

April 11, 2013

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, April 11, 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. He then asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence in memory of recently deceased residents.

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 Councilwoman Kelley Williams and was passed by unanimous vote.

Correspondence

A letter from Glencadia Rod & Gun Club announcing their Anniversary celebration and inviting the Board to the festivities on May 11, 2013.

A letter from Catholic Charities.

A letter from from the NYS Dept of Transportation approving the request for the extension on the grant preparation.

A letter regarding "Honor a Vet" program.

Special Guest – James Burke, Glencadia Rod & Gun Club

Mr. Burke is the Chairman of Youth Pheasant Hunt for the Youth Program at the Gun Club. Mr. Burke explained the program and the Pheasant Hunt day. It is held on the 2nd Sunday in November. The pheasants are released the night before, then children attend a safety & hunting program with chaperone adults, EnCon is in attendance as well as dog handlers. The children also receive instruction on the use and safety of shotguns. At the conclusion of the hunt, the participants clean and cook what they've hunted then attend additional sporting classes.

Mr. Burke explained that the Gun Club sponsors several programs for youth in the community including the Glencadia Bullets (a USATF Track Team), a baseball team as well as other sporting programs in the area.

The Gun Club is requesting permission to use the Ken Hummel Memorial Park in November for their Pheasant Hunt Youth Program.

Special Guest – Fran Heaney, Columbia County Council on the Arts, Board Member

Ms. Heaney was introduced by Karen Hummel and she spoke to the Board about the Plein Art Program sponsored by the Council on the Arts. The program will run for several weeks and will travel around the county. The first of several events is planned for April 27th at the Ken Hummel Memorial Park from 9-12. In attendance will be different artists including painters and photographers. It is a free event and all are invited.

Karen Hummel requested a porta potty be at the park for the day of the event. A motion was made by Councilman Ed Scott to order a porta potty and the motion was seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden. The motion was passed by unanimous vote. Melissa Naegeli will call to have it delivered.

Old Business

Hydro Electric Plant – The FERC License has been issued and is under review. An agreement is being worked on between the Town and Albany Engineering.

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Time Warner Change-over -- the contracts have been signed and the work is being scheduled.

DOT – Ice House Road – the new crossing is still expected to be completed this year.

Supervisor Knott explained that the six-year appointment for the Town's Sole Assessor Howard Gleason will expire on September 30, 2013. He asked the Board to re-appoint Mr. Gleason for another six-year term as Sole Assessor. A motion was made by Councilman Edward Scott and seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden to reappoint Howard Gleason, Jr. to the position of Sole Assessor for a six-year term beginning on October 1, 2013 and ending on September 30, 2019. The motion was passed by unanimous vote. Melissa Naegeli will notify the Director of the Columbia County Real Property Bureau.

Supervisor Knott asked the Board if there were any questions or comments on the proposed contract from Pondsview Country Kennels. This is a secondary shelter option that Dog Control Officer Wes Powell suggested. There being no comments or questions, a motion to authorize Supervisor Knott to sign the Contract was made by Councilman Edward Scott and seconded by Councilwoman Kelley Williams. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Reports

Town Clerk: Report is on file in her office. Melissa also gave a brief report on the collection of taxes. The Town Clerk announced her office would be closed on April 29th and 30th while she attended Annual Town Clerk Conference for training in Buffalo.

Assessor: Cathy Knott announced that the exemptions are in and are being processed. She said that if there was anyone who didn't turn one in but should have, they can apply to the Grievance Board on the 4th Tuesday of May (5-28-13).

Mrs. Knott also explained that there would be changes to the Basic Star program in 2014. She said that homeowners will receive information directly from the State and that the Assessor's Office was not involved in the process.

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

Railroad Station Restoration Committee: The last pot luck dinner will be held on Friday, April 12th at 5:30pm at the Depot. The summer events will begin on May 10th with a Rhubarb Festival.

Volunteers are still working on the station on Friday mornings and welcome more helpers.

