

September 6, 2012

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, September 6, 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 Past Stuyvesant Fire Company Chief Frank Sacco, Sr...

A motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting was made by Councilman Edward Scott and seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden. 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

An announcement for "Big Truck Day" by the Kinderhook Memorial Library. The event will be held at the Stuyvesant Town Hall on Saturday, September 22, 2012 from 11-2.

A letter of apology from the Valatie Rescue Squad for not attending the Ken Hummel 5K Run. They explained they didn't have any crews available at the time.

A letter from Howard Gibbons expressing interest in the position of Alternate Member to the Planning Board.

A letter from the Association of Towns regarding annual dues.

The 2011 Annual Report from the Columbia Land Conservancy.

Old Business

Capital Project -- Supervisor Knott reported that the 2nd payment has been requested for work on the garage and the contractors are beginning the roof. The final payment for the salt sheds portion of the project has been made.

Hydro Electric Plant – Supervisor Knott reported that they are assembling the generators and it was expected that in 2 weeks the raceway would be ready to return water. Albany Engineering reports to have electricity by mid-October and anticipates being fully operational by the end of 2012.

Ice House Road/Ferry Road/River Access – Supervisor Knott reported that several people had attended the NYS DOT information session held in August. They expect to return to the Town Hall with updates in November.

A motion was made by Councilman Edward Scott for the Board to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters specific to legal counsel. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden and was passed by unanimous vote. The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:05pm.

A motion to return from Executive Session and resume the regular business meeting was made by Councilman Edward Scott and seconded by Brian Chittenden. The motion was passed by unanimous vote and the meeting resumed at 7:28pm.

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REPORTS***Town Clerk/Tax Collector***

Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli gave a final accounting report from the Ken Hummel 5K Run and announced that \$503 was the profit amount after all expenses. She thanked all of the participants, volunteers and Board Members for their continued support of this yearly event. A check for \$500 will be donated to the Arts & Humanities Endowment Fund. The Town Clerk's monthly report was given and is on file in her office.

Highway Department

Superintendent Bernie Kowalski reported that they had been working on screening sand and had completed about 4,000 tons. A truck was sold at auction and was purchased for \$40,700. The floor in the addition of the garage was poured, the roof is being done and the siding is being completed.

Superintendent Kowalski presented the Board with 3 estimates for a skylight for ventilation in the office of the Highway Garage upstairs. Supervisor Knott recommended that the 30 x 39 window for \$1600 be the quote accepted. A motion was made by Edward Scott to approve the purchase and installation of the 30 x 39 skylight in the Garage Office at a cost of \$1600. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden and was passed by unanimous vote.

Assessor's Office

Cathy Knott reported that all is quiet right now and that exemptions would be mailed out closer to Thanksgiving. She also reported that she will attend the Stuyvesant/Stockport luncheon in October to help people understand their options for property taxes and exemptions.

ZEO/Building Inspector

Report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Town Hall Committee

Councilman Scott reported that everything was pretty quiet. Supervisor Knott reported that the air conditioning for the court office had been repaired.

Railroad Station Restoration Committee

Marilyn Burch reported that the Taste of Buffalo would be held on September 9th from 4-7. There would be specialties from Buffalo. October 12th will be the Harvest Dinner.

Mrs. Burch requested permission to put a business card sized ad in the newspaper at a cost of approximately \$45.00. A motion to approve the request 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 the Historic Stuyvesant Day picnic was moved to the Town Hall because of rain. There was a visit from the Columbia County Historical Society mascot "Lucas the Groundhog".

Mrs. Knott requested permission to spend \$20.00 to attend a Native American Institute Seminar in Albany. A motion was made by Councilman Edward Scott to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden and was passed by unanimous vote.

Recreation Committee

Councilwoman Kelley Williams reported that she is working on the paperwork for a grant to refund some money spent on the playgrounds in 2004. She thanked Councilman Scott for the new fence and Councilman Scott thanked the highway department crew for their help in installation. Councilwoman Williams reported that 32 children attended the Town of Kinderhook summer program.

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Dog Control

Supervisor Knott reported that the Dog Officer's report stated there had been 1 loose dog in Stuyvesant Falls.

