

December 19, 2013

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, December 19, 2013 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott, Councilman Tom Burrall, Councilman Edward Scott, Councilwoman Kelley Williams, Highway Superintendent Bernie Kowalski and Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli. Councilman Brian Chittenden was not in attendance.

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 Tom Burrall 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

Letter from Columbia County regarding ProAct prescription cards.

Letter from NY Planning Federation regarding training opportunity in April 2014.

Letter from Columbia Land Conservancy regarding annual visit to the Ken Hummel Park. Everything is in order.

Letter from NYS DOT regarding updating the small urban area boundaries. Supervisor Knott asked Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea to look into this.

Letter from National Grid regarding the NYS Energy Solution – handouts provided.

Old Business

The kiosk at Ken Hummel Park is complete. Christopher Palladino worked on it as his Eagle Scout Project. CLC is working on a map and Sean Cummings is working with them.

Supervisor Knott announced that BAR Member Derek LaTorre's appointment was over. Mr. LaTorre agreed to serve on the Board again and a motion to reappoint him to the Board was made by Councilman Edward Scott. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Kelley Williams and was passed by unanimous vote. Supervisor Knott will notify Mr. LaTorre.

Supervisor Knott announced that the Railroad Restoration Phase II project has been put out to bid. The bid opening is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21 at 10:00am at the Town Hall.

Reports

Town Clerk: Report is on file.

Recreation Committee –Councilwoman Kellie Williams reported that that the Committee is discussing plans for Spring and clean up schedules. The grant package has been sent to NYS again and Lee Jamison is working on the details for the Owl Walk in January or February.

Railroad Station Restoration Committee -- The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall. The next pot luck dinner will be January 10, 2014.

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Environmental Management Council: No report

Zoning Revision Committee – Councilwoman Kelley Williams reported that they are looking at maps and soil types. The next meeting will be January 8, 2014.

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

Kinderhook Memorial Library – Lee Jamison reported the Library has completed their audit. There will be a resolution to increase the budget request for 2014. There will be a Lyme Disease presentation in January. There will be a presentation by Tom Shanahan on the War of 1812. Judy Warrant sold 22 paintings from her class.

Highway Department – Highway Superintendent Bernie Kowalski reported that everything is okay.

Assessor's Office: Cathy Knott reported that exemptions were mailed out at Thanksgiving time. She is contacting people who have not yet reapplied for the Basic Star.

Planning/Zoning Boards: Yvonne Main reported that the ZBA met on November 17th and approved an area variance for Harris/Sullivan following a public hearing. There is nothing on the calendar for January yet.

Historian – No report.

Cemetery – Councilman Edward Scott reported that the large, damaged tree has been removed.

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

Town Hall -- Supervisor Knott announced that the back sidewalk will have to be monitored because of snow and ice sliding off of the solar panels as they heat up. New lights are being researched for the parking lot.

County Government

Supervisor Knott reported that the Budget had been approved with a 2% increase. This was the first time in 3 years that no fund balance money was used to balance.

Courthouse – The project is moving along well. A move in date in March is expected.

The County Organizational Meeting will be held on Friday, January 3, 2014 and Committee appointments will be made then.

There has been a request for metal detectors to be installed at the DSS and Mental Health offices. The Office of Court Administration will install at no cost to the County.

New Business

Supervisor Knott reported that he is working on an Employee Handbook and hopes to have it ready in January.

Supervisor Knott reviewed Budget Amendment #2 and it is on file in the Town Clerk's Office. A motion to approve the Budget Amendment #2 as reviewed was made by Councilman Edward Scott and seconded by Councilwoman Kelley Williams. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

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Public Comments

Mike Naegeli asked if the Town had received the Mortgage Tax from the County. Supervisor Knott replied that we had and it was over what was anticipated.

