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The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, March 9, 2012 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott, Councilman Tom Burrall, Councilman Brian Chittenden, Councilman Ed Scott, Councilwoman Kelley Williams, Highway Superintendent Bernie Kowalski, and Town Clerk Melissa.

Supervisor Knott called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting was made by Councilman Edward Scott and seconded by Councilwoman Kelley Williams. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

A motion to approve the bills was made by Councilman Edward Scott and seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Correspondence

A letter from the Town of Prattsville thanking us for the donation last year to the Prattsville Relief Fund.

A letter of resignation from Sal Costanzo due to health-related issues.

A letter from National Grid notifying us that the commercial rates will be going down but the lighting district rates may increase.

A letter from the Columbia Land Conservancy regarding the GIS Grant and work.

Supervisor Knott reported to everyone that there would a Public Hearing on Friday, March 09, 2012 for the BioMedica request of a PILOT extension from the IDA.

Special Guest

The Honorable Dr. Carrie O' Hare, Town Justice, was in attendance to announce to the Board and public that the Court had been awarded a \$948 non-matching funds JCAP Grant. The money will be used for scanning court records. She also reported that the Court had been notified that they had "no errors" on their reports to the DMV or DOCJS.

Dr. O'Hare said that she and Supervisor Knott have been discussing an "open court day" as an open house to answer questions from the public. Supervisor Knott said he would like to arrange an open house so people could come to the Town Hall and everyone would be in their offices to answer questions.

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Old Business

Capital Project Update –

The Salt Shed portion of the Capital Project will be done soon. The roof is going on is expected to be done early next week. Supervisor Knott said he had a letter from Morris Associates regarding the Bid Opening from March 6th and that it would be addressed later in the meeting.

Allied Health Care/Sandbar --

Supervisor Knott, Highway Superintendent Kowalski and Jim Besha of Albany Engineering met with Allied Health Care and are reviewing the plans for the road construction. Supervisor Knott thanked Councilman Scott for getting the new sign.

Workshop Meeting held March 3rd, 2012

Supervisor Knott reported that the Board had met on March 3rd to hear a presentation from BAS (Business Automated Services) regarding computer services. The Board is reviewing the proposals.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Melissa Naegeli reported that the Town Clerk's Office took in \$544.50 and after paying out \$145.10, gave a check to the Supervisor for \$399.40.

Melissa Naegeli also gave a Tax Collector report. She reported that collections are at 80%, the Town and Fire Districts have been paid and the 1st installment payment to the County had been made in the amount of \$500,000.

Assessor's Office

Cathy Knott reported that they had received approximately 300 exemptions and that they have all been entered into the computer. She also announced that the office will be open on Saturday, March 10th for residents to come in and review their inventory cards on file. She suggested people call for appointments.

Mrs. Knott also reminded everyone that Grievance Day will be the 4th Tuesday in May.

ZEO/Building Inspector

Gerry Ennis reported that he had just returned from his annual conference of training. He said there are a lot of changes coming with respect to the requirements of Workers' Compensation Insurance and the penalties for those that don't comply.

Railroad Station Restoration Committee

Supervisor Knott reported that the next meeting was changed from March 19th to March 24th and it's scheduled to be held at the railroad station, weather permitting.

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Recreation Committee Councilwoman Kelley Williams reported that the Committee had met on March 3rd and had discussed tentative plans for the Spring with respect to cleaning the playgrounds and making necessary repairs to the equipment. She also reported that they still waiting for fence estimates.

Supervisor Knott told Councilwoman Williams that he had a contact at the County for her to talk to about reimbursement for the summer recreation program. Supervisor Knott also encouraged the public to volunteer for the Committee.

Environmental Management Council

Kathy Schneider reported that the GIS Grant Application had been accepted and will provide for training for 1-2 people from each Town on the GIS System. There will be two types of training – Basic and Advanced. Members of the Council have been asked to identify people from their Towns who should attend. Two people from each Town will initially be trained but there will be a waiting list created for others that may be interested. Ms. Schneider asked that anyone who may be interested and can devote the time necessary contact her.

Kathy also reported that the Columbia Land Conservancy had published new brochures and that she had them available.

