

November 8, 2012

2013 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Knott opened the Public Hearing at 6:30pm and asked Melissa Naegeli, Town Clerk to read the public notice as was published in the Register Star:

***PUBLIC NOTICE
Town of Stuyvesant
Public Hearing
2013 Budget***

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of Stuyvesant will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, November 8, 2012 at 6:30pm for the purposes of taking comment from any interested resident with regard to the Tentative 2013 Budget. Copies of the tentative budget are available in the Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours. Salaries included in the Tentative Budget are: Supervisor \$7,388.00; Town Board Members (4) 11,737.00; Town Clerk/Tax Collector \$22,729.00; Town Justices (2) \$8240.00 and Sole Assessor \$16,524.00. The Hearing will be held at the Stuyvesant Town Hall, 5 Sunset Drive, Stuyvesant, NY 12173.

*Melissa A. Naegeli, RMC
Town Clerk*

Supervisor Knott then highlighted the changes in the proposed budget. The Veteran's had requested an increase of \$400 but Tal Rappleyea (Attorney for the Town) donated the \$400 to the VFW so the line item remained the same; the Hospitalization amount was decreased because the Board is signing a contract for a new and less expensive plan; an increase to Debt Service because Bond payments will begin in 2013. All salaries have remained the same. The overall increase is 3.7% which is \$14,000.

Supervisor Knott opened the hearing to comments from the audience:

Martin Roby asked why the sale of equipment wasn't reflected in the budget. Supervisor Knott explained that this is the 2013 budget and the sale of the equipment took place in 2012.

Will Pflaum asked how much money was left in the reserve fund and Supervisor Knott responded with \$180,000.00. Mr. Pflaum questioned the amounts for the Capital Project stating that he only remembered one bid for \$400,000. Supervisor Knott explained there were multiple bids. Mr. Pflaum questioned if Mr. Fitzgerald should be audited and Supervisor Knot responded that the Board is on top of all financials

With no further questions or comments, a motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Councilman Tom Burrall and seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden. The Hearing was closed by unanimous vote.

TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, November 8, 2011 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, and 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.

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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

Two letters from Congressman Gibson regarding Ferry Road.

Special Presentation

Mario Angotti of Business Automation Services (BAS) gave a presentation on the status of the new website with a power point demonstration. He explained that all documents will be carried over from the "old" site to the new, the address will remain the same and the site is expected to be live on December 1st. Mr. Angotti explained that there will be an option to people to subscribe to the website and be notified when changes are made through a newsletter function.

REPORTS

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

The Town Clerk's report is on file in her office.

Assessor's Office

Assessor's Clerk Cathy Knott reported that the exemptions were being mailed this month. She reminded everyone that if they will be turning 65 years old in 2013 (any day) to come into the office to start the paperwork for a Senior Exemption.

ZEO/Building Inspector

Gerry Ennis reported that everything is going well.

Railroad Station Restoration Committee

Marilyn Burch reported that there would be a pot luck dinner on Friday, November 9th to celebrate Sue Fontaine's (former Post Mistress) new job. The dinner will be at 5:30pm. Mrs. Burch also reported that the Holiday at the Depot party will be Saturday, December 8th from 2pm – 4pm. There is a coloring contest on the posters and children will receive prizes when they bring them back. Sue and Jon Knott photographers will be at the party for pictures with Santa.

Environmental Management Council

Town representative Kathy Schneider reported that the GIS Workshop had been cancelled.

Highway Department

Superintendent Bernie Kowalski reported that the garage and salt shed projects are basically finished – the water and air lines have to be connected. He thanked Ed Scott for painting and Ron Knott for working on the boiler.

Planning/Zoning Boards

Report will be on file.

Town Hall

Supervisor Knott reported that he had a proposal from Aaron's Carpet Cleaning to clean the large meeting room, hall ways and offices for \$130.00. A motion to hire Aaron's to clean the carpets was made by Councilman Scott and seconded by Councilman Chittenden. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

The Board thanked Cathy Knott for another very successful Halloween Party.

Town Historian

No report

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Dog Control

No report.

Recreation Committee

Councilwoman Kelley Williams reported that the Town had been awarded \$491 from the County toward the Summer Program.

Trails Committee

No Report.

County Government

Supervisor Knott reported that the Board is reviewing budget requests. The Courthouse renovations are underway. A budget and contract has been established to do a study on the Stuyvesant Falls bridge based on concerns over the original supports. The cost for the study is \$82,000.

New Business

Supervisor Knott reported that he had been notified that BAR Member Cheryl Trowbridge’s term was expiring. He has a call in to her to ask if she wants to continue but he hasn’t had a reply yet.

