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The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott, Councilman Edward Scott, Councilwoman Kelley Williams, Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli, Councilman Brian Chittenden, and Councilman Tom Burrall. Highway Superintendent Kowalski 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 Councilwoman Kelley Williams and it was passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Councilman Brian Chittenden to approve the vouchers presented for payment. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Kelley Williams and was passed by unanimous vote.

### **Correspondence**

Letter from NYS notifying all the Towns that the Columbia County Ag & Farmland Protection Plan had been approved.

A use of facilities request and the certificate of insurance were received for April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Civil Service announcements have been put on the bulletin board.

Town Justice Carrie O'Hare addressed the Board to notify them that the Court had begun using a Cloud Service for the digital images of scanned court documents. The service is at a lower cost per year than the service previously used. She also announced that the Town Court had received a \$1436 (no matching funds) grant from JCAP to cover the cost of scanning for the remainder of the year.

### **Old Business**

**Ice House Road** – Supervisor Knott announced that conversations were continuing with the DOT and DEC.

**Public Service Commission Info Meeting** – There was a presentation by the PSC on March 6<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall to discuss the review process for the proposed NYS Energy Solution project.

**Railroad Station Bids** – Supervisor Knott announced that the low bidder was J.C. Millbank Construction. He read a proposed resolution to enter into a contract with them for construction services at the Railroad Station. The Clerk took a roll call vote and the Resolution was adopted unanimously.

## **RESOLUTION TOWN OF STUYVESANT TOWN BOARD March 13<sup>th</sup> 2014**

### **Contract award for the restoration of the Stuyvesant Rail Station**

**WHEREAS;** *the Town of Stuyvesant Town Board on September 12 2013 authorized the Supervisor 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*

**WHEREAS.** *On February 4<sup>th</sup> 2014 the Town of Stuyvesant received seven sealed bids for the above mentioned project, at which time they were publically opened and read aloud. A breakdown of the bid tabulation, as recorded by the Town Clerk is attached herewith.*

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**WHEREAS**, Based on a review of the bids by both the Architectural firm Mesick, Cohen, Wilson, as well as our town engineer Morris Associates, the apparent low bidder is J.C. Millbank Construction of Pleasant Valley New York with a base bid of \$128,512.00

**WHEREAS**, Morris Associates has had the opportunity to further review the bid received by J.C. Millbank and it appears to be in order. Morris Associates has contacted several references that all resulted in favorable reviews. In addition Morris Associates and Mesick,Cohen,Wilson have worked with J.C. Millbank in the past and found there work to be acceptable.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED;** The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant awards the base bid of J.C. Millbank Construction in the amount of \$128,512.00 conditioned on the acceptance and approval of the contract awarded by NYSDOT PIN # 8758.46

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

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**Dewey Loeffler Landfill** – Supervisor Knott attended the EPA information meeting. The Supervisors want to work with the Environmental Management Council to alleviate fears of the public. Jeff Smith (NYS Well Drillers Association) offered to cooperate to do some information seminars. Kathy Schneider added that her fears had been alleviated from attending the meeting but says that Ed Simons still has questions as a Chemist. The Council will be discussing this issue at their next meeting.

Supervisor Knott reported that the Board had attended a presentation by the Business Automation Services (BAS) for a program that will link the Planning/Zoning Boards Office, the Building Inspector’s Office and the Assessor’s Office to coordinate information. He read a proposed Resolution to enter into a Contract with BAS and to purchase the program. The Clerk took a roll call vote and the Resolution was adopted by unanimous vote.

**Resolution  
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**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant has been interested in enhancing the operation of the building department, the assessor’s office as well as planning and zoning office,

**WHEREAS**, Representatives of all of these departments have attended several informational sessions regarding software than enable enhanced operations;

**WHEREAS**, Town Officials have discussed advantages of proposed software with other municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, Business Automation Services (BAS) has supplied similar software to the clerk’s office for tax collections, and has been providing the Town with offsite back up services, and has developed the Town’s web site;

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***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Stuyvesant Town Board hereby resolved to engage the services of BAS to develop an integrated property system as per agreement attached.*

<u>Town Board Members</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Supervisor Ron Knott	X		
Councilman Brian Chittenden	X		
Councilwoman Kelley Williams	X		
Councilman Tom Burrall	X		
Council Edward Scott		X	

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**Reports**

*Town Clerk:* Report is on file in her office.

*Recreation Committee:* Councilwoman Kelley Williams reported that the Committee had met and discussed the Spring Clean Up dates:

Swyer Preserve & Stuyvesant Landing	4/26
Stuyvesant Falls	5/3
Newton Hook (River Sweep Day)	5/10

They also discussed plans for repairs at the playgrounds. Lee Jamison reported that the Bird Walk at the Ken Hummel Park had been rescheduled to April 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am.

*Railroad Station Restoration Committee:* There will be a pot luck dinner on March 14<sup>th</sup> and The Calkins will plan

*Environmental Management Council:* Supervisor Knott reported that Kathy Schneider had been reappointed as the Town representative at the Full Board of Supervisors Meeting. Kathy Schneider reported that there would be Good Earthkeeping Awards and a reception at the March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting at 7pm.

*Zoning Revision Committee:* The Committee is continuing to review definitions.