Lee Jamison asked if there was any update on the Stuyvesant Falls Bridge. Supervisor Knott replied that the report had not been received yet. Councilman Scott reported that the State had been there again looking at the bridge within the past 2 weeks. Supervisor Knott said he expected the information soon.

Steven Taylor asked for an update on the Ice House and Ferry Roads project. Supervisor Knott reported that Amtrak had begun the work of installing the new crossing at Ice House Road but hadn't been seen in a while. The work on the traffic light at Ferry Road has not yet begun.

Supervisor Knott announced that the Town's Organizational Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 6:30 prior to the full Board Meeting scheduled for 7:00pm.

Recorded this 19th day of December 2013

Approved this 9th day of January 2014.

Supervisor Knott

Town Clerk – Melissa Naegeli

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Abstract of Vouchers presented for Payment

TOWN OF STUYVESANT ABSTRACTS						
	December 2013					
#	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	HIGHWAY	CAP	RR
390	National Grid (\$1938.59)	5185.4	1,690.38			
		5132.4	211.65			
		1620.4	15.83			20.73
391	Time Warner Cable (\$389.06)	1620.4	262.04			
		127.02				
392	Business Automation Services	1620.4	1,229.75			
393	Catherine Knott	1355.4	21.08			
394	Xerox Corp.	1410.4	150.96			
395	Stuyvesant Postmaster	1410.4	460.00			
396	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	1,000.00			
397	Staples, Inc. (\$212.97)	5010.4	8.80			
		1410.4	71.36			
		8020.4	130.81			
		1355.4	2.00			
398	Gerry Ennis	3620.4	23.00			
399	Johnson Newspaper (\$37.06)	8010.4	16.10			
		8020.4	20.96			
400	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	80.98			
401	Mario's Home Center (\$537.29)	1620.4	38.97			
		5132.4	37.28			
		7110.4	251.45			
		5130.4		209.59		
402	Yaun Co., Inc.	5132.4	106.14			
403	N & S Supply	5132.4	92.15			
404	Culligan	5132.4	27.82			
405	Lapiner Bros., Inc.	5132.4	163.00			
406	Rainbow Distributors (40.98)	5132.4	26.98			
		1620.4	14.00			
407	Lowe's	5132.4	85.85			
408	Main Care Energy (\$1,067.21)	5132.4	421.67			
		5110.4		645.54		
409	County Waste	8160.4	75.00			
410	George Henderson	8810.4	700.00			
411	National Uniforms	9090.8	258.51			

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412	Partner in Safety	5110.1		162.00		
413	Fleet Services	5110.4		306.23		
414	Colarusso Quarry	5110.4		329.80		
415	Inter City Tire	5130.4		3,000.00		
416	Bernard J. Kowalski	5130.4		474.16		
417	Checkered Flag Fabrications	5130.4		356.92		
418	Northeast Automotive Parts, Inc.	5130.4		553.10		
419	VanAllen Automotive	5130.4		21.00		
420	Terry Haggerty Tire Co. Inc.	5130.4		308.00		
421	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4		229.07		
422	Unifirst Corp.	5130.4		25.90		
423	Chemung Supply Corp.	5142.4		1,315.75		
424	Columbia County	1110.4	131.64			
425	Williamson Law Book Co.	1110.4	79.83			
426	Carrie A. O'Hare	1110.4	58.45			20.73
427	Stuyvesant Post Office	1355.4	46.00			
428	Jerry Martin	1410.4	\$50.00			
429	Johnson New Corporation (\$70.08)	8010.4	17.32			
		8020.4	38.28			
		1410.4	14.48			
430	Richard Moran	6140.4	165.00			
431	Schwaab, Inc.	8020.4	45.99			
432	Main Care Energy	5110.4		873.87		
433	Farrell Oil Co., Inc.	5110.4		679.70		
434	Mooradians	5130.4		951.25		
435	Bernard J. Kowalski	5130.4		39.88		
436	Zwack, Inc.	5130.4		20.06		