out by the Building Inspector. Steve Winkley will be at a public information meeting October 28, 2010 to give his findings of the ground water survey. The meeting may have to be moved to October 27, 2010 but if that happens Councilman Knott will notify everyone.

Town Hall Committee

Councilman Knott announced that the generator for the building needs a new battery. *The power went out at the beginning of the meeting and Councilman Knott had to start the generator.* The Board approve the purchase of a new batter.

Councilman Scott reported that he had recently checked the snowblower and that it was in working order for this winter.

Railroad Restoration Committee

There will be a committee meeting on Saturday, October 16, 2010.

Town Historian

Supervisor Bertram announced that Mrs. Knott, Town Historian, is working on the new town book and that the Committee would be getting together soon to pick out the pictures for the new edition.

Assessor's Office

Assessor's Clerk Catherine Knott reported that everything was fairly quiet and reminded everyone about getting their applications in for their exemptions.

Recreation Committee

Councilwoman Rosalind Gumaer reported that Michelle Richardson has volunteered to get the mini pumpkins for the Halloween Party.

Supervisor Bertram asked Cathy Knott if there was anything else needed for the party. Cathy said that she was looking for some hay bales to decorate the front of the building. Will Pflaum offered to donate the hay bales and will deliver to the Town Hall. Cathy also reminded everyone that donations of baked goods would be appreciated.

Councilwoman Gumaer announced that there wouldn't be a recreation committee in November and that they had begun discussions about another winter snowshoeing event.

Trails Committee

Sean Cummings gave a brief overview of the tri-town Committee and grant that had been awarded. Mr. Cummings said the feasibility study was still being worked on and that there would be a public information meeting held on Monday, October 25, 2010 at the Stuyvesant Falls Firehouse. He said the meeting would be put on by the SUNY Students that are doing the study.

Mr. Cummings also reported that he had met with Kinderhook and National Grid Officials regarding trails on their property. Shannon Larson from the Real Estate Division in Boston has been very helpful and explained the options of a lease agreement between the Town of Kinderhook and National Grid.

County Environmental Management Committee

Kathryn Schneider reported that there had been a seminar held in Copake regarding Local Land Use Biodiversity on September 30, 2010. She added that there will be speakers periodically throughout the year and in different areas around the County. She said that she had been in contact with Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli to use the Town Hall for one of those seminars early next year.

Ms. Schneider reported that the Columbia Land Conservancy will host a seminar on establishing conservation advisory councils within towns on January 31, 2011 at the Columbia-Greene Community College.

Dog Officer

No report.

Old Business

Councilman Ron Knott told the board that he had spoken with a representative of Hudson Valley Clean Energy regarding the possibility of using photovoltaics for the Town Hall electricity and if

that would be a viable project for the money from NYSERTA. The representative said that the Town Hall would be a great building to do it but there was no federal money available for municipalities to install the equipment. Councilman Knott said that at our present rate of use it would take approximately 25 years for the system to pay for itself. Councilman Knott asked if the money could be used toward the proposed Highway Garage renovations and Salt Shed project.

Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli requested permission to purchase a digital voice recorder for the meetings. She presented the Board with 3 estimates and asked to purchase the equipment for \$66.00 A motion was made by Councilwoman Rosalind Gumaer to approve the purchase. The motion was seconded by Councilman Edward Scott and was passed by unanimous vote.

Supervisor Bertram announced that the Kinderhook Memorial Library would hold an Oktoberfest fundraiser on October 23, 2010 from 3-6pm. The RSVP date was October 16, 2010 – the information will be in the Town Clerk’s Office.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Ronald Knott and seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden. The motion was passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.

Recorded this 14th Day of September 2010

Approved this 11th Day of November 2010

TOWN CLERK

SUPERVISOR

COUNCILPERSON

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OCTOBER 2010 ABSTRACTS

THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE PRESENTED FOR AUDIT:

TOWN OF STUYVESANT ABSTRACTS				
	OCTOBER 2010			
CLAIM #	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	HIGHWAY
339	Columbia County Treasurer	9060.8	2,086.32	3,659.55
340	Corner Stone Telephone Co.	1620.4	33.71	
341	National Grid (\$1794.79)	5182.4	1,367.72	
		5132.4	164.30	
		1620.4	262.77	
342	Mark J. Kelly	1620.4	150.00	
343	Staples Business Advantage (254.81)	1410.4	107.82	
		8020.4	47.98	
		1220.4	44.86	
		8160.4	19.92	
		1620.4	34.23	
344	Mario's Home Center, Inc. (114.30)	1620.4	7.03	
		5130.4		48.20
		5132.4	59.07	
345	Fairpoint Communications (336.63) - Sept.	1620.4	225.28	
		5132.4	111.35	
346	Fairpoint Communications (330.17) - Oct.	1620.4	226.30	
		5132.4	103.87	
347	Catherine G. Knott (40.90)	1620.4	5.59	
		1355.4	35.31	
348	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	1,875.00	

CLAIM #	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	HIGHWAY
349	Morris Associates, PLLC	1440.4	30.00	
350	Dell Marketing	5010.4	964.86	
351	Richard Moran	6140.4	167.20	
352	Gerald Ennis	3620.4	27.70	
353	Johnson Newspaper (28.23)	1010.4	12.70	
		8020.4	15.53	
354	Columbia County Sheriff's Office	1110.4	111.96	
355	Carrie O'Hare, Ph.D.	1110.4	98.41	
356	Ebiz Docs (<i>money left from JCAP Grant</i>)	<i>Grant</i>	534.00	
357	JMS Electronics	1110.4	426.00	

358	NexTel Partners	5010.4	46.80	
359	Culligan	5132.4	31.75	
360	Unifirst Corp.	9090.8	81.16	
361	A.T.R. Trucking	5110.4		1,613.40
362	Colarusso Quarry, Co.	5110.4		5,990.63
363	Main Care Energy	5110.4		979.03
364	Fleet Services	5110.4		242.71
365	Gorman Bros., Inc.	5112.2		19,043.54
366	Arrowhead Equipment, Inc.	5130.4		309.40
367	Farm Plan	5130.4		1,652.04
368	Northeast Automotive Parts, Inc.	5130.4		20.70
369	CarQuest	5130.4		22.47
370	VanKleeck's Tire Inc, - Hudson	5130.4		518.65
371	Mooradian's	5130.4		44.40
372	Xerox Corporation (204.51)	1410.4	150.51	
		1110.4	54.00	
	TOTAL FORWARD		\$6,068.96	30,485.17