

**November 14, 2013**

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, November 14, 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, Highway Superintendent Bernie Kowalski and Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli.

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 Brian Chittenden and was passed by unanimous vote.

### ***Correspondence***

Annual Generation Report for Albany Engineering/Hydro Electric Plant.

Letter from Red Cross asking people to come sign a card for Veterans on Decmeber 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Announcement for Emerald Ash Borer Seminar in Rensselaer County.

### ***Old Business***

Schoolhouse Road bridge – Supervisor Knott reported that he had met with CSX and discussed the idea of replacing the bridge with a road on the abandoned rail bed. CSX said they liked the idea and the Town is researching the process. There will be a meeting with DOT in early December and a meeting with DEC will be scheduled.

NY Energy Solutions – Supervisor Knott reported that the Board of Supervisors has received information that 4 other companies are bidding for the project in addition to Transco. The Board has decided to wait for a recommendation from the Public Service Commission.

Ice House Road – Supervisor Knott reported that the work had started on the crossing. DEC is still committed to making a riverfront park in Spring 2014.

### ***Reports***

*Town Clerk:* Report is on file.

*Recreation Committee* –Councilwoman Kellie Williams reported that she was going back and forth with the State on the Grant from 2000 for the playground equipment.

Supervisor Knott reported that Chris Palladino and the Boy Scouts have been working on the kiosk at the Ken Hummel Park. He added that CLC is working on digitizing a map to be included in the kiosk.

Supervisor Knott also reported that he had spoken with Supervisor Grattan (Kinderhook) regarding the summer program in 2014. The swimming program will be moving to another park and the cost will likely increase for the Town in 2014.

Councilwoman Williams asked Cathy Knott to give a report on the Halloween Party. Mrs. Knott reported that the 2013 Party was “the best one yet” with the most children in attendance. Mrs. Knott thanked all of the volunteers.

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*Railroad Station Restoration Committee* -- Marilyn Burch reported that the first of the Winter Pot Luck dinners was held on November 8<sup>th</sup>. The dinners will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month at the railroad station. The next dinner will be December 13<sup>th</sup>. The next Committee meeting will be held on November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall at 9:00am.

*Environmental Management Council:* Kathy Schneider reported that the Council was 2 towns short of 100% participation. She also reported that she had attended a CLC presentation on Conservation Development.

*Zoning Revision Committee* – Councilwoman Kelley Williams reported that the 2 main focus topics of the group immediately are land acreage by soil and home occupations.

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

*Kinderhook Memorial Library* – Lee Jamison reported that there would be an Art Show opening on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

*Highway Department* – Highway Superintendent Bernie Kowalski reported Jeff Altomer was not going to return to the Department that he was put on permanent disability. Chuck Stiffler will be starting to replace Jeff. Steve Montie is out with an injury and is expected to return in December. The snow fence is up and the trucks are winter ready. Mr. Kowalski added that he is still trying to find out about the reduced amount of CHiPs.

*Assessor’s Office:* Cathy Knott reported that exemptions were being prepared for mailing and that they should be received by Thanksgiving.

*Planning/Zoning Boards:* Yvonne Main reported that there would be a Zoning Board meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup> regarding an area variance. There would also be a Planning Board Public Hearing on November 25<sup>th</sup> regarding a lot line adjustment and conservation easement on Route 21.

*Historian* – Juanita Knott reported that the theme for the 2014 Historic Stuyvesant Day will be Civil War Newspapers and railroads. She showed everyone a fragile, 9 page handprinted newspaper from 1864.

*Cemetery* – Councilman Edward Scott reported Bernie had found someone for the tree service at a reasonable price. He also reported the he and Mario Nistico had repaired some of the stones but will have to wait for Spring and warmer weather to complete the work.

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

*Town Hall* -- Councilman Edward Scott reported that he is getting everything ready for winter.

## **County Government**

Supervisor Knott reported that the finance committee has been working on hard on the 2014 Budget and expected it to be presented at a meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Courthouse – The move back is expected to take place in February 2014.

Airport – a Committee has been formed to sort out information and make a presentation to the Board.

There was a presentation from the Healthcare Consortium to the County Board of Supervisors and they explained they have “navigators” to help people apply for the Affordable Care Act.

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**New Business**

Supervisor Knott reported to the Board that he had received proposed 2014 Contracts from Pondsview Kennel and the Columbia Greene Humane Society to provide shelter services again. A motion to allow Supervisor Knott to sign the contracts was made by Councilman Edward Scott and seconded by Councilwoman Kelley Williams. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

There will be newly elected official training in Albany on January 15-17.

The December meeting will be moved to December 19<sup>th</sup> and will be the final meeting for the year. Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli will notify the newspaper and put a notice on the website.