Highway Department

Superintendent Kowalski thanked Councilman Ed Scott for cleaning and painting at the highway garage. He also thanked Supervisor Knott for repairing the furnace.

Mr. Kowalski reported that the salt shed project was expected to be completed in the following week. He said they had emptied the small salt shed on Route 26A (at the Highway Garage) and will be moving the supply of salt to the new facility next week.

Planning & Zoning Boards

Shirley Narzynski reported that there would be a Planning Board Public Hearing on a Site Plan Application on March 26th. She also reported that the Zoning Board will meet on March 27th to hear 3 matters.

Town Hall Committee

Supervisor Ron Knott thanked Councilman Scott for painting the Town Hall and asked him to tell everyone what he had been doing. Councilman Scott said he had painted the big meeting room.

Historian

Juanita Knott reported that she had been invited to join the Columbia County Local History Collaborative. They will share information regarding programs going on in the individual towns to lessen overlapping programs. Mrs. Knott reported that there is a Columbia County Historic Sites Map being created and that it will be a driving map.

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Mrs. Knott reminded everyone that Historic Stuyvesant Day will be Saturday, August 11, 2012 and that she is proposing the theme be “the History of Sharptown Road” with a picnic to be held at the Ken Hummel Memorial Park. She is discussing possible tours of the new Salt Shed area and a dedication of the new building.

Supervisor Knott announced that Mr. & Mrs. George Knott would be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary during the following week.

Dog Control Officer

Wes Powell asked the Board for clarification on the status of the Glencadia Dog Camp and whether or not he should issue citations for complaints. Supervisor Knott explained that while the litigation is on-going, Mr. Powell should continue to take the complaints and document them but to not issue citations. Mr. Powell reported that since January 1st he had received 19 barking dog complaints regarding the Glencadia Dog Camp and that he had received a complaint on February 1st that 5 dogs had gotten loose.

Mr. Powell also presented to the Board a proposed contract with the Rensselaer County Humane Society (East Nassau). Mr. Powell said the Columbia-Greene Humane Society charges the Town \$305 when a dog is taken there. At Rensselaer it is \$100/dog (+\$34 if a rabies shot is given) after 5 days. Supervisor Ron Knott asked if the Rensselaer County Shelter would be too far out of his way. Mr. Powell responded that if it's the northern part of Town it's just as easy to go there. Mr. Powell provided the proposed contract to Supervisor Knott. Copies will be provided to the Board Members for review.

Trails Committee

Sean Cummings was in attendance to give a power point presentation on the status of the tri-town trail project. He began with a brief history of the project up to and including the completion of the feasibility study. He showed those in attendance a graphic of where the trail would cross through Stuyvesant. Mr. Cummings suggested a short “out and back” trail at the top of the Falls while negotiations are still pending with residents along the “national grid” trail. There were several questions from the audience as to how it would be paid for and who would provide the upkeep on the trails after completed.

Mr. Cummings completed his report by saying that he recommended the Town wait to see how it works in the Town of Kinderhook and see how they work out issues with property owners. Supervisor Knott said he applauded Sean's and the Committee's efforts and asked that they work on river access trails.

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New Business

Supervisor Knott reported that the Annual Financial Report for 2011 was completed and submitted to the New York State Comptroller’s Office. The report is available for review in the Town Clerk’s Office.

Supervisor Knott read a resolution for a budget transfer for the Capital Project from A1440.4 to H5132.2 in the amount of \$49,600.00. Supervisor Knott took a roll call vote as follows:

Councilwoman Kelley Williams	Yes
Councilman Brian Chittenden	Yes
Councilman Edward Scott	Yes
Councilman Thomas Burrall	Yes
Supervisor Ronald Knott	Yes

Supervisor Knott announced the Resolution was passed.

Supervisor Knott reported that the Bid Opening for Phase 2 of the Capital Project was held on March 6th. He asked Councilwoman Williams to read the report from Morris Associates regarding the bids and their recommendation. According to the report, there were 9 bids received and the “most responsible” bid was \$276,940 which included the base bid and add alternate #2 (bonding). There was a base bid that had been received that was lower but they did not offer bonding. The Board agreed that bonding was important for this phase of the project. Supervisor Knott asked the Board if there were any comments or questions. He also asked Highway Superintendent Kowalski if he had any questions or concerns. There being none from either, Supervisor Knott made a motion to accept the bid from Wainschaf Associates in the amount of \$276,940. The motion was seconded by Councilman Edward Scott and was approved by unanimous vote.

