

JUNE 9, 2011
TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held its monthly meeting on Thursday, June 9, 2011 the Stuyvesant Town Hall. In attendance at the meeting were Supervisor Valerie Bertram, Councilperson Brian Chittenden, Councilperson Ronald Knott, Councilman Edward Scott, Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli, and Highway Superintendent Bernie Kowalski.

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.

A motion was made by Councilman Edward Scott to approve the bills. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Kelley Williams and the motion was approved unanimously.

Supervisor Bertram reported to the Board that there was a pending Budget Transfer of \$2921 out of the Garage Fund (A5132.4) into Parks-A7110.1 (522.00), Celebrations-A7550.4 (43.00), Refuse & Garbage A8160.4 (1908.00) and Hospitalization-A9060.8 (448.00). There was also a pending transfer from the Highway-General Repairs DA5110.4 account of \$10,000 to the Highway-Machinery DA5130.4 account. A motion to authorize the Supervisor to make the proposed transfers was made by Councilman Edward Scott and seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

REPORTS:

Town Clerk

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

Highway Department

Highway Superintendant Bernie Kowalski announced that they were able to pave with recycled pieces of Schoolhouse Road for a savings of \$7500.

Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer

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

Planning Board & Zoning Board

Shirley Narzynski reported that at the Planning Board met in May heard from Sardo, Gersch, Kornbluh and Austin. There were also two easements from Scenic Hudson and CLC.

There will be Public Hearing for the Grannis/Pflaum application was scheduled for June 27th but the application was withdrawn to modify the site plan.

There will be a special Zoning Board meeting held on June 21 at 7pm for the Pflaum Zoning Violation appeal.

Greenway Committee

Councilman Knott reported that the committee will hold a Public Information Presentation on Thursday, May 19th at 7pm. This will conclude the Committee meetings.

Supervisor Bertram thank Councilman Knott and all of the Greenway Committee members for their years of hard work.

Town Hall Committee

Councilman Knott reported that he is researching prices to replace the lights on the grounds.

Jean Hewig is mulching, removing stumps, and planting new plants. Ms. Hewig submitted a proposal for planting ornamental grasses to replace the cedar tree that had to be removed due to damage from the deer.

Railroad Restoration Committee

Councilman Knott reported that the Strawberry Festival held on June 4th raised \$300.00.

Councilman Knott also reported that DOT had contacted him regarding the Grant. The Health Dept. is reviewing the plans for the composting toilets and the Architect is updating the plans.

DOT is getting the payments approved with Federal Highway Department.

Town Historian

Supervisor Bertram announced that the printing of the book will be slightly delayed and that they will be available at the July meeting. Special thanks to Historian Juanita Knott and Joanne Jakiela.

Assessor's Office

Cathy Knott, the Assessor's Clerk, reported that everything is quiet.

Recreation Committee

Councilwoman Kelley Williams reported that the Committee met on June 4th and prepared the letters to send to families who have had children participate in the Summer Playground program.

Councilwoman Williams also reported that there has been some investigation into the availability of money for repairs to the playground. There is money available through the Health Care Consortium and the committee is visiting the playgrounds and making a list of needed repairs. Lee Jamison will attend a DEC Parks Development Grant Workshop on June 21st to investigate the possibility of applying for a grant to erect a pavilion at the Ken Hummel Memorial Park.

Lee Jamison extended thanks to the Highway Dept. for picking up the garbage at the Landing playground.

Dog Control Officer

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

Trails Committee

No report.

Environmental Management Council

Kathryn Schneider reported that the EMC is compiling information on Local Laws for environmental protection (a comprehensive listing for the County).

Old Business

Newton Hook: Supervisor Bertram announced that she had spoken with DEC regarding the GE settlement money for the Capital Project. She and Councilman Knott met with the agencies that signed the original MOU in May. Options were discussed for the money and Supervisor Bertram asked if the money would be available for the proposed Capital Project. It was determined that the money had to be used for waterfront development.

Supervisor Bertram had a subsequent meeting and discussion with Gene Kelley (DEC) and it was suggested that the money be used toward a park area at the end of Ice House Road when the State has completed the crossing upgrade and the road is fixed. Supervisor Bertram announced that she had a memo dated May 24th in which this concept was approved as it meets the spirit of the original MOU and creates access to the river. DEC will be leading the effort to complete the work and the funding will be included in the 2012 budget. Public meetings will be held for questions and suggestions.

Supervisor Bertram reported that the work will be coordinated between Ice House and Ferry Roads. At the end of Ice House Road there will be a pavilion, parking, and river access. She said assured Mr. Hutchingson (Ferry Road) that she had specifically asked about the light option for Ferry Road and 9J. DOT said it is absolutely still an option and that the crossing projects will begin in 2012.

New Business

Supervisor Bertram announced that she had been approached by the Board of Election Commissioners with a suggestion to consolidate the Town's two polling places. She asked the Board their thoughts on closing the polling place at St. Joseph's Church and having both polling stations at the Town Hall. After discussion between themselves and with input from the audience, the Board agreed that Supervisor Bertram should notify the BOE that both polling places should remain open.

Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli asked the Board for permission, on behalf of the Town of Kinderhook, to use the Town Hall on Wednesday mornings from 10:30-11:30 for the summer karate program. The Board approved the request and asked that she check on their certificate of insurance.

A request from Collette Lemon (Council on the Arts) to use the Town Hall for a public training seminar on July 21 or August 8 from 6-8pm. The dates are available. The Board directed Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli to contact Ms. Lemon to schedule the meeting.

