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

Supervisor Knott called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the Pledge, Supervisor Knott asked the assembly to pause for a moment of silence in memory of MaryLou Leighton.

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 Thomas Burrall. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Correspondence

A letter from the NYS Office of Real Property (Brian Moon) notifying the Town that the Equalization Rate was 100%. There was a list of all of the towns in the County for comparison. Supervisor Knott thanked Assessor Howard Gleason for his work.

A letter from Assemblywoman Didi Barrett regarding an information meeting to be held on August 16th at the Ghent Firehouse in response to the TCI Fire.

A letter from the Columbia County Mental Health Association announcing the 2012 Pumpkin Walk scheduled for October 20th.

A letter of interest in the gardening position from Emily Baer. Ms. Baer spoke with Supervisor Knott and said she had taken a look at the grounds and would expect approximately 10 hours up front at \$25/hour. Supervisor Knott thanked Councilman Scott and the highway department for their recent work around the Town Hall trimming the trees and bushes.

Old Business

Capital Project -- Supervisor Knott reported that the garage addition is done, siding and windows are on the back of the building. The salt shed is filled and ready for winter.

Hydro Electric Plant – Supervisor Knott reported that the pouring of the concrete was complete and that equipment was being assembled. Kathy Schneider asked about the noise and Supervisor Knott said Albany Engineering expected the outside work to be completed by October.

Ice House Road/Ferry Road/River Access – Supervisor Knott met with DOT regarding the 9J/Ferry Road intersection. There are 7 options being offered by the State and there will be a public information meeting on August 30 at 6pm.

Website – Supervisor Knott reported that he, Councilman Burrall and Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli had met with Business Automation Services (BAS) regarding their proposal for a website that could be maintained in-house. While they were not the least expensive proposal, they were the most substantial and would provide continued support. The cost would be approximately \$5000 for the initial set up and could be paid in two installments. Supervisor Knott proposed using the money saved from the Councilmember’s donated back salaries and he had given copies of the proposal to all members to review prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Brian Chittenden to enter into a contract with BAS to build a new Town website. The motion was seconded by Councilman Edward Scott and was passed by unanimous vote.

Health Insurance – Supervisor Knott reported that he and Councilwoman Kelley Williams had been meeting with various companies to try to get a better rate on health insurance options for the Highway

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Department. They agreed that the Kleeber Insurance/Kinderhook Bank offered the best option and would be setting up a meeting with the representative and the employees of the Highway Department.

REPORTS

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

The Town Clerk's report is on file in her office. Melissa Naegeli gave an update on the details of the Ken Hummel 5K Race to be held on Saturday, August 11th. She announced the list of sponsors. Supervisor Knott announced that the Board had agreed at the Workshop meeting to donate any proceeds to the Arts & Humanities Endowment Fund and asked Karen Hummel to give a brief explanation and history of the grant. Supervisor Knott also announced that the shirts were a combination race/Historic Stuyvesant shirt and would be on sale to the public immediately following the start of the race.

Assessor's Office

Cathy Knott reported that she would be sending out the Agricultural Exemption Worksheets for those that needed them. She also presented to the Board an estimate of cost for replacing her computer which was under \$1,000. Supervisor Knott reported that the Assessor's .4 account had approximately \$2,000. A motion was made by Councilman Edward Scott to approve the purchase of a new computer with the necessary accessories and software for the Assessor's Office. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Kelley Williams and was passed by unanimous vote. Cathy Knott will work with Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli to get the equipment ordered.

ZEO/Building Inspector

Report on file in Town Clerk's Office.

Highway Department

The garage is coming along and they will be ready for concrete in the following week. Superintendent Kowalski, Supervisor Knott and Town Engineers Morris Associates will meeting on Friday, August 10th to discuss the next phase. Superintendent Kowalski also reported that he had been notified by FEMA that the Town will receive \$35,000 from Hurricane Irene damage last year. He also announced that the parks and Town Hall grounds have been mowed and cleaned up in preparation for the race on Saturday.

Planning & Zoning Boards

Shirley Narzynski reported that there had been a site plan application and a minor subdivision application at the July meeting. Public Hearings had been set for August 20th at 7pm. She also reported that there would be a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on August 28th.

Town Hall Committee

Councilman Scott reported that he had been working with the Highway Department to get the grounds ready for the race on Saturday.

Railroad Station Restoration Committee

Marilyn Burch reported that the Corn Festival would be held on Friday, August 10th to kick off Historic Stuyvesant Day. She also reported that Robert Titus (geologist) will give a presentation on August 17th.

Supervisor Knott reported that the bid proposal for the DOT Grant had to be altered again to meet Federal Standards. Due to the changes there would be an additional charge of \$2400 from Mesick, Cohen Architects and it would have to be a new contract. Under the grant, 80% will be reimbursed. A motion to enter into a new contract with Mesick, Cohen Architects for work on the train station was made by Councilman Edward Scott and seconded by Councilwoman Kelley Williams. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Historian

Town Historian Juanita Knott reported that flyers have been printed and are being distributed. In the event of bad weather, the picnic will be moved from the Ken Hummel Park to the Town Hall.

