

OCTOBER 13, 2011
TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held its monthly meeting on Thursday, October 13, 2011 the Stuyvesant Town Hall. In attendance at the meeting were Supervisor Valerie Bertram, Councilperson Brian Chittenden, Councilperson Ronald Knott, Councilman Edward Scott, Councilperson Kelley Williams, 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 opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Councilman Edward Scott to approve the previous minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ronald Knott with a correction that the budget workshop would be held on September 10th and not October 10th. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Supervisor Bertram informed the Board that there was a pending Budget Amendment transferring \$14,295 for Town Board, Celebrations and Planning Board. The motion to approve the transfer was made by Councilman Edward Scott and seconded by Councilwoman Kelley Williams. The motion was approved unanimously. The transfer will be on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Supervisor Bertram asked for a motion for the Board to enter into Executive Session to discuss current, pending and proposed litigation related to Glencadia Dog Camp and Will Pflaum. The motion was made by Councilman Edward Scott and seconded by Councilman Ronald Knott. The motion was passed by unanimous vote and the Board and the Town Clerk entered into Executive Session at 7:03pm.

A motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Councilman Ronald Knott and seconded by Councilman Edward Scott and was passed by unanimous vote. The Supervisor reconvened the open meeting at 7:33pm.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Ray Jurkowski, Morris Associates (Town Engineers) appeared at the meeting to report on the bid opening for the Salt Shed/Storage project that was held on October 11, 2011. Mr. Jurkowski reported that 11 bids were picked up and 8 of them were opened and read. Tabulations were completed and the apparent low base bidder was Wainschaf Associates. The base bid included construction of both salt storage buildings with metal roofs. An Add alternate #1 was included in the bid package and was for a change to asphalt roofing, an add alternate #2 was for a performance, material and labor bond. The low base bid was \$353,480. There was an apparent typographical error on their add alternate #2 cost.

The low bidder for the total project including add alternates was Eastern Building & Restoration. Mr. Jurkowski reported that he had spoken with the 2 lowest bidders. Additional information was only requested from Wainschaf. Morris Associates is waiting for responses from references. Mr. Jurkowski added that there were 3 bids from "local" contractors – all of which were among the highest bids. Mr. Jurkowski will get the additional information from Wainschaf to the Board as soon as it's received. He has requested another week before making a recommendation on bid award.

The Board set a special meeting to be held on Saturday, October 22, 2011 at 9:00am at the Town Hall for Mr. Jurkowski to make his recommendations to the Board regarding the bid award.

The Board asked about the bond option (add alternate #2). Mr. Jurkowski explained that it's like an "insurance policy" for the Town. 5% of each payment would be held until the project is completed. 10% of the bond would be held for 1 year following the conclusion of the work.

Mr. Rappleyea had been asked to investigate the possibility of the bidder being able to correct the typographical error in the add alternate #2 bid. He reported that the law was clear that the numbers submitted were final. Mr. Jurkowski will contact the Town Clerk to verify the scheduling of the special meeting.

REPORTS:

Town Clerk

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

Highway Department

Highway Superintendent Bernie Kowalski reported that more than 400 loads of sand had been removed from lower Lang Road. The Fall Clean Up Day will be Saturday, October 15th from 8-4pm – rain or shine.

Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer

The report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office. Mr. Ennis reported that everything is running smoothly.

Planning Board & Zoning Board

Shirley Narzynski reported that the Zoning Board had met and passed a Resolution with regard to the Glencadia Dog Camp.

The Planning Board had reviewed a proposed Resolution by Mr. Shanahan with no action taken.

Town Hall Committee

Councilman Knott reported all is good.

Railroad Restoration Committee

Councilman Knott said that the meeting will be held on Saturday at 9am.

Town Historian

The Historian was not in attendance.

Assessor's Office

Cathy Knott, the Assessor's Clerk, reported that the exemption notices will be mailed in November.

Recreation Committee

Councilwoman Kelley Williams reported that while no one else from the Committee attended the scheduled meeting, she had investigated prices for fencing that is needed at the playgrounds. She has spoken with Highway Superintendent Bernie Kowalski and the highway department may be able to do the labor. This would result in both playgrounds being done for approximately \$500.00. Councilwoman Williams will work with the Highway Department on this project.

A question was raised about hunting permits at the Ken Hummel Memorial Park. Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli reported that a few had been issued.

Dog Control Officer

No report.

Trails Committee

No report.

Environmental Management Council

No report.

Old Business

Cathy Knott reminded everyone that the Halloween Party will be held on October 29, 2011 from 1-3pm at the Town Hall. She will notify the newspaper and asked for volunteers to help that day and for baking.

A budget workshop will be held on Tuesday, October 25h at 6pm.