Supervisor Bertram read the Resolution for Bond Resolution for the proposed capital project. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Councilman Edward Scott and seconded by Councilman Ronald Knott. The motion was approved by unanimous vote and a copy is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Supervisor Bertram read the Notice of Special Election that will be held on August 16, 2011 from 2-9pm. She announced that there had been a question about using paper ballots and the Board of Elections has told her no. She is confirming with the Board of Elections as to the availability of the "old lever" machines. There will be one (1) polling place for this special election – at the Town Hall.

A motion to adopt the vote date of August 16, 2011 was made by Councilman Ronald Knott and was seconded by Councilman Edward Scott. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

There will be public information presentation at the July Town Board meeting.

Public Comments

Lee Jamison asked about the rumors of dissolving the County 911 office. Supervisor Bertram explained that discussions began a year ago with the salary and finance committee. The Sheriff's Office was asked to put a package together to consolidate services. The 911 Dispatchers and Director would remain the same. The Sheriff's Communication staff and dispatchers would be folded into the E911 services and all would come under the Sheriff's Office. A meeting is scheduled to look at the numbers and to see what could be saved by consolidating services.

Martin Roby asked if there had been a Board Resolution to hire David Everett. Supervisor Bertram explained that the Board had taken a vote and action in Executive Session. She explained that the hiring of Mr. Everett was done because of allegations by Mr. Pflaum made against Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea.

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 8:10pm.

Recorded this 9th Day of June 2011

Approved this 14th Day of July 2011

TOWN CLERK

SUPERVISOR

COUNCILPERSON

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JUNE 2011 ABSTRACTS

THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE PRESENTED FOR AUDIT:

TOWN OF STUYVESANT ABSTRACTS				
	JUNE 2011			
CLAIM #	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	HIGHWAY
179	Columbia County Treasurer	9060.8	2,370.94	4,149.88
180	ATR Trucking	5110.4		1,144.40
181	Colarusso Quarry	5110.4		2,743.40
182	Columbia County D.P.W.	5110.4		460.53
183	Hudson Valley Tree Service	5110.4		300.00
184	Fleet Services	5110.4		800.54
185	Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna LLP	8020.4	16,453.09	
186	Kelley Williams	7310.4	17.86	
187	Edward Scott	7110.4	85.00	
188	Columbia-Greene Town Clerks Association	1410.4	15.00	
189	Pro Printers	7510.4	3,290.67	
190	Xerox Corporation (181.92)	1110.4	57.00	
		1410.4	124.92	
191	Schodack Septic (324.00)	7140.4	108.00	
		7110.4	108.00	
		1620.4	108.00	
192	Mesick, Cohen, Wilson & Baker Architects, LLP	RR	5,719.29	
193	Schwaab, Inc.	1355.4	18.57	
194	Brown's River Mariotti Corp.	1410.4	891.20	
195	Joann Jakiela	7550.4	1,000.00	
196	Kingston Oil Supply, Corp.	1620.4	332.36	
197	Staples Business Advantage	1410.4	110.65	
198	National Grid (1574.32)	5182.4	1,203.91	
		5132.4	139.24	
		1620.4	231.17	
199	Colleen Bruno	1110.4	8.80	
200	Fairpoint Communications (340.37)	1620.4	233.37	
		5132.4	107.00	
201	Johnson Newspaper Corp. (108.32)	8020.4	62.53	
		8010.4	31.88	
		1410.4	13.91	
202	Catherine Knott	1355.4	33.03	
203	Rainbow Distributing Co.	1620.4	28.00	
204	Kenneth L. Sutherland	1355.4	83.00	
205	Cheryl Trowbridge	1355.4	83.00	
206	Paul Chittenden	1355.4	83.00	
207	JoAnn Mistler	1355.4	83.00	
208	Michael Naegeli	1355.4	83.00	
209	Morris Associates	1440.4	2,623.50	

210	Association of Towns	1010.1	600.00	
211	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	1,656.25	
212	Farm Plan	8810.4	64.50	
213	Columbia Co. Solid Waste	8160.4	2,698.40	
214	NexTel Partners	5010.4	46.96	
215	Lapiner Bros. <i>621 St. Rt. 26, Kingston 12401</i>	5130.4		186.55
216	Vantage Equipment, LLC	5130.4		284.76
217	Northeast Automotive Parts, Inc.	5130.4		44.04
218	Tech Air	5130.4		260.00
219	Keil Equipment Co., Inc.	5130.4		161.49
220	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4		141.91
221	Mario's Home Center	5130.4		186.09
222	Ben Funk, Inc.	5130.4		119.98
223	Colarusso Blacktop	5110.4		449.51
224	Main Care Energy	5110.4		1,683.67
225	Columbia Tractor, Inc.	5130.4		107.02
226	Colarusso Quarry	5110.4		3,724.11
227	A.T.R. Trucking	5110.4		1,039.88
228	Bernard Kowalski (73.19)	5132.4	65.74	
		5110.4		7.45
229	Acme Auto Radiator	5130.4		850.00
230	Tractor Supply	5130.4		239.95
231	Culligan	5132.4	26.75	
232	Mooradians	5130.4		25.25
233	Catamount Consulting	5110.4		140.00
234	Almstead Nursery	1620.4	200.00	
235	Lowe's	8810.2	356.41	
	TOTAL ABSTRACT		\$38,267.40	\$19,250.41