Recreation Committee: Councilwoman Williams reported that she worked on making checklists for the program inspections that needed to be completed for the insurance liability policy.

Juanita Knott suggested that there be clean up groups organized for the playgrounds and that the work could be done in conjunction with the inspections. Councilwoman Williams asked Melissa Naegeli to put an announcement on the website that the Recreation Committee is looking for volunteers.

Environmental Management Council: Mrs. Schneider was not in attendance.

Highway Department: Superintendent Bernie Kowalski reported that the snow fences were all down and the roads were being swept. He said they had taken 30 loads from lower Lang Road and that Amtrak was going to be taking over the track side. He also announced the lows and wings would be removed from the trucks during the following week.

Superintendent Kowalski announced that the annual town wide clean up day would be May 11th from 8-4 rain or shine. Residents should see Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli to obtain their free 2 trip punch card.

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Supervisor Knott added that there would be an additional container this year strictly for electronics. Superintendent Kowalski asked that residents try to be diligent in separating their loads for easier unloading.

Planning/Zoning Boards: Shirley Narzynski announced that there would be a Planning Board meeting on 2 minor subdivisions on April 22nd. She also announced that there was no Zoning Board meeting scheduled for April as there was no business.

Town Hall: Supervisor Knott reported that he has been looking into the cost of replacing the lights in the parking lots.

Historian: Town Historian Juanita Knott reported that Historic Stuyvesant Day will be held on Saturday, August 10th and the celebration will be centered around the grand re-opening of the Hydro Electric Plant. Albany Engineering will be having brochures printed and will be hosting tours of the facility. A picnic will be held at the Sandbar. Mrs. Knott is working on a timeline of events since the beginning of the operation of the Plant.

John Freedman has completed a documentary film on the power plant that is approximately 25 minutes long and is now available for viewing. He has requested a screening at the Town Hall for early June.

Dog Control Officer: No report.

Cemeter – The grounds have been cleaned up and the roof of the small building is being inspected.

County Government

Councilman Ed Scott asked Supervisor Knott if he could find out about the status of the work and dates of service for the Stuyvesant Falls Bridge.

CHIPs – Supervisor Knott announced that there will be an increase in CHIPs funding by about 20%.

Supervisor Knott reported that he was scheduled to attend 26 meetings during the month. One of those would be the “Honor a Vet” celebration for Mario Pelleschi on April 22nd at 9am. He also announced that the interviews for the Human Resources position were ongoing.

Pine Haven Nursing Home – this is a co-owned nursing home. The County is considering financing to build a new facility.

Columbia Co. Airport – the FAA wants more safety area and the County is looking at acquiring additional lands from Meadowgreens. An offer has been made to the owner but there was not been a response. There will be a Public Hearing at the next full Board Meeting.

The Board of Supervisors is currently reviewing the sales tax and whether they should petition the State to be allowed to continue at 8%.

New Business

A portion of State Route 9J will be closed for approximately 3 weeks beginning on April 16th. The routed detour will be over County Route 26A.

Supervisor Knott reported that no other bids had been received in response to the RFP for the photovolataic system at the Town Hall, other than Monolith Solar Power. Monolith had increased their offer to 50% for the first year (up from 25%).

A motion to enter into a contract with Monolith Solar Power for them to provide a photovoltaic system at the Stuyvesant Town Hall was made by Councilman Edward Scott and seconded by Councilman Tom Burrall. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

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Councilman Brian Chittenden gave a report from his meetings on Farm Bureau Lobby Day with various Legislative leaders.

Councilman Brian Chittenden also explained that Dutch Hollow Farm has started a pilot program to connect with the community. They are printing and mailing newsletters to the residents letting them know what’s going on on the farm and any up-coming events or programs for the public.

Supervisor Knott reported that he would be attending the Annual Finance School and that he had paid the \$200.00 tuition. He asked the Board to approve his voucher for reimbursement. A motion to approve the voucher was made by Councilman Edward Scott and seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Supervisor Knott explained that the Glencadia Rod & Gun Club would be celebrating their 75th Anniversary and that they had requested a Certificate of Appreciation fro the Town. Supervisor Knott the Board’s approval to have Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli prepare a Certificate for everyone’s signature. The request was approve by unanimous vote and Melissa will prepare the document.

