

MARCH 10, 2011
TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held its monthly meeting on Thursday, March 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, Highway Superintendent Bernie Kowalski and Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea.

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 Councilman Brian Chittenden and was approved unanimously.

Supervisor Bertram said the correspondence would be on file.

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

Supervisor Bertram reported that there had been two letters of interest received by the Board for the position vacated by Rosalind Gumaer last December. A motion as made by Supervisor Bertram to appoint Kelley Williams to the vacant Town Council Seat. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ronald Knott and was approved by unanimous vote. Mrs. Williams came forward and Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli administered the Oath of Office. Councilwoman Williams then took her seat on the dais.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Jim Besh, Albany Engineering Corp., gave a power point presentation on the progress of the Stuyvesant Falls Hydro Plant project.

SPECIAL GUEST

Assembly Steven McLaughlin spoke briefly and said he would stay after the meeting to take questions from the public.

Supervisor Bertram reported that Joanne Mistler's term on the Board of Assessment and Review had expired. Ms. Mistler has indicated in interesting in remaining on the Board. A motion was made by Councilman Ronald Knott to reappoint Joanne Mistler to the Board of Assessment and Review. The motion was seconded by Councilman Edward Scott and was approved by unanimous vote.

REPORTS:

Town Clerk

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

Highway Department

Highway Superintendant Bernie Kowalski reported that the Town had been notified that we will receive the FEMA reimbursement for the December 26th storm.

Supervisor Bertram thanked the Highway Department and the Fire Companies for all of their hard work over the very difficult winter. She added that the Stuyvesant Firehouse had opened as a warming station during the recent storm and power outages.

Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer

Gerry Ennis was not in attendance. Supervisor Bertram announced that his report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Planning Board & Zoning Board

Shirley Narzynski reported that there had been a public hearing on February 28th for a Bed & Breakfast. The hearing was continued to March 28th at 6:45pm.

There was a Site Plan Application submitted for a subdivision on County Route 46.

The Glencadia Dog Camp Public Hearing was rescheduled to March 28th at 7:00pm.

Greenway Committee

Councilman Knott reported that there was no meeting in February. The next meeting will be March 24th. A public information session is being planned for April.

Town Hall Committee

Councilman Knott reported that the large Zoning Map in the meeting room is being updated by VanAlstyne Surveyors and said it would cost approximately \$90 to print out a new one. A motion was made by Supervisor Bertram to approve the purchase of the new map. The motion was seconded by Councilman Edward Scott and was approved by unanimous vote. There was a question from the audience as to whether the new map could be put on the website. Councilman Knott said he would look into it.

Railroad Restoration Committee

Councilman Knott reported a letter had been received from DOT after 3 months with comments on the Engineering and Architectural plans.

Town Historian

Historian Juanita Knott reported that the Columbia County Board of Supervisors has offered a regrant program through the Historical Society. Mrs. Knott said the Town had been awarded \$450 in 2009 to use toward a new book. She also reported that she had applied for an additional \$400 this year.

Assessor's Office

Cathy Knott, the Assessor's Clerk, reported that the deadline had passed for exemptions to be filed in the Assessor's Office. She said there was a notice in the newspaper regarding open hours for review of inventory cards. If property owners would like to review their cards, the office would be open on March 14th and March 21st from 6pm – 8pm and they should call for an appointment.

Recreation Committee

The committee met jointly with the Trails Committee. There was a discussion about developing a 5 year plan for the playgrounds, sandbar and Ken Hummel Park. The committee will pick dates for visits to each site.

There was a discussion regarding a pavilion at the Ken Hummel Park. The Committee will be exploring fundraising and donations for this project.

There was a question about signs for the Ken Hummel Park and the number of signs that will be needed.

The kiosk project will begin when the weather improves.

There will be a trails conference at Columbia Greene Community College on April 2nd held by the Columbia Land Conservancy.

Dog Control Officer

Wes Powell reported that there was no activity.