Recreation Committee

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Councilwoman Kelley Williams reported that people have been working on the kiosk at the Ken Hummel Park. She also reported that she is working on the paperwork for a grant that was awarded several years ago. She thanked Councilman Scott for working on the fence at the Stuyvesant Falls playground.

Dog Control

Supervisor Knott reported that the Dog Officer's report was regarding loose dogs in the area. He shared the report with the Board.

Environmental Management Council

Town representative Kathy Schneider reported that at the meeting in July they discussed that transfer stations will now accept plastics 1-7 so sorting will no longer be necessary.

Trails

No report.

County Government

Supervisor Knott reported that the bids had been received and contracts awarded for the Courthouse renovations. The Board is asking the City of Hudson for a waiver on the building permit which would cost approximately \$38,000.

There is progress on finding a provider to construct a building and run a program for housing for the homeless in Hudson.

The TCI Report was given at the full Board of Supervisors meeting. The main concern of residents was that there wasn't enough warning given and other counties were notified before the immediate neighbors. The Board is looking into a "reverse 911" system. Supervisor Knott thanked all the firemen and emergency personnel who responded.

New Business

Supervisor Knott with an agent from NYMIR for a risk management assessment. They will send a report with their findings. It is expected that the Board will have to adopt various new policies.

Supervisor Knott read a resolution to appoint Tom Cappadona to the status of "full time" Board Member on the Planning Board. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Councilman Edward Scott and seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden. The motion was passed by unanimous vote. This opens an alternate position on the Board.

Supervisor Knott announced that the September Board meeting will have to be rescheduled due to Primary Day on September 13th. The Board agreed that the meeting would be held on September 6th – their normal workshop meeting night.

Councilwoman Kelley Williams read a resolution to appoint Margaret Pino to the position of Deputy Chair for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Upon a roll call vote, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

Councilwoman Kelley Willams read a resolution to appoint Harold Leiser to the position of Deputy Chair for the Planning Board. Upon a roll call vote, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

Board Comments

Councilman Scott thanked the Sheriff's Department and State Police for their response to a situation in Stuyvesant Falls the same evening at the TCI fire.

Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli announced that the Clerk's Office would be closed from August 25th through September 3rd for vacation. Cathy Knott will be available as Deputy Registrar.

Public Comments

Cathy Knott asked permission from the Board to run a Town Halloween Party on October 27th from 1-3pm. She also asked for a budget of up to \$125.00. A motion was made by Councilman Scott to approve

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the request. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Kelley Williams and it was passed by unanimous vote.

With no further comments, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Edward Scott and seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden. The motion was passed by unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

Recorded this 9th day of August 2012

Approved this 6th day of September 2012

Supervisor Knott

Town Clerk – Melissa Naegeli

Councilperson

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Abstract of Vouchers**TOWN OF STUYVESANT ABSTRACTS****AUGUST 2012**

#	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	HWAY	CAPITAL	RR Station
257	National Grid (\$1088.16)	5182.4	636.09			
		5132.4	204.01			
		1620.4	248.06			
258	Fairpoint Communication (336.81)	1620.4	231.05			
		5132.4	105.76			
259	CornerStone Telephone	1620.4	76.22			
260	George Knott (206.75)	1620.4	135.35			
		6140.4	71.40			
261	Melissa Naegeli (54.50)	7550.4	5K 24.50			
		8010.4	30.00			
262	Crown Awards	7550.4	5K 231.97			
263	Staples, Inc. (73.62)	1410.4	65.10			
		7550.4	8.52			
264	Xerox Corporation (267.54)	1410.4	140.63			
		1620.4	126.91			
265	Johnson Newspaper Corp (60.79)	1620.4				44.85
		1355.4	15.94			
266	JCB Specialities, Inc.	7550.4	5K 940.00			
267	Charlene Leach	6140.4	45.00			
268	William J. Better, P.C.	8020.4	1,450.00			
269	Mario's Home Ctr (150.85)	5130.4			52.38	
		1620.4	15.40			
		5132.4	83.07			
270	Rainbown Distributors (62.00)	5132.4	50.00			
		1620.4	12.00			
271	Corcraft Products	3310.4				

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			99.63		
272	County Waste-Ulster	8160.4	87.99		
273	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	62.09		
274	International Salt Co., LLC	5142.4		3,749.13	
275	Unifirst Corp	9090.8	216.29		
276	Tractor Supply	1620.4	36.45		
277	Lapiner Bros., Inc.	5132.4	156.60		
278	Culligan	5132.4	26.75		
279	Tonnie Sauca, Sr.	5130.4		75.00	
270	VanKleecks Tire Inc.	5130.4		683.00	
271	Bernard Kowalski	5130.4		241.88	
272	Tech Air	5130.4		50.17	
273	Northeast Automotive Parts, Inc.	5130.4		101.86	
274	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4		9.52	
275	Columbia Tractor, Inc.	5130.4		35.02	
276	Ben Funk, Inc.	5130.4		1,190.30	
277	Fleet Services	5110.4		184.82	
278	Colarusso Quarry	5110.4		1,636.23	
279	Long Energy	5110.4		1,307.89	
280	C J Miner, Inc.	5110.4		590.00	
281	Power Plan	5130.4		25.94	
	TOTAL FORWARD		5,632.78	9,933.14	0.00 44.85