

**FEBRUARY 10, 2011
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held its monthly meeting on Thursday, February 10, 2011 the Stuyvesant Town Hall. In attendance at the meeting were Supervisor Valerie Bertram, Councilperson Brian Chittenden, Councilperson Ronald Knott, Councilperson Edward Scott, and Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli.

Supervisor Bertram called the meeting to order at 7:10pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Bertram explained to everyone that the rules of order for the meeting were attached to the agendas. She added that the meeting was held to conduct the business of the town. The Board will satisfy all legal requirements for the meeting and that there would be no comments or questions entertained until the "Public Comments" section of the meeting.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Ronald Knott to approve the bills. The motion was seconded by Councilman Edward Scott and the motion was approved unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter from Dr. Matthew Asbornsen regarding the Ken Hummel Memorial Park.

A letter from Assemblyman Steve McLaughlin asking for the Town's top 3 priorities.

Supervisor Bertram announced that Jim Besha would be at the March meeting to give an update on the hydro plant.

REPORTS:

Town Clerk

The Town Clerk's Report is on file in her office.

Highway Department

Highway Superintendant Bernie Kowalski reported that they have plowed 28 days and that 1,000 tons of materials had been used. He added that money was saved by screening sand from Hollow Road.

Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer

Gerry Ennis reported that weren't a lot of permits and that he was doing inspections. He said that the 3 year cycle for apartments was up and he would start those inspections.

Planning Board & Zoning Board

Shirley Narzynski reported that the Planning Board had reviewed an application for a site plan for a B & B. The Public Hearing will be 6:45pm on Monday, March 28th. She also reported that the Public Hearing for Mr. Pflaum's dog camp had been rescheduled to the March 28th meeting.

Greenway Committee

Councilman Knott reported that the committee had met and worked on the summary of the Groundwater Survey. The committee expects to be able to give a presentation soon. Councilman Knott asked Supervisor if she had been able to get an electronic copy of the Comprehensive Plan. Supervisor Bertram said they had not returned her call but that she would check again.

Town Hall Committee

Councilman Knott reported that lights had been fixed.

Railroad Restoration Committee

Councilman Knott reported that DOT is reviewing the plans for the grant and that there was no word from them yet.

Town Historian

The expectation is that the new History of Stuyvesant book will be going to print in March or April.

Assessor's Office

Cathy Knott, the Assessor's Clerk, reminded everyone that exemptions are due to the office by March 1, 2011.

Recreation Committee/Trails Committee

Sean Cummings reported that there had been a joint meeting of the two committees. He said they had decided to refocus on the Ken Hummel Memorial Park. The Committees are looking at prices for a pavilion and are considering funding options (such as fundraising).

Mr. Cummings said the Committees will reach out to local leagues to get help with proposed athletic fields. The committees also discussed the drainage problems and the no motorized vehicle signs. The materials are available for the kiosk and Councilman Scott will contact Mr. Romanchuk regarding the construction. There was a suggestion that a map of the park outlining the boundaries be put in the kiosk.

Mr. Cummings said the Committees were asking if there was money in the budget to purchase fences for the playgrounds.

Dog Control Officer

Wes Powell reported that he had been receiving a lot of telephone calls regarding cats. He also reported that there was one pending court case that had been postponed to March.

Trails Committee

Sean Cummings reported that the Feasibility Study was being finalized and would be done in about 1 month. He also reported that there were going to be meetings with affected property owners.

Environmental Management Council

Kathryn Schneider reported that there will be a meeting on Climate Smart Communities held at the Stuyvesant Town Hall on February 17th at 7pm. She said there would be a speaker from DEC and that this was the 2nd in a series of workshops.

A motion was made by Councilman Ronald Knott to adjourn to Executive Session for discussion of a personnel issue. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden and the Board went into Executive Session at 7:35pm.

Councilman Ronald Knott made a motion for the Board to come out of Executive Session and it was seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden. The Board reconvened the meeting at 7:45pm.

Old Business

Supervisor Bertram reported that the Town Engineer is working on plans for the Capital Project.

Supervisor Bertram reported that she was close to having a meeting scheduled with the original M.O.U. agencies regarding the \$250,000 GEC lawsuit money. She expected to have the meeting before the end of February.

New Business

Supervisor Bertram asked the Board to consider changing the title of Dog Control Officer to Animal Control Officer.

Public Comments

Chief Montie reported that there will be an Open House at the Stuyvesant Fire House on April 10th as a volunteer drive.

Chief Montie also encouraged everyone to purchase Duracell batteries since they are donating parts of the proceeds to local fire companies.

Mr. Roby asked if the Town Board would vote on which letters get read at meetings. Supervisor Bertram responded that all members of the Board are copies on letters.

