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The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, April 12, 2012 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott, 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 Councilwoman Kelley Williams. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Correspondence

A letter of resignation from the Board of Assessment and Review from Ken Sutherland.

A letter of interest in an appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals from Steven Taylor.

A letter of interest in an appointment to the Board of Assessment and Review from Derrick LaTorre.

Supervisor Ron Knott announced that the final bond payment on the Town Hall would be made this month.

A motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending and current litigation between the Town and Mr. Pflaum was made by Councilman Edward Scott and seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden. The motion was passed by unanimous vote and the Board entered into Executive Session, with special attorney William Better, at 7:03pm.

A motion was made to reconvene the public portion of the Town Board meeting by Councilman Edward Scott and seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden. The motion was passed by unanimous vote and the meeting reconvened at 7:33pm.

Old Business

Capital Project -- The large salt shed on Sharptown Road is complete with the exception of blacktopping the "floor". There was a problem with the concrete for the small salt storage facility on Route 26A. The engineer and contractors are researching solutions. The Supervisor is preparing to sign the contract so work can begin on the highway garage renovations.

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Hydro Electric Plant – Supervisor Knott was in attendance at a recent visit by Senator Schumer at the facility.

Animal Shelter Contract - The Board was asked to review a proposed contract with the Rensselaer County Shelter based on a recommendation by Dog Control Officer Wes Powell. The Board agreed to table the discussion until the May meeting to give them a chance to review the document.

Allied Healthcare - A meeting was held with Allied Healthcare, principals from the Town and Albany Engineering to discuss re-siting the access road to the water. The parties are currently in negotiations and researching the relocation of the road. A survey will be completed and easement agreements will have to be signed with the neighbors. The current roadway is open.

Bids on Highway Garage Doors – Morris Associates reported to Supervisor Knott that 2 bids were received in a separate bid for the Highway Garage Doors. The bids were received on March 6, 2012. 1) Madsen Overhead Doors for \$3,900 and 2) Custom Overhead Doors for \$4740. Morris Associates made a recommendation to the Board that the low bid from Madsen be accepted. A motion was made by Councilman Edward Scott to accept the bid of \$3900 from Madsen Overhead Doors. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden and was passed by unanimous vote.

Ken Hummel Memorial 5K Race – Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli reported to the Board that a proposed contract had been received from Albany Running Exchange for the timing and facilitation of the Ken Hummel Memorial 5K Race to be held on August 11, 2011. This is the company that has provided these services in the past and this contract was for a total cost \$1,000 (no increase from last year). A \$600 deposit would have to be made with the balance being paid on race day. A motion to sign the contract with ARE Productions was made by Councilman Edward Scott and seconded by Councilwoman Kelley Williams. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Melissa Naegeli reported that the Town Clerk's Office took in \$504.50. After paying \$115.40, the total amount paid to the Supervisor was \$389.10. Her complete report is on file.

Assessor's Office

Cathy Knott reported that Grievance Day will be the 4th Tuesday in May.

ZEO/Building Inspector

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

Railroad Station Restoration Committee

Marilyn Burch reported that the Committee will host a Rhubarb Festival on May 11th from 4-7pm and possibly a movie night. Mrs. Burch requested that the porta-potty be ordered for the railroad station events. Mrs. Burch also requested permission to place ads in the Register Star. Supervisor Knott asked that she come back to the Board with prices for the ads. Mrs. Burch thanked all of the

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volunteers who have been working to complete the renovations at the Railroad Station.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2012.

Highway Department

Superintendent Kowalski reported that the insulation had been removed from the garage ceiling in preparation of the renovations beginning. The insulation will be re-used in the walls resulting in an approximate \$20,000 savings. The old salt storage building on the Route 26A site has been removed and the new one is nearing completion.

Trash Day will be May 5th 8am-4pm rain or shine. Resident tickets will be available in the Town Clerk's Office beginning on Wednesday, April 18th.

Planning & Zoning Boards

No report.

Town Hall Committee

Councilman Ed Scott said that Jean Hewig had been working on the gardens and the grounds are looking good.

