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The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, September 12, 2013 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, Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea and Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli. Highway Superintendent Bernie Kowalski was not in attendance – he was called out for the weather.

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 Councilman Brian Chittenden 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 Metz Wood Harder to set up a meeting to discuss a new health insurance plan. The meeting has been scheduled for September 27th.

A letter from the Association of Towns notifying us that the dues will remain \$600 for 2014.

A thank you letter to Supervisor Knott from Dennis Shields. Mr. Shields was a sponsored student for a summer job with the County.

A letter from the Columbia Land Conservancy stating that the annual report was available. Supervisor Knott said it was available in the Town Hall.

A letter from the NYS Public Justice Office announcing the lifeline discount telephone service. Supervisor Knott has information is anyone would like it.

A card from someone who had visited the Town over the summer with her granddaughter who's last name is "Stuyvesant". Supervisor Knott asked Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli to read the card.

Supervisor Knott pointed out a donation of a painting from Otto Maranda. The painting is of the Hydro Electric Plant in Stuyvesant Falls. The painting will hang in the meeting room. The Board expressed thanks to Mr. Maranda (who was not in attendance).

Special Guest

Town Justice Carrie, O'Hare, Ph.D. announced to the Board and audience that she had recently attended the NYS Magistrates Association conference and was name to the Board of Directors. The Board congratulated Judge O'Hare.

Old Business

Ice House Road – Supervisor Knott said he is still being told there would be completion in October.

RR Station – Supervisor Knott read a letter from the NYS DOT granting authorization to proceed to Phase II of the renovations/construction at the RR station. This announcement was met with applause from the audience.

Supervisor Knott read the following Resolution to the Board authorizing the Supervisor to sign the necessary documents to solicit for bids for the construction of Phase II. Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli took the roll call vote and the results are shown within the following Resolution.

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**RESOLUTION
TOWN OF STUVESANT TOWN BOARD
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WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant entered into a grant application with NYSDOT for phase II of the Stuyvesant Railroad Restoration. In 2003 Phase II was designed to allow the town to use the station as a place of public assembly or any other use appropriate to the structure;

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant in 2007 resolved to revise the original scope of work of Phase II thus creating a new Phase II (Revised) to be partially funded under the present grant;

WHEREAS, the restoration and reuse of the station will reclaim, for the hamlet of Stuyvesant Landing, a significant component of its historic townscape, while enabling visitors and residents alike to take full advantage of the proposed Greenway trail system and the Hudson River. Pedestrian river access for all will be enhanced, the hamlet will gain focus as a recreation area, tourism will result in the hamlet's economic revitalization, and focus as a recreation area, tourism will result in the hamlet's economic revitalization, and the use of the station will discourage vandalism;

WHEREAS, this grant application has been reviewed and supported by previous boards and committees as well as agencies such as Columbia County Health Department, NYS Department of Transportation, State Historic Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, volunteers have committed countless hours maintaining the station and fundraising to offset the town's cost for the matching portion of this grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Stuyvesant Town Board hereby resolves to authorize the Supervisor to sign the authorization to proceed as well as all other necessary documents to solicit bids for construction of Phase II of the restoration of the Stuyvesant Railroad Station based on plans prepared for the town by the architectural firm Mesick, Cohen & Wilson.

<u>Town Board Members</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ronald Knott	X		
Kellie Williams	X		
Brian Chittenden	X		
Edward Scott	X		
Thomas Burrall	X		

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Schoolhouse Road Bridge – Supervisor Knott reported that he had been contacted by CSX to set up a meeting to discuss the proposal forwarded to them and their Real Estate Division regarding building a new road on the abandoned rail bed.

Solar Project – Supervisor Knott reported that the project was completed and the Town Hall was put online on Wednesday, September 11th.

Reports

Town Clerk: Report is on file. Melissa Naegeli also gave the final report on the Ken Hummel 5K. She explained that registrations were down and expenses were up. Although the run didn't lose money, the profit was \$24.00.

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Recreation Committee –Councilwoman Kellie Williams reported that she, Councilman Scott, Lee Jamison and Cal Burch had met on Saturday, September 7th. They discussed setting up a meeting with the various committees and agencies involved with the Ken Hummel Memorial Park to establish a schedule of events to be held on the grounds.