New Business

Supervisor Bertram told the Board that the Town had received a proposal from the Columbia County Real Property Services office to put the town tax bills online – for informational purposes. There would be a chargeback agreement. The Town share would be \$1,094.37 and would be included in the 2012 taxes. A motion was made by Councilman Ronald Knott to sign the agreement to have the taxes put online. The motion was seconded by Councilman Edward Scott and was passed by unanimous vote.

Councilman Edward Scott reported that the sign on Route 9 at Williams’ farm will be replaced because of damage.

Public Comments

Martin Roby asked if the Town was planning to override the 2% tax cap and Lee Jamison asked if there was a timeline for approval. Mr. Rappleyea explained that the timeline that Ms. Jamison was referring to was for libraries and that municipalities handled the tax cap differently. He explained that the override would be handled like any Local Law.

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

Recorded this 13th Day of October 2011

Approved this 10th Day of November 2011

TOWN CLERK

SUPERVISOR

COUNCILPERSON

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OCTOBER 2011 ABSTRACTS

THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE PRESENTED FOR AUDIT:

TOWN OF STUYVESANT ABSTRACTS				
	OCTOBER 2011			
CLAIM #	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	HIGHWAY
348	National Grid (1709.09)	5182.4	1,339.40	
		1620.4	223.97	
		5132.4	145.72	
349	Fairpoint Communications (\$339.07-Sept)	1620.4	231.37	
		5132.4	107.70	
350	Fairpoint Communications (\$335.07)	1620.4	228.21	
		5132.4	106.86	
351	Mark J. Kelly	1620.4	180.00	
		1620.4	139.50	
352	Rainbow Distributors (\$76.00)	1620.4	38.00	
		5132.4	38.00	
353	Schodack Septic (\$324.00)	1620.4 RR	108.00	
		7110.4	216.00	
354	E.A. Morse & Co., Inc.	1620.4	33.50	
355	Patricia L. Casey (<i>special election</i>)	1010.4	115.50	
356	Christian Sweningson (<i>special election</i>)	1010.4	157.50	
357	Matthew Signs	1010.4	400.00	
358	Johnson Newspaper (\$114.69)	1620.4 RR	89.70	
		1010.4	24.99	
359	Williamson Law Book	1110.4	213.29	
360	Xerox Corporation (\$202.17)	1110.4	57.00	
		1410.4	145.17	
361	Columbia County Sheriff's Office	1110.4	129.90	
362	U.S. Post Office	1110.4	46.00	
363	Dr. Carrie O'Hare	1110.4	46.51	
364	Staples Business Advantage	1355.4	209.33	
365	Howard Gleason, Jr.	1355.4	110.00	
366	Apex Software	1355.4	215.00	
367	John G. Unson	1355.4	50.00	
368	Columbia County Real Property Services	1355.4	76.00	
369	Stuyvesant Postmaster	1355.4	176.00	
370	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	2,850.00	
371	Morris Associates	1440.4	3,760.00	
372	Metz Wood Harder	1910.4	16,650.46	
373	Stalker Radar Applied Concepts, Inc.	3310.4	2,973.50	
374	Charlene Leach	6140.4	40.50	

375	Town of Prattsville Relief Fund	7550.4	400.00	
376	Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna	8010.4	11,299.58	
377	Hometown Auto Glass (<i>insurance recovery</i>)	2680	749.00	
378	Hudson River Tractor Company, LLC (<i>insurance</i>)	2680	1,116.93	
379	County Waste	8160.4	80.32	
380	Fleet Services (\$341.03)	8810.4	80.00	
		5510.4	221.03	
		1620.4	40.00	
381	Lowe's	8810.4	106.52	
382	Unifirst Corp.	9090.9	167.04	
383	NexTel Partners	5010.4	46.88	
384	Culligan	5132.4	26.75	
385	Mario's Home Center (\$174.04)	5132.4	93.93	
		5130.4		80.11
386	Share Corporation	5130.4		443.78
387	Mooradians	5130.4		136.98
388	Albany Spring Service, Inc.	5130.4		1,335.50
389	Northeast Automotive Parts, Inc.	5130.4		13.78
390	Home Depot Credit Service	5130.4		17.25
391	Vantage Equipment	5130.4		475.63
392	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4		142.70
393	Power Plan	5130.4		204.03
394	Watkins Spring Co., Inc.	5130.4		336.69
395	Tractor Supply	5130.4		152.26
396	Colarusso Sand & Gravel	5142.4		635.12
397	Main Care Energy	5110.4		2,955.37
398	Colarusso Quarry	5110.4		452.13
399	Farrell Oil Co., Inc.	5110.4		1,378.92
400	ATR Trucking	5110.4		664.62
401	Rich Mulica	5110.4		1,218.00
	TOTAL ABSTRACT		\$33,934.54	\$20,241.62