Supervisor Knott explained that with the passing earlier this year of Mary Leighton, there was a vacancy in the position of Delegate to the Office for the Aging. He submitted for approval, Ida Leiser. A motion was made by Councilman Scott to appoint Ida Leiser to the position of Delegate to the Office for the Aging and it was seconded by Councilman Burrall. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Local Law #2

Supervisor Knott reminded those in attendance that the Board had held a public hearing on Local Law #2 – Overriding the 2% Tax Cap in October. The vote had been postponed to the November meeting for the Board to try to make some additional cuts to the Budget. Having made more cuts to the budget but not being able to get it below the 2% cap, he was asking the Board to pass the proposed Local Law #2. A motion to adopt Local Law #2 – Overriding the 2% Tax Cap was made by Councilman Edward Scott and seconded by Councilman Tom Burrall. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Budget Amendment #2

Supervisor Knott reviewed the proposed budget amendment with the Board. A motion as made to approve the amendment was made by Councilman Edward Scott and seconded by Councilwoman Kelley Williams. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

2013 Proposed Budget

Supervisor Knott asked the Board to consider passing the 2013 Proposed Budget with a 3.7% increase and asked the Town Clerk to take the roll call vote. A motion to adopt the 2013 Proposed Budget with a 3.7% increase was made by Councilman Edward Scott, seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden and the roll call vote was taken by Melissa Naegeli, Town Clerk:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Supervisor Knott	X	
Councilman Edward Scott	X	
Councilman Brian Chittenden	X	
Councilwoman Kelley Williams	X	
Councilman Tom Burrall	X	

The 2013 Budget was adopted by unanimous vote.

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Public Comments

Lee Jamison asked about the status of hunting permits at the Ken Hummel Park. Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli reported that 6 permits had been distributed on a first-come first-serve basis. Councilman Scott said the process should be reviewed. Ms. Jamison remarked that it's everyone's park and more than 6 permits should be given out. Councilwoman Williams said they could discuss it further at the Recreation Meeting in December.

Lee Jamison asked about the status of the kiosk at the Ken Hummel Park and Christian Sweningson asked if the bottoms of the posts had been preserved. Councilwoman Williams responded that the kiosk should be completed in the Spring and yes, they had been preserved.

Cathy Knott thanked everyone for their help at the Halloween Party. She also extended thanks to the firefighters from Stuyvesant who went south to help after Hurricane Sandy. Supervisor Knott added that the behind the scenes experience during Hurricane Sandy was quite impressive – including the County, the State, the Federal Gov't and National Grid. Everyone was ready.

Supervisor Knott reported that the December meeting will be moved to Thursday, December 27, 2012 and will be the end of the year meeting.

Kathy Schneider asked for a status on the Hydro Electric Plant. Supervisor Knott said they are moving along and the water is moving back to the creek. The turbines are installed and the final bearings are being completed for a final connection. They are working with National Grid. Ms. Schneider asked about the permit to FERC. Supervisor Knott explained that they have a license to operate at a level they were before but they are apply to make more with the same water levels. However, they can't prove they can do it until the plant is operational. Albany Engineering is working on determining what flow rate is acceptable.

Councilman Burrall told everyone that there will be a Veterans' Day observance at the VFW on Sunday, November 11th at 11:00 and at the Martin H. Glynn Square in Valatie also at 11:00.

With no further comments, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Brian Chittenden and seconded by Councilwoman Kelley Williams. The motion was passed by unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned.

Recorded this 8th day of November 2012

Approved this 27th day of December 2012

Supervisor Knott

Town Clerk – Melissa Naegeli

Councilperson

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Abstract of Vouchers

The following vouchers were submitted to the Board for approval and payment:

#	PAYEE	A/C#	GEN	HIWAY	CAPITAL	RR STA
358	National Grid (\$1120.30)	5182.4	765.06			
		5132.4	138.36			
		1620.4	193.14			23.74
359	Columbia County Treasurer (\$6110.76)	9060.8	1,542.51			
		9060.8	4,568.25			
360	Mark J. Kelly	1620.4	100.00			
361	Kingston Oil Supply Corp.	1620.4	271.05			
362	Rainbow Distributors (\$55.96)	1620.4	14.00			
		5132.4	41.96			
363	Mesick, Cohen, Wilson & Baker Architects, LLP	1620.4				2,906.00
364	Metz Wood Harder, Inc.	1910.4	17,392.37			
365	Columbia County Sheriff's Office	1110.4	150.08			
366	Johnson Newspaper Corp. (\$39.72)	1010.4	14.32			
		1410.4	11.08			
		8010.4	14.32			
367	NYS Office of Real Property Tax Services	1355.4	20.00			
368	Business Automation Services	1355.4	411.08			
369	Catherine Knott (\$210.56)	1355.4	60.15			
		7550.4	150.41			
370	Staples, Inc.	1410.4	111.76			
371	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	1,437.50			
372	Columbia Co. Treasurer	3620.4	42.00			
373	Gerald Ennis	3620.4	78.70			
374	Charlene Leach	6140.4	40.00			
375	County Waste - Ulster	8160.4	87.99			
376	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	73.40			
377	Culligan	5132.4	26.75			
378	Bernard Kowalski	5132.4	110.00			
379	C.J. Miner, Inc.	5132.4	40.00			
380	T & L Construction	5132.2			701.15	
381	Mario's Home Center, Inc. (\$2569.86)	5132.4	229.11			
		5130.4		30.75		

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382	Colarusso Quarry	5110.4	1,509.17	
383	Fleet Services	5110.4	417.40	
384	Sam's Club	5130.4	37.80	
385	Unifirst Corp.	5130.4	241.09	
386	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4	60.97	
387	Van Kleeck's Tire, Inc.	5130.4	101.83	
388	Ronzoni Bros., Inc. (\$57,871.80)	5110.4	17,871.80	
		5132.2		40,000.00
389	Morris Associates	5132.2		200.00
390	Madsen Overhead Doors	5132.2		4,506.00
391	Wainschaf Associates	5132.2		70,789.38