Environmental Management Council

Town representative Kathy Schneider reported that at their next meeting there would be further discussion of the TCI fire and impacts. David Carpenter (toxicologist) will attend.

Trails

The contract with OSI for a non-profit is being set-up. There will be a trails workday on the coming Saturday and will be working on the Gazebo trail.

County Government

Supervisor Knott reported that Code Red is now available and people can sign up at the website. Landlines will automatically be added but cell phones must be entered manually.

Supervisor Knott attended a broadband meeting with Congressman Gibson. He reported that there is a website through NYS that has a broadband services map.

New Business

Supervisor Knott reported that Budget worksheets had been distributed to all departments with a return date of September 15. There will be a Budget Workshop meeting held on Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at 7:00pm. Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli will send the notice to the newspaper.

Supervisor Knott asked Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli for an update on the website. Melissa reported that the base of the website is almost completed and that it is anticipated to be up and running in November. She announced that there will be subscription feature available to everyone so they will be notified whenever there is a change to the website. The Board anticipates a user friendly site that can be updated in-house.

A motion to appoint Howard Gibbons, Jr. to the position of Alternate Member of the Planning Board was made by Councilman Edward Scott and seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Board Comments

Councilman Scott reported that he had filled the pot holes around the Stuyvesant Falls Post Office.

Public Comments

There was further discussion regarding the lack of availability of broadband service in the immediate area.

Cal Burch reported that the Swyer Preserve walkway work had been completed and was open to the public again.

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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 8:02pm.

Recorded this 6th day of September 2012

Approved this 11th day of October 2012

Supervisor Knott	Town Clerk – Melissa Naegeli
Councilperson	Councilperson
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Abstract of Vouchers

September 2012

#	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	HIGHWAY	CAPITAL	RR STA
282	Fairpoint Communications (\$340.45)	1620.4	231.37			
		5132.4	109.08			
283	National Grid (\$2383.50)	5182.4	1,932.59			
		5132.4	182.70			
		1620.4	268.21			
284	Columbia Co. Treasurer (5722.32)	9060.8	1,306.07	4,416.25		
285	Corner Stone	1620.4	51.59			
286	Business Automation Services, Inc.	1620.4	2,450.00			
287	Rainbow Distributors (33.00)	1620.4	14.00			
		5132.4	19.00			
288	Louise Sacco	1620.4	315.00			
289	Staples Business Advantage (725.13)	1620.4	38.50			
		1410.4	55.64			
		5010.4	74.70			
		8020.4	189.73			
		1220.4	220.11			
290	Association of Towns	1010.4	600.00			
291	Columbia Co. Sheriff's Office	1110.4	141.81			
292	Catherine G. Knott	1355.4	24.51			
293	Dell	1355.4	868.20			
294	Xerox Corporation	1410.4	300.00			
295	Stuyvesant Postmaster	1410.4	90.00			
296	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	968.75			

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297	Metz Wood Harder	1910.4	300.40			
298	Charlene Leach	6140.4	40.50			
299	Town of Kinderhook	7140.4	3,575.00			
300	Schodaack Septic (\$341.00)	7140.4	108.00			
		1620.4				108.00
		7550.4	125.00			
301	Barbara Brown	7550.4	35.98			
302	Kinderhook Education Foundation Arts & Humanities Fund (Ken Hummel Proceeds)	7550.4	500.00			
303	William J. Better, Esq.	8010.4	2,300.00			
304	Johnson Newspaper	8020.4	49.03			
305	County Waste - Ulster	8160.4	107.99			
306	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	63.88			
307	Wainschaf Associates	5132.2			164,776.79	
308	T & L Construction	5132.4	1,446.25			
309	Culligan	5132.4	26.75			
310	Long Energy	5110.4		470.16		
311	Mario's Home Center (\$1368.42)	5130.4		55.27		
		5132.4	393.61			
		1620.4	24.20			
		7110.4	895.34			
312	Tech Air	5130.4		96.52		
313	Unifirst Corp.	5130.4		264.07		
314	Northeast Automotive Parts, Inc.	5130.4		113.90		
315	Power Plan	5130.4		216.97		
	TOTAL FORWARD		20,443.49	5,633.14	0.00	108.00