Councilman Edward Scott made a motion to allow the request by Jim Burke to allow the Glencadia Rod & Gun Club to hold their annual Youth Pheasant Hunt on the 2nd Sunday of November at the Ken Hummel Park. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Kelley Williams and the motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Councilman Edward Scott asked the Board about the sign in front of the Town Hall. It is starting to deteriorate from the weather. He will contact the sign maker for the signs that are at the Town borders and have another made for the Town Hall. Councilman Scott also asked about the mulch around the building.

Public Comments

Lee Jameson (Riverview Street) spoke to the Board and audience about the proposed Library expansion project and the completion of a feasibility plan. She also announced that there would be a Big Truck Day at the Stuyvesant Town Hall on June 15th. Ms. Jameson also requested that the agendas be more easily accessed on the website. Ms. Jameson concluded with the announcement that Sean Cummings was offering a \$500 reward for information regarding the fire at the gazebo at the riverbank.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Edward Scott and seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden. The motion was passed by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Recorded this 11th day of April 2013

Approved this 9th day of May 2013

Supervisor Knott

Town Clerk – Melissa Naegeli

Councilperson

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Abstract of Vouchers presented for payment

TOWN OF STUYVESANT ABSTRACTS						
	<i>April 2013</i>					
CLAIM #	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	HIGHWAY	CAPITAL	RAIL ROAD
99	National Grid (\$2449.18)	5182.4	1,387.97			
		5132.4	785.62			
		1620.4	252.66			22.93
100	Blue Shield of Northeastern NY (\$3677.70)	9060.8	839.02	2,838.68		
101	Col. Co. Treasurer	9060.8	93.22			
102	U.S. Post Office	1355.4	6.85			
103	Fairpoint Communications (\$349.55)	1620.4	233.98			
		5132.4	115.57			
104	Louise Sacco	1620.4	195.00			
105	Rainbow Distributors (\$29.49)	1620.4	17.49			
		5132.4	12.00			
106	Mario's Home Center (\$251.14)	5132.4	28.01			
		1620.4	91.16			
		5130.4		131.97		
107	Xerox Corporation (\$359.93)	1620.4	60.00			
		1410.4	299.93			
108	Col. Co. Sheriff's Dept.	1110.4	285.22			
109	Johnson Newspaper Corp.	1355.4	35.24			
110	Business Automation Services	1410.4	95.00			
111	Staples Advantage	1410.4	76.48			
112	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	1,187.50			
113	Morris Associates	1440.4	557.50			
114	Col. Co. Treasurer (Highway)	3310.4	8.31			
115	VFW Post #9593	6510.4	1,200.00			
116	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	73.22			
117	County Waste	5132.4	96.79			
118	Culligan	5132.4	26.75			
119	Long Energy (\$1582.26)	5110.4		1,305.42		
		5132.4	276.84			
120	Hudson Valley Tree Service	5110.4		450.00		
121	CJ Miner, Inc.	5110.4		165.00		
122	Farrell Oil Co., Inc.	5110.4		53.24		
123	Chemung Supply Corp.	5110.4		1,900.24		
124	Fleet Services	5110.4		323.20		
125	Tractor Supply	5130.4		98.31		
126	Columbia Tractor, Inc.	5130.4		71.92		
127	Van Kleeck's Tire Inc.	5130.4		344.50		
128	Northeast Automotive Parts, Inc.	5130.4		42.41		
129	John Deere Financial	5130.4		138.72		
130	Lapiner Brothers	5130.4		196.00		
131	Mooradians	5130.4		497.54		
132	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4		38.95		
133	Ronald Knott	1220.4	200.00			
134	Colarusso Quarry	5110.4		610.48		
			8,537.33	9,206.58	0.00	22.93