*Library:* Lee Jamison reported that the annual reported had been completed and mailing was being prepared. A murder mystery night was being held on March 29<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall as a fundraiser for the Teen Program. The Library received a grant from the Arts Council for "World Music". There is another Big Truck Day being planned possibly for June. Tom Shanahan will give a talk on the War of 1812 on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

*Planning/Zoning Board:* Yvonne Main reported that there had been a lot line adjustment application for a property on Schoolhouse Road.

*Town Hall:* Councilman Ed Scott reported that the bathrooms had been painted, the light bulbs replaced, the urinal is being repaired and he will repair the stall handle in the ladies' room.

**County Government**

*Airport* – Supervisor Knott reported that will new information and ideas, the Board is going back to the start.

*Courthouse* -- April 1 is the substantial end date. The windows are being replaced, the low bid was awarded at the full Board of Supervisors meeting.

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Supervisor Knott announced that a link had been put on the website with information regarding the Environmental Impact Study of the high speed rail service. Lee Jamison added that everyone should comment that access to the river is important to all of us despite the high speed rail service.

**Special Guest**

Pat Manning presented information from Veridian Energy to the Board as an alternative to the energy provided by National Grid.

**New Business**

Melissa Naegeli requested permission to contact ARE Production for services for the Ken Hummel Run. A motion was made to contact them was made by Councilman Ed Scott. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden and was passed by unanimous vote.

**Public Comments**

Lee Jamison asked if there had been any word on the results of the study of the Stuyvesant Falls Bridge. Supervisor Knott said that Dean Rowe was still reviewing the report it should be available within a couple of months. There were no recommendations that the Supervisor was aware of.

Lee Jamison asked about the status of the Schoolhouse Bridge and asked if we should “get in line” with DOT. Supervisor Knott reported that we are still in discussions with CSX and DOT about the alternative of building a new road. The Winter put everything on hold.

Richard Moran asked if the plan for Ice House Road had been finalized and asked about a rumor of a parking lot to accommodate 50 cars. Supervisor Knott responded that there is a plan in place but not for that many cars.

Yvonne Main announced that there would be an Easter Egg Hunt at the Town Hall on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 11am-1pm.

Mike Naegeli asked if with the BAS upgrades whether the GIS from the County would eventually be integrated. Supervisor Knott replied that there were hopes for that.

Councilman Brian Chittenden announced that the Dutch Hollow Farm Winter Newsletter was available.

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

Recorded this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2014

Approved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2014

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Supervisor Knott

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Town Clerk – Melissa A. Naegeli

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## Abstract of vouchers approved for payment at the February 20, 2014 meeting

#	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	HIGHWAY
62	CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc.	9060.8	414.37	1,657.48
63	Columbia County Treasurer	9060.8	93.22	
64	Long Energy	1620.4	940.52	
65	Time Warner Cable (\$388.77)	1620.4	261.53	
		5132.4	\$127.24	
66	Business Automation Services, Inc. (\$3,089.25)	1620.4	89.25	
		1355.4	1,000.00	
		8010.4	1,000.00	
		8020.4	1,000.00	
67	Mesick, Cohen, Wilson & Baker Architects	1620.4	1,058.00	
68	Schodack Septic Services	7110.4	216.00	
69	Johnson Newspaper Corp. (\$45.88)	1010.4	14.89	
		8010.4	15.70	
		8020.4	15.29	
70	NYS Association of Magistrates Court Clerks, Inc.	1110.4	35.00	
71	E Biz Docs, Inc.	1110.4	600.00	
72	Columbia County Treasurer	1110.4	131.64	
73	Howard Gleason, Jr.	1355.4	100.00	
74	Stuyvesant Postmaster	1410.4	147.00	
75	Xerox Corporation	1410.4	143.12	
76	Staples, Inc. (\$31.12)	1410.4	10.01	
		8020.4	21.11	
77	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq. (\$906.25)	1420.4	906.28	
78	Morris Associates	1440.4	373.20	
79	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	138.98	
80	County Waste	5132.4	82.50	
81	Fix Family Enterprises	5132.4	290.00	
82	Culligan	5132.4	32.82	
83	Rainbow Distributors (\$81.96)	1620.4	30.00	
		5132.4	51.96	
84	International Salt Co., Inc.	5142.4		5,096.03
85	Farrell Oil, Inc.	5110.4		55.65
86	Fleet Services	5110.4		381.91
87	Hudson River Tractor (\$308.90)	5130.4		110.00
		7110.4	198.90	
88	Unifirst Corp.	5130.4		51.42

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<b>89</b>	Lowe's	5130.4		28.60
<b>90</b>	Dolan's Welding & Repair	5130.4		120.00
<b>91</b>	Northern Safety Co.	5130.4		247.92
<b>92</b>	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4		153.56
<b>93</b>	Ben Funk, Inc.	5130.4		987.12
<b>94</b>	Bernard J. Kowalski	5130.4		61.98
<b>95</b>	Chemung Supply Corp.	5130.4		325.00
<b>96</b>	Mooradians	5130.4		217.24
<b>97</b>	Northeast Automotive Parts, Inc.	5130.4		9.81
<b>98</b>	Power Plan	5130.4		117.21
<b>99</b>	Tractor Supply	5130.4		97.68
<b>100</b>	Main Care Energy (\$4615.53)	5132.4	919.38	
		5110.4		3,696.15
<b>101</b>	Mario's Home Center (\$171.68)	5132.4	145.09	
		5130.4		26.59
			10,603.00	13,441.35