Historian

Juanita Knott reported that Historic Stuyvesant Day will be held on Saturday, August 11th and will be themed "Yesterday's Neighbors". The day will focus on the history tracing of old farming families of the area. A picnic lunch will be held at the Ken Hummel Memorial Park on Sharptown Road. She will work with the Recreation Committee to come up with some childrens' activities for the afternoon.

Recreation Committee Councilwoman Kelley Williams reported that the Committee had gone to look at the trail and discussed rerouting it around the pond.

Councilwoman Williams also reported that she had spoken with the Kinderhook Officials regarding the summer program. They have agreed to provide services to the Town of Stuyvesant residents for the same price that the Town has paid in the past. She said that parents will be asked to fill out permission for pick-ups this year. A motion was made by Councilman Edward Scott to pay the cost for the resident children to attend the Town of Kinderhook Summer Recreation Program again this year. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden and was passed by unanimous vote.

Dog Control

No report. Supervisor Knott told the Board that Wes Powell had asked the Board to review a proposed contract with the Rensselaer County Humane Society. The Board will review and discuss at the April meeting.

Environmental Management Council

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Kathy Schneider reported that the GIS Grant Training had begun the previous week and that the Town of Stuyvesant has 5 people signed up to attend. Ms. Schneider explained the applications for the GIS System.

Ms. Schneider also reported that she had attended the Broadband Symposium with Congressman Gibson in Greene County and that they had been using the GIS System for long time.

Supervisor's County Report

Supervisor Knott reported that the sales tax revenue for the County was up by 5.7% and that the county had paid out \$6.7 million for unpaid taxes.

The renovation plans for the County Courthouse are almost complete and that a set of those plans were available in the Town Hall for review.

It's been determined that 25 Railroad Avenue will be acceptable for housing County Offices. The Chairman of the Board is appointing a negotiating committee for the purchase of the building.

Supervisor Knott will be attending the Scenic Hudson Training. Kari Watkins Bates (Scenic Hudson) will come to the May meeting to discuss Conservation Easements.

New Business

A motion was made by Councilman Edward Scott to appointment Steven Taylor to the Zoning Board of Appeals based on his letter of interest. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden and was passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Councilman Edward Scott to appoint Derrick LaTorre to the Board of Assessment and Review based on his letter of interest. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden and was passed by unanimous vote.

Special Guests

Town Justice Carrie O'Hare, Ph.D. was in attendance to notify the public that she had been appointed the President of the County Magistrates' Association.

Town Resident Mike Locker made a presentation to the Board regarding building a pavilion at the Ken Hummel Memorial Park in memory of his brother, Tom Locker. Mr. Locker stated that he is willing to financially underwrite the project but asked for the Board's support and for volunteers from the community. The Board was supportive of the proposal and asked that the Trails and Recreation Committees work together to do some drawings and site specifications.

Public Comments

Karen Hummel thanked Mike Locker for his proposal and for including her in his plans for a pavilion.

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Robert Gibbs asked if the street signs at Lindenwald Avenue could be straightened up. Councilman Scott said he would go take a look at them. Mr. Gibbs said that he had the rainbarrell in his garage from the Community Garden a couple of years ago. The Board suggested he bring the barrel to the Town Hall for storage. Mr. Gibbs also asked about the 766-Junk signs and asked if the Board would send a letter to the business telling him that he can't put the signs on the poles. Supervisor Knott said the poles belong to Fairpoint Communications. He said he may be able to write a letter to Fairpoint regarding the signs and that he would discuss it with the Town Attorney, Tal Rapplelea.

Mike Locker suggested that the people that live on Sharptown Road be notified that there would be work being done at the park.

Lee Jamison thanked Mike Locker for the pavilion idea. She asked about the Kinderhook Library payment from the Town and announced there would be an open house on Sunday from 2-4pm at the Library to welcome the new Director.

Martin Roby asked about whether the Stuyvesant Falls bridge could be taken care of since the County had received additional sales tax money. Supervisor Knott explained that the bridge is slated for long-range planning and inspection. He also said that DOT had expressed concerns about the original structure of the bridge and that the painting was estimated to be \$1 Million.