Supervisor Knott reported that Chris Palladino had completed his proposal for the kiosk project. Supervisor Knott signed the necessary paperwork and the documents have been submitted to the National Committee for the Boys Scouts for approval. Mr. Palladino still expects the project to be completed this Fall. Ms. Jamison suggested that CLC be contacted for maps and information to be included on the boards.

Councilwoman Williams reported that 46 kids had attended the Kinderhook Summer Program and that the Town had been awarded \$488 in reimbursement from the County toward those costs.

Councilwoman Williams announced that there had been 6 entries for the Historic Stuyvesant Day coloring contest. She said that everyone will get a prize.

Councilman Scott reminded everyone that the Glencadia Rod & Gun Club Youth Pheasant Hunt will be held on Sunday, November 10th. The birds will be released the day before. The Club expects to release 60-75 birds. Councilman Scott also reminded everyone that only bow hunting will be allowed at the Park this year. He will get a sign up that says “bow hunting only”. No permits will be needed. Councilman Scott also said that Glencadia Rod & Gun Club had expressed interest in being included in the discussions regarding the park.

Zoning Revision Committee – Councilwoman Kellie Williams reported that the Committee had met and discussed the home occupation code. They are finishing their recommendations and revisions and will give to the Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea for review prior to submission to the Town Board.

Railroad Station Restoration Committee: Marilyn Burch reminded everyone that the Taste from Buffalo celebration would be held on September 13th at the railroad station.

Environmental Management Council: Kathy Schneider reported that while the Council was following up on the TCI information, they were reviewing the County’s Emergency Management Plan. The Council had requested the information and response for Tier 2 sites but was told that those sites were not public information due to security concerns. The Council has decided they would research and compile their own list to publicize.

Dog Control Officer: Report on file in Town Clerk’s Office.

Kinderhook Memorial Library – Lee Jamison announced there would be Oktoberfest on September 28th. Tickets are available at the Library. She also reported on the success of the various summer programs that had been offered by the Library.

Assessor’s Office: Cathy Knott spoke to the Board and audience regarding the BASIC Star Exemption changes that people were being notified about directly from NYS through a letter. She expressed the importance of registering by December 31st. Mrs. Knott said information was available in the Town Hall. Councilman Scott asked if people would have to reapply every year. Mrs. Knott said no, this one time only because the State was looking for additional information from people.

Supervisor Knott added that the County Board of Supervisors had heard a presentation from the NYS Office Real Property Services. They are encouraging people to contact the NYS ORPS with any questions and to NOT go through the local Assessor’s Offices (for BASIC Star).

Planning/Zoning Boards: Shirley Narzynski reported that the Planning Board had met in August and approved an application from Mr. & Mrs. Gerlie to have a B & B in their home. She reported that the

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Board had also reviewed applications for a lot line adjustment and a minor subdivision from Mr. Flood – presented by Peter VanAlstyne (Surveyor). A Public Hearing is scheduled for the next regular meeting of the Planning Board on Monday, September 23rd.

Supervisor Knott reminded everyone that Shirley Narzynski had resigned from the position of Secretary to the Planning & Zoning Boards. He thanked her for her service and the audience gave applause. Supervisor Knott reported that 2 letters of interest had been received and those candidates had been interviewed. He stated that both candidates were qualified but that the Board hadn't had a chance to discuss it as a group so no appointment was made yet. A decision would be made soon.

Cemetery – Councilman Edward Scott reported that he had been contacted by Mario Nistico volunteering to repair the damaged stones in the Firwood Cemetery. Councilman Scott asked the Board to purchase the necessary materials for the repairs. A motion to purchase the materials and to accept Mr. Nistico's offer to voluntarily repair the stones was made by Supervisor Ron Knott. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden and was passed by unanimous vote. Councilman Scott will notify Mr. Nistico.

ZEO/Building Inspector – Report on file in Town Clerk's Office.

Town Hall: The Solar panels are installed and the building is on-line.