Trails Committee

There was a meeting on March 8th and they discussed registration for the conference. The inter-municipal trails committee received a draft of the feasibility study and are currently reviewing it. There was a meeting regarding the proposed trail crossing Lindenwald property. The National Park Service has agreed to pick up the tab for the portion of the trail that will cross that property.

Environmental Management Council

Kathryn Schneider reported there were representatives from each town at the meeting held in the Town Hall in February.

Old Business

Supervisor Bertram reported that there was a meeting with DEC, NYS Greenway and DOT regarding the GE Lawsuit money. We will have to inquire to the General Counsel of DEC as to whether the money is still available then the proposed project will have to be outlined.

New Business

There are concerns in the county regarding the forecasted high winds and heavy rains.

Public Comments

Lee Jamison offered congratulations to Kelley Williams and asked her to tell about herself. Councilwoman Williams gave her background and said that she was excited to be on the Board and anxious to get to work on town issues.

Christian Sweningson asked Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli if he could get a copy of the Building Inspector's monthly report. Melissa told him she would get it for him at the conclusion of the meeting.

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

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Brian Chittenden and seconded by Councilman Ronald Knott. The motion was passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Recorded this 10th Day of March 2011

Approved this 14th Day of April 2011

TOWN CLERK

SUPERVISOR

COUNCILPERSON

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MARCH 2011 ABSTRACTS

THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE PRESENTED FOR AUDIT:

TOWN OF STUYVESANT ABSTRACTS				
	MARCH 2011			
CLAIM #	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	HIGHWAY
74	Columbia County Treasurer (6520.82)	9060.8	2,370.94	4,149.88
75	Fairpoint Communications (334.64)	1620.4	230.22	
		5132.4	104.42	
76	National Grid (2219.94)	5182.4	1,696.04	
		5132.4	270.66	
		1620.4	253.24	
77	CornerStone Telephone (199.71)	1620.4	166.00	
		1110.4	166.00	
78	Columbia County Sheriff's Department	1110.4*	10.00	
	<i>*this needs to be a separate check for 2nd alarm</i>			
79	Columbia County Sheriff's Department	1110.4	64.80	
80	Xerox Corporation	1410.4	124.92	
81	HASCO Tag Company	1410.4	12.61	
82	Staples Business Advantage	1410.4	82.86	
83	Johnson Newspaper (61.32)	1410.4	13.51	
		8020.4	47.81	
84	Patricia L. Casey	8020.4	10.00	
85	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	2,187.50	
86	Patrick M. Grattan, Esq.	1420.4	150.00	
87	Morris Associates	1440.4	11,750.00	

88	Columbia Greene Humane Society	3510.4	75.00	
89	Charlene Leach	6140.4	59.50	
90	Stuyvesant/Stockport Senior Citizens	6772.4	2,500.00	
91	Unifirst Corp.	9090.9	172.10	
92	Colarusso Quarry	5110.4		293.41
93	Main Care Energy (3637.96)	5110.4		2,765.62
		5132.4	872.34	
94	Fleet Services	5110.4		344.94
95	TIFCO Industries	5130.4		568.41
96	Handyman	5130.4		48.32
97	Otsego Iron & Metal Co.	5130.4		937.60
98	Wheel Check	5130.4		69.88
99	Lapiner Bros., Inc.	5130.4		180.61
100	Cargill, Inc.	5142.4		2,115.02
101	Mario's Home Center (167.78)	5132.4		29.92
		5130.4	137.86	
102	Ben Funk, Inc.	5130.4	117.09	
103	Lowe's	5130.4	3.65	
104	CarQuest of Valatie, Inc.	5130.4	293.69	
105	Tractor Supply	5130.4	38.95	
106	Northeast Automotive Parts, Inc.	5130.4	66.90	
107	Culligan	5132.4	36.75	
108	Stuyvesant Post Office (528.00)	1410.4	176.00	
		1355.4	352.00	
	TOTAL FORWARD		20,211.74	7,353.73