Supervisor Knott announced that the Special Counsel had arrived to discuss pending litigation matters with the Board. Councilman Edward Scott made a motion to enter into Executive Session to meet with the Special Counsel to discuss ongoing and potential litigation matters that included the Planning Board, Zoning Board, Town Clerk and Town Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tom Burrall and was approved by unanimous vote. The Board and Town Clerk entered into Executive Session at 8:05pm.

A motion to come out of Executive Session and resume the public meeting was made by Councilman Edward Scott and seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting resumed at 8:33pm.

Public Comments

Sean Cummings – Asked for clarification of the name of the contractor that had been awarded the bid for the highway garage renovation. Supervisor Knott repeated the name of the contractor.

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Cathy Knott – Reported that the door in the ladies room either wouldn't latch or would get stuck. Supervisor Knott asked Councilman Scott if he would look into that. Supervisor Knott also asked Councilman Scott to contact Mrs. Sacco regarding cleaning the building.

There being no more questions or comments from the public, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Edward Scott and was seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden. The motion was passed by unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at 8:36pm.

Recorded this 8th day of March 2012

Approved this 12th day of April 2012

_____ Supervisor Knott	_____ Town Clerk – Melissa Naegeli
_____ Councilperson	_____ Councilperson
_____ Councilperson	_____ Councilperson

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**Abstract of Vouchers approved at the March 8, 2012
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CLAIM	VENDOR NAME	ACCT #	GENERAL	HIGHWAY	CAPITAL	RR STATION
53	National Grid	5182.4	1,485.52			
		5132.4	179.65			
54	Columbia Co. Treasurer	9060.8	1,306.07	4,416.25		
55	Kingston Oil Supply	1620.4	1,054.61			
56	Rainbow Distributors	1620.4	14.00			
		5132.4	19.00			
57	Mario's Home Center	1620.4	626.60			
		5132.4	164.40			
		5130.4		69.03		
58	Wainschaf Associates	H5132.2			147,455.25	
59	Morris Associates	H5132.2			4,473.25	
60	William J. Better, PC	8010.4	7,450.00			
		1410.4	5,225.00			
61	NYS Assoc of Magistrate Court Clerks	1110.4	35.00			
62	E-Biz Docs, Inc.	1110.4	645.00			
63	NYS Magistrates Association	1110.4	80.00			
64	Col Co Sheriff's Office	1110.4	128.64			
65	Howard Gleason, Jr.	1355.4	32.50			
66	Staples, Inc.	1410.4	177.17			
		1110.4	65.50			
67	Xerox Corp.	1410.4	125.82			
68	NYS Town Clerks Association	1410.4	50.00			
69	NYSATRC	1410.4	25.00			
70	Johnson Newspaper Corp.	1410.4	72.80			
		8020.4	16.75			
71	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	1,250.00			
72	Col Greene Humane Society, Inc	3510.4	305.00			
73	Charlene Leach	6140.4	37.00			
74	County Waste - Ulster	8160.4	60.00			
75	Unifirst, Corp.	9090.8	251.11			
76	NexTel Partners	5010.4	47.68			
77	Bernard Kowalski	5010.4	190.35			
78	Main Care Energy	5132.4	1,142.20			
		5110.4		982.96		
79	Culligan	5132.4	26.75			
80	Fleet Services	5110.4		292.18		

81	Colarusso Quarry	5110.4		820.32	
82	Farrell Oil	5110.4		24.00	
83	Inter City Tire	5130.4		1,625.00	
84	Ben Funk, Inc.	5130.4		825.44	
85	Fastenal	5130.4		138.08	
86	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4		209.51	
87	Mooradians	5130.4		30.30	
88	Northeast Automotive Parts, Inc.	5130.4		147.42	
	TOTAL AMOUNT		22289.12	8229.74	151928.50
					0.00