There will be a swearing in ceremony on January 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:30. Everyone is invited.

Supervisor Knott reported that the 2014 Budget was adopted following the Public Hearing held on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Comments**

Lee Jamison asked about the “junk pile” on Sharptown Road between the Highway Department equipment and the Ken Hummel Park lands. Highway Superintendent Bernie Kowalski explained that the brush will be burned by the Fire Company (like every year) and that the garbage will be responsibly sorted. He explained that the Highway Department cannot patrol for people dumping garbage there.

Karen Hummel reported that following a benefit dinner that had been held on November 9<sup>th</sup>, the amount needed for the Grant had been raised. She thanked the Town and everyone who helped to raise money and/or donated.

Bob Balint asked about the Glencadia Dog Camp and if there were clear violations if the Building Inspector would investigate. Supervisor Knott advised Mr. Balint to speak with the Building Inspector.

Martin Roby asked if the Town could purchase picnic tables for the Ken Hummel Park.

Councilman Edward Scott reported that the Glencadia Rod & Gun Club Youth Pheasant Hunt was not held at the Ken Hummel Park. The fields had been mowed.

Martin Roby asked if Bill Better was still working for the Town.

Councilman Edward Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Recorded this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2013

Approved this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2013.

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Supervisor Knott

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Town Clerk – Melissa Naegeli

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**Abstract of Vouchers presented for Payment****TOWN OF STUYVESANT ABSTRACTS****November 2013**

CLAIM #	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	HIGHWAY	CAPITAL	RAIL ROAD
346	US Post Office	1410.4	92.00			
347	Melissa Naegeli	1410.4	50.00			
348	Blue Shield of NENY (3677.70)	9060.8	839.02	2,838.68		
349	Col. Co. Treasurer	9060.8	93.22			
350	CDPHP	9060.8	1,243.11	1,243.11		
351	Bank of Greene County (interest)	9710.7	25,830.00			
	(Principal payment)	9710.6	39,089.23			
352	The Bancorp Bank	9060.8	1,125.00	4,500.00		
353	Business Automation Services, Inc.	1620.4	29.75			
354	National Grid (\$1889.52)	5182.4	1,623.07			
		5132.4	225.30			
		1620.4	19.78			20.77
355	Time Warner Cable (\$769.03)	1620.4	523.25			
		5132.4	245.78			
356	Marilyn Burch	1620.4				57.96
357	Schodack Septic	1620.4				216.00
358	Rainbow Distributors	1620.4	19.53			
359	Johnson Newspaper Corp.	1010.4	19.18			
360	MJ Fitzgerald, Inc.	1010.4	250.00			
361	Columbia County	1110.4	169.33			
362	Colleen Bruno	1110.4	40.36			
363	Staples, Inc. (\$210.29)	5010.4	13.60			
		1410.4	115.27			
		1110.4	81.42			
364	Cathy Knott (\$170.99)	1355.4	20.99			
		7550.4	150.00			
365	Xerox Corp.	1410.4	153.88			
366	Melissa Naegeli	1410.4	28.20			
367	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	1,187.50			
368	Charlene Leach	6140.4	71.50			
369	Capital Sawmill Services	7110.4	557.28			
370	Yvonne M. Main	8020.4	58.62			
371	County Waste	8160.4	75.00			
372	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	75.02			
373	Yaun Co., Inc.	5132.4	631.01			
374	Gorman Bros., Inc.	5132.4	1,463.80			

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<b>375</b>	N & S Supply	5132.4	1,377.54		
<b>376</b>	Culligan	5132.4	27.82		
<b>377</b>	Mario's Home Center (\$1155.56)	1620.4	477.25		
		5132.4	503.42		
		5130.4		174.89	
<b>378</b>	Main Care Energy	5110.4		1,105.48	
<b>379</b>	Fleet Services	5110.4		368.44	
<b>380</b>	Roddy Niesen	5110.4		300.00	
<b>381</b>	Sam's Club	5130.4		100.00	
<b>382</b>	Unifirst Corp.	5130.4		25.52	
<b>383</b>	ACP Power Equipment, Inc.	5130.4		638.08	
<b>384</b>	Van Kleeck's Tire, Inc.	5130.4		823.56	
<b>385</b>	CarQuest of Valatie, Inc.	5130.4		9.28	
<b>386</b>	Checkered Flag Fabrications	5130.4		356.92	
<b>387</b>	International Salt Co.	5142.4		6,564.05	
<b>388</b>	Colarusso Sand & Gravel	5142.4		1,401.43	
<b>389</b>	Lowe's	5130.4		100.31	
			78,596.03	20,549.75	0.00
					294.73