

January 10, 2013

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, January 10, 2013 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott, Councilman Tom Burrall, Councilman Edward Scott, Councilman Brian Chittenden, Councilwoman Kelley Williams, Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea, Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli and Highway Superintendent Kowalski.

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

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

A motion was made by Councilman Edward Scott to approve the vouchers presented for payment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tom Burrall and was passed by unanimous vote.

Correspondence

A letter from the Columbia County Historical Society announcing a \$300 Grant award to the Town toward document work.

A letter announcing the tax rates was received and is on file.

A letter from the Columbia Land Conservancy announcing dates of events. The listing will be in the Town Hall.

A letter from the NYS Association of Towns regarding the annual conference.

A letter from the Columbia Paper requesting they be named an official newspaper of the Town.

Old Business

Hydro Electric Plant – They were online on December 28th then shut back down for New Year's. They were online with 2 generators on January 9th.

Cloud Contract for Computer Back-Up – We received a proposal from BAS but are waiting for another proposal for Time Warner.

Contract with County DOT – No cost. A motion was made by Councilman Edward Scott to submit the renewal and approval. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Kelley Williams and was passed by unanimous vote.

Supervisor Knott told everyone that his year-end report was on the website.

Supervisor Knott said that the information from the solar presentation at the last meeting was still being reviewed that the Board was looking for comparables.

Supervisor Knott discussed the Town's legal expenses and explained the costs that had been incurred.

Special Presentation

Stuyvesant Fire District No. 1 Chief Steve Montie presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Christopher Palladino for his work done at See Park for the benefit of the Town. Mr. Palladino accepted with his parents.

Reports

Town Clerk: Report is on file in her office. Melissa also gave a brief report on the collection of taxes.

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Assessor: Cathy Knott reminded everyone that exemptions are due to the office by March 1st and that if they were going to be 65 years old any time during the year they could apply for a Senior Enhanced Exemption.

ZEO/Building Inspector: Report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Railroad Station Restoration Committee: There will be monthly pot luck dinners on the 2nd Friday of the Month at 5:30 through April. The shelves are up for storage and the volunteers are planning to paint the floor.

The Special Events for the year are being planned and will be on the website.

Recreation Committee: Councilwoman Williams reported that she had been notified that snowmobiles had wrecked a fence and offered pictures. Councilwoman Williams said that hunting at the park would be discussed at the next meeting and that Councilman Scott would participate in the process. In light of the announcement by NYS last year that work was going to be done on Ice House Road to give us access to the river, the Committee will review recreational opportunities in that location. A full moon owl walk is being planned for Saturday February 23 at 7pm at the Ken Hummel Park.

Environmental Management Council: No report.

Highway Department: Superintendent Bernie Kowalski announced that there had been a recall on the new truck & body so it had to be repaired.

Planning/Zoning Boards: No ZBA meeting is scheduled for January.

Town Hall: Councilman Edward Scott reported that all was quiet.

Historian: Year end report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Dog Control Officer: Supervisor Knott reported that there had been a couple of complaints and that the report would be on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

County Government

Courthouse Renovations: Work is moving along and the temporary courthouse operations are in Claverack.

Ag & Farmland Protection Plan: Public Meetings/Hearings are being held throughout the County:

1/22 at B.O.E. at 6pm (401 State Street)

2/2 at Stuyvesant Town Hall at 10:00am

2/9 in Ancram at 10:00am

All dates, times and locations are listed on the website.

Columbia County Board Meetings: The meetings had started to be video recorded last year and will be aired on Time Warner on the 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 7pm and on Fairpoint at 6am on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

New Business

Supervisor Knott is considering a new committee to review the Zoning Ordinance. If anyone is interested in participating they should contact him.

The Town Board will meet with the Town Justice and Town Clerk at their regular workshop meeting on February 7th to do the yearly audit of their books. The meeting will be held at 7pm.

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Public Comments

Lee Jamison: She distributed copies of a letter that she had prepared for the Board with pictures of the broken fence that Councilwoman Williams had discussed in her report. She suggested additional signs and stronger fences.

Supervisor Knott thanked Ms. Jamison for her diligence said it was time to spread the word that snowmobiles are not allowed in the park.

Tom Shanahan suggested that it was the job of CLC to enforce the rules of the easement. Supervisor Knott said that they had been notified in the past of complaints and that they didn't seem overly concerned and left it up to the Town.

Martin Roby: Asked how the Town Attorney kept his research billing separate between the towns he worked for.

Due to disruptive behavior from members of the audience the meeting, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Edward Scott and seconded by Councilman Tom Burall. The motion was passed by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Recorded this 10th day of January 2013

Approved this 14th day of February 2013

Supervisor Knott

Town Clerk – Melissa Naegeli

Councilperson

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Town of Stuyvesant

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#	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	HIGHWAY	CAPITAL	RAIL ROAD
458	Fairpoint Communications (\$389.29)	1620.4	276.44			
		5132.4	112.85			
459	Cathy Knott (\$28.54)	1620.4	23.04			
		1355.4	5.50			
460	William J. Better, PC	8020.4	87.50			
461	National Grid (\$2772.66)	5182.4	864.52			
		5182.4	918.40			
		5132.4	715.85			
		1620.4	237.85			36.04
462	Staples, Inc. (\$109.86)	1410.4	10.22			
		1355.4	68.98			
		5010.4	30.66			
463	Kingston Oil Supply, Inc.	1620.4	526.00			
464	George Knott (\$211.50)	1620.4	150.00			
		6140.4	61.50			
465	Juanita Knott	7510.4	59.71			
466	Xerox Corp. (\$200.50)	1410.4	140.50			
		1620.4	60.00			
467	Charlene Leach	6140.4	35.00			
468	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	500.00			
469	Tractor Supply	5130.4		190.51		
470	Ben Funk, Inc.	5130.4		251.97		
471	Lowe's	5130.4		74.59		
472	Northeast Automotive Parts, Inc.	5130.4		11.66		
473	Mooradians	5130.4		148.92		
474	Chemung Supply Corp.	5130.4		544.82		
475	Culligan	5132.4	26.75			
476	Mario's Home Center (\$465.99)	5130.4		41.27		
		5132.4	424.72			
477	Long Energy	5132.4	271.60			
478	Unifirst Corp.	9090.8	228.26			
479	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	74.24			
480	Fleet Services	5110.4	417.28			
481	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4	223.45			
2013						
1	Stuyvesant/Stockport Senior Citizens	6772.4	2,500.00			
2	Blue Shield of NENY	9060.8	839.02	2,838.68		
3	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	625.00			
4	Dell	1220.4	780.00			

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5	Col Co Assoc of Town Superintendents	5110.1	200.00		
6	Association of Towns	1010.4	600.00		
7	John Unson	1355.4	50.00		
8	Business Automation Services (\$507.98)	1410.4	275.00		
		1620.4	232.98		
9	NYS Assessor's Association	1355.4	85.00		
10	NY Planning Federation	8020.4	250.00		
11	GAR Associates	1355.4	250.00		
12	Service Education, Inc.	1110.4	950.00		
13	County Waste	8160.4	87.99		
			7,724.99	2,838.68	0.00
					36.04