Supervisor Knott reviewed the SEQRA Short Form for the Railroad Station Restoration Project. The document will be on file.

County Government

Courthouse Renovation Project: Supervisor Knott reported that good progress was being made on the project. He said January is still the expected completion timeframe.

Weighted Vote Law – Supervisor Knott said this would likely be voted on at the next full Board of Supervisors meeting. He said the law was available for viewing in the Town Hall.

Airport & Pine Haven: Supervisor Knott said that anyone with questions or concerns about these (or any other) project at the County level should feel free to contact him.

New Business

Supervisor Knott reported that the Board had reviewed the Department Head's budget requests and that the preliminary budget would be filed in the Town Clerk's Office by the end of September. He said the Board would review the Preliminary Budget at the October Town Board meeting and the Public Hearing would be set for the regular meeting night of November 7th.

Supervisor Knott reported that he is still looking into having the Comprehensive Plan digitized so it can be added to the Town's website.

Supervisor Knott and Councilwoman Williams will meet with the insurance agent to discuss changes to the health insurance plans for the Highway Department.

Supervisor Knott reported that Senator Marchionne will hold a public meeting at the Kinderhook Town Hall on September 28th at 12:00 noon.

Supervisor Knott announced the NYS has a new "NY Energy Highway Solution". Money has been set aside to install new high powered transmission lines to bring power to NYC. Although he still reviewing the documents he had received, he said if anyone had questions they could contact him.

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Public Comments

Lee Jamison said she supports keeping Pine Haven open as a County-owned nursing home.

Mike Naegeli asked if Richmore Aviation (at the airport) pays sales tax. He said he had read that anytime they sell a plane – anywhere in the world, that the sales tax comes back to the County. Supervisor Knott said yes they do but he didn't have a number available.

Lee Jamison asked how many solar panels had been installed on the roof and what was the kilowatt hours. She also asked if there was a monitoring system. Supervisor Knott said he would have to check on those items.

Councilman Scott made a motion to the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tom Burrall and the meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.

Recorded this 12th day of September 2013

Approved this 10th day of October 2013.

Supervisor Knott

Town Clerk – Melissa Naegeli

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Abstract of Vouchers presented for payment

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NO	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	HIGHWAY	CAP	RR
280	Blue Shield of NENY (3677.70)	9060.8	839.02	2,838.68		
281	Columbia Co. Treasurer	9060.8	93.22			
282	National Grid (1777.92)	5132.4	1,369.54			
		5132.4	156.85			
		1620.4	251.53			
283	Time Warner Cable (378.13)	1620.4	257.96			
		5132.4	120.17			
284	Catherine Knott (44.53)	1620.4	11.53			
		1355.4	33.00			
285	Schodack Septic (258.00)	1620.4				108.00
		7550.4	150.00			
286	Business Automation Services	1620.4	98.25			
287	Columbia County	1110.4	48.60			
288	Staples, Inc.	1410.4	30.22			
289	Xerox Corporation	1410.4	143.40			
290	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	625.00			
291	Metz Wood Harder	1910.4	120.50			
292	Charlene Leach	6140.4	65.00			
293	Rensselaer Co. Humane Society	3510.4	167.00			
294	Town of Kinderhook	7310.4	3,325.00			
295	Edward Scott	7550.4	1,310.00			
296	JCB Specialties (Ken Hummel 5K)	7550.4	891.00			
297	Johnson Newspaper	8020.4	18.77			
298	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	60.39			
299	Fleet Services	5110.4		338.76		
300	Main Care Energy	5110.4		1,484.63		

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301	New Castle Asphalt	5110.4		590.45
302	County Waste	5132.4	75.00	
303	Culligan	5132.4	27.82	
304	Mario's Home Center (362.15)	5132.4	201.94	
		5130.4		160.21
305	Ben Funk, Inc.	5130.4		11.42
306	Tractor Supply	5130.4		75.77
307	Lowe's	5130.4		226.47
308	John Deere Financial	5130.4		57.73
309	Monroe Tractor & Implement Co.	5130.4		48.52
310	Unifirst Corp.	5130.4		25.52
311	Auctions International	5130.2		1,624.50