Mr. Sweningsen said that the letter from Mr. Pflaum was a suggestion for mediation and was not inflammatory. Supervisor Bertram responded that she didn't know which letter he was referring to. Mr. Pflaum produced another copy of the letter and Supervisor Bertram read the letter.

Councilman Ronald Knott said that the Town does try to mediate problems. Councilman Brian Chittenden said that it comes down to being good neighbors and that everyone should try to peacefully coexist.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Ronald Knott and seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden. The motion was passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Recorded this 10th Day of February 2011

Approved this 10th Day of March 2011

TOWN CLERK

SUPERVISOR

COUNCILPERSON

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FEBRUARY 2011 ABSTRACTS

THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE PRESENTED FOR AUDIT:

| TOWN OF STUYVESANT ABSTRACTS | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| <i>FEBRUARY 2011</i> | | | | |
| CLAIM # | PAYEE | A/C# | GENERAL | HIGHWAY |
| 32 | Columbia Co. Treasurer (\$6520.82) | 9060.8 | 2,370.94 | 4,149.88 |
| 33 | National Grid (\$2408.71) | 5182.4 | 1,784.03 | |
| | | 5132.4 | 314.91 | |
| | | 1620.4 | 309.77 | |
| 34 | Fairpoint Communications (\$339.84) | 1620.4 | 231.63 | |
| | | 5132.4 | 108.21 | |
| 35 | Schodack Septic (<i>Railroad Station</i>) | 1620.4 | 540.00 | |
| 36 | Rainbow Distributors (Town Hall) | 1620.4 | 28.00 | |
| 37 | KOSCO | 1620.4 | 1,093.44 | |
| 38 | Yaun, Co. | 1620.4 | 131.55 | |
| 39 | CornerStone Telephone | 1620.4 | 33.71 | |
| 40 | Safeguard | 1410.4 | 8.00 | |
| 41 | Johnson Newspaper | 1010.1 | 15.94 | |
| 42 | Catherine Knott | 1355.4 | 84.00 | |
| 43 | NYSTCA c/o Georgette Davis | 1410.4 | 160.00 | |
| 44 | NYSATRC Membership | 1410.4 | 25.00 | |
| 45 | Adam's Mark Hotel | 1410.4 | 690.00 | |
| 46 | Stuyvesant Post Master (tax bills) | 1410.4 | 484.00 | |
| 47 | Stuyvesant Post Master | 1410.4 | 132.00 | |
| 48 | Staples Business Advantage | 1410.4 | 132.51 | |
| | | 5010.4 | 99.18 | |

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| 49 | Xerox Corporation | 1410.4 | 124.92 | |
| 50 | Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq. | 1420.4 | 1,218.75 | |
| 51 | Morris Associates | 1440.4 | 216.00 | |
| 52 | Arrowhead Equipment, Inc. | 3310.4 | 96.00 | |
| 53 | Columbia-Greene Humane Society | 3510.4 | 75.00 | |
| 54 | NexTel Partners | 5010.4 | 47.50 | |
| 55 | Fleet Services | 5110.4 | 407.54 | |
| 56 | Main Care Energy | 5110.4 | | 3,895.33 |
| | | 5132.4 | 2,466.84 | |
| 57 | Hudson Electrical Supply | 5132.4 | 79.03 | |
| 58 | Zee Medical, Inc. | 5132.4 | 91.41 | |
| 59 | Culligan | 5132.4 | 31.75 | |
| 60 | Columbia County Magistrates Association | 1110.4 | 20.00 | |
| 61 | Mario's Home Center | 5132.4 | 50.74 | |
| | | 5130.4 | | 52.85 |
| 62 | Tractor Supply | 5130.4 | | 163.23 |
| 63 | Great View North America, LLC | 5130.4 | | 67.00 |
| 64 | Mooradians | 5130.4 | | 81.98 |
| 65 | Greg Drumm | 5130.4 | | 60.00 |
| 66 | Wheel Check | 5130.4 | | 125.41 |
| 67 | Vehicle Improvement Products, Inc. | 5130.4 | | 106.27 |
| 68 | Van Kleeck's Tire, Inc. - Hudson | 5130.4 | | 478.48 |
| 69 | Northeast Automotive Parts, Inc. | 5130.4 | | 1,256.22 |
| 70 | CarQuest of Valatie | 5130.4 | | 426.76 |
| 71 | Bernard Kowalski | 5130.4 | | 227.88 |
| 72 | Cargill, Inc. | 5142.4 | | 6,058.09 |
| 73 | Unifirst Corp. | 9090.9 | 87.05 | |
| | TOTAL FORWARD | | \$9,009.70 | 12,999.50 |