Charlene Leach asked when the trash day was scheduled. Highway Superintendent Bernie Kowalski said it was scheduled for May 5th. He reminded everyone that with the budget cuts that were necessary that there may only be one trash day this year.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Brian Chittenden and seconded by Councilman Edward Scott. The motion was passed by unanimous vote and adjourned at 8:32pm.

Recorded this 12th day of April 2012

Approved this 10th day of March 2012

_____ Supervisor Knott	_____ Town Clerk – Melissa Naegeli
_____ Councilperson	_____ Councilperson
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**Abstract of Vouchers approved at April 12, 2012
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CLAIM	VENDOR NAME	ACCT #	GENERAL	HWAY	CAPITAL	RR STATION	TOTAL
89	Fairpoint Communications \$338.65	1620.4	231.81				231.81
		5132.4	106.84				106.84
90	Fairpoint Communications \$340.58	1620.4	233.04				233.04
		5132.4	107.54				107.54
91	National Grid \$2382.36	5182.4	1,531.90				1,531.90
		5132.4	4.33				4.33
		1620.4	57.99				57.99
92	Richard Moran (RR Station)	1620.4	33.47				33.47
93	KOSCO	1620.4	625.52				625.52
94	Yaun Co., Inc.	1620.4	134.18				134.18
95	Association of Towns (dues)	1010.4	600.00				600.00
96	Johnson Newspaper (\$62.76)	1010.4	11.48				11.48
		1355.4	34.53				34.53
		8020.4	16.75				16.75
97	Columbia County Sheriff	1110.4	334.77				334.77
98	Xerox Corporation (\$515.75)	1110.4	60.00				60.00
		1410.4	455.75				455.75
99	Business Automation Services	1410.4	90.00				90.00
100	Columbia Co. Clerk	1410.4	60.00				60.00
101	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	2,000.00				2,000.00
102	William J. Better, P.C. (\$26,220.74)	1420.4	13,417.84				13,417.84
		8010.4	12,802.90				12,802.90
103	Wainschaf Assoc.	5132.2			20,288.52		20,288.52
104	Morris Associates (\$8383.65)	1440.4	381.50				381.50
		5132.2			8,002.15		8,002.15
105	Columbia Co. Highway Dept.	3310.4	25.89				25.89
106	VFW Post #9793	6510.4	1,200.00				1,200.00
107	ARE Productions	7550.4	600.00				600.00
108	County Waste - Ulster	8160.4	87.99				87.99
109	Unifirst Corp.	9090.8	206.79				206.79
110	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	133.03				133.03
111	NexTel Partners	5010.4	47.27				47.27
112	Rainbow Distributors (\$26.00)	1620.4	14.00				14.00
		5132.4	12.00				12.00
113	Culligan	5132.4	26.75				26.75

114	Mario's Home Ctr	5132.4	310.76				310.76
			1.00				1.00
115	Bernard Kowalski (\$1487.34)	5132.2			1,104.59		1,104.59
		5130.4		382.80			382.80
116	Home Depot Credit Services	5130.4		399.58			399.58
117	Northeast Automotive Parts, Inc.	5130.4		31.08			31.08
118	Inter City Tire & Auto Ctr Inc	5130.4		135.64			135.64
119	Lowe's	5130.4		597.48			597.48
120	Vantage Equipment	5130.4		13.00			13.00
121	Arrowhead Equipment, Inc.	5130.4		335.34			335.34
122	Tractor Supply	5130.4		38.90			38.90
123	VanAllen Automotive	5130.4		21.00			21.00
124	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4		467.77			467.77
125	Ben Funk, Inc.	5130.4		149.36			149.36
126	J.C. Smith, Inc.	5130.4		702.58			702.58
127	Main Care Energy (\$2744.19)	5132.4		630.65			630.65
		5110.4		2,113.54			2,113.54
128	Catamount Consulting	5110.4		140.00			140.00
129	Chartwells Dining Services	5110.4		60.00			60.00
130	Colarusso Quarry	5110.4		3,987.01			3,987.01
131	Chemung Supply Corp.	5110.4		1,160.00			1,160.00
132	Fleet Services	5110.4		391.39			391.39
	TOTAL AMOUNT		35997.62	782.38	29395.26	0.00	66175.26