

August 14, 2014

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, August 14, 2014 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott, Councilman Edward Scott, Councilwoman Kelley Williams, Councilman Brian Chittenden, Councilman Tom Burrall, Highway Superintendent 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 Tom Burrall 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

A letter from the Association of Towns notifying the Town that dues will increase to \$699 per year.

A letter from NYS Tax & Finance notifying the Town that we are at 100% Equalization.

A letter from Time Warner transmitting franchise fees of \$2077.

A thank you letter from the Stuyvesant Voluntary Fire Company thanking the Town for ad.

A letter from the NYS Dept. of Transportation notifying the Town that the updates to the Small Urban Boundaries has been approved.

A letter from Sean Cummings resigning from the Planning Board. The position will be advertised.

SPECIAL GUEST:

Gary Spielman, President of the Kinderhook Memorial Library addressed the Board and residents in attendance regarding a proposed increase in funding for the Library that will be on the ballot in the November General Election. The requested increase from Stuyvesant is 3% which results in a total amount of \$765 increase in funding to \$26,265.

Old Business

Ice House Road – Supervisor Knott reported that the paving was complete and new wiring was being installed.

Historic Stuyvesant Day – Supervisor Knott reported that the Committee realized after the conclusion of the day that it had been the 20th Historic Stuyvesant Day and was a successful event.

Reports

Town Clerk: Melissa Naegeli reported that the Ken Hummel Run had a net profit of \$1271.12. Her monthly Clerk Report is on file.

Recreation Committee: Councilwoman Kelley Williams everything is quiet. The Committee met and discussed new picnic tables and benches at the playgrounds.

Railroad Station Restoration Committee: Marilyn Burch reported that the Corn Festival was well attended and took in \$468.00. There will be a soup sampler in September at the Town Hall.

Environmental Management Council: Kathy Schneider that a letter in support of the County's Greenway Communities Grant application for GIS mapping of water was prepared. The Council is working on a resolution and advice regarding the transportation of oil on tankers and trains through the County.

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Dog Control Officer – Wes Powell reported that there had been a dispute between Folmsbee & Jennings but that the matter had been turned over to the Sheriff's Department. He encouraged people to call him when they see strays running around.

Zoning Revision Committee: Councilwoman Kelley Williams reported that the Committee is reviewing the Zoning Law.

Library: Lee Jamison reported that the Friends of the Library is running book sales at the Feed 'N Seed during the Farmers' Markets in Kinderhook on Saturdays.

Highway Dept. – Highway Superintendent Bernie Kowalski reported that Stuyvesant Manor roads had been paved. He requested Board approval to replace the 2005 small dump truck at a cost of \$85,000 - \$95,000 with money from the unexpended fund balance. A motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Tom Burrall, seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden and was passed by unanimous vote.

Assessor's Office – Assessor's Clerk Cathy Knott reported that all was quiet and reminded everyone to contact the office regarding exemptions they may be eligible for.

Planning/Zoning Board: Patricia Casey, Zoning Board Chair, reported that there was nothing on the Zoning Board calendar for August.

Town Historian – Juanita Knott reported that the weather had been perfect and that she considered the recent Historic Stuyvesant Day a very successful event. She added that copies of the timeline booklet are still available. Mrs. Knott also reported that the handprinted copies of the Civil War Newspaper that she had has been photographed and copies are available for viewing.

Cemetery -- Councilman Edward Scott said he thought Tony Link was doing a very good job keeping the grounds neat.

ZEO/Building Inspector – Report on file.

Town Hall – Supervisor Knott reported that the A/C had to be repaired. Bernie Kowalski reported that he had received a quote for sealing the driveway and parking lots of \$1500-1600. Supervisor Knott reported that he is researching the cost to replacing the outside lights.

County Government

County Courthouse – Supervisor Knott reported that the work is nearly complete with windows being installed in September and that it is expected to be move in ready in October. There will be an open house scheduled.

Stuyvesant Falls Bridge – There has been no update regarding the weight restrictions. The engineer has been asked to give an estimate of costs for the immediate repairs.

New Business

Supervisor Knott provided to the Board copies of a Standard Workday Resolution for the NYS Retirement System. A motion to adopt the Resolution was made by Councilman Edward Scott, seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote. Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli will publicly post the Resolution, as prescribed by NYS Law, for 30 days.

Supervisor Knott proposed a Budget Amendment. A motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Brian Chittenden, seconded by Councilman Edward Scott and was passed by unanimous vote.

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Supervisor Knott announced that there was a 2014 Budget Comparison documents for all of the towns in Columbia County. The document is available for review. He will try to get an electronic copy to post on the Town website.

Supervisor Knott reported that Budget Worksheets will be going out to all Department Heads. The Workshop scheduled for September 4th will be a budget workshop.

Public Comments

Cathy Knott requested approval to host the Town’s Halloween Party at the Town Hall on Saturday, October 25th from 1:00-3:00pm. She also asked for a slight increase in funding to \$175. A motion to approve both requests was made by Councilman Edward Scott, seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote.

Christian Sweningson expressed concern over how the houses were being chosen for the upcoming House Tour and asked why the houses that were chosen was a secret. Cathy Knott and Town Historian Juanita Knott explained that houses were being chosen that had not been on previous tours. They also explained that there was a desire to include more houses from Stuyvesant Falls. They also explained that the house choices were kept a secret to protect the privacy of the owners until the day of the tour.

A question from Steven Taylor regarding the maintenance of the property on Ice House Road. Supervisor Knott explained that the property belongs to the NYS DEC.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Edward Scott and seconded by Councilwoman Kelley Williams. The motion was passed by unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Recorded this 14th day of August 2014

Approved this 11th day of September 2014

Supervisor Knott

Town Clerk – Melissa A. Naegli

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Abstract of vouchers approved for payment at the July 2014 meeting

#	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	HIGHWAY
252	National Grid (\$4716.42)	5182.4	4,716.42	
253	National Grid (\$1024.20)	5132.4	827.70	
		1620.4	196.50	
254	Columbia Co. Treasurer	9060.8	93.22	
255	CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc	9060.8		1,926.82
256	ARE Productions	7550.4	400.00	
257	National Grid (\$1545.92)	5182.4	1,385.95	
		5132.4	\$159.97	
258	Time Warner Cable (\$367.00)	1620.4	259.69	
		5132.4	107.31	
259	Business Automation Services	1620.4	29.75	
260	SMG - A Monolith Solar Company	1620.4	246.85	
261	Aaron's Carpet Cleaning	1620.4	130.00	
262	George Knott (\$156.50)	1620.4	110.00	
		6140.4	46.50	
263	Ronald Knott	1620.4	17.88	
264	Columbia Greene Media Corp. (\$51.15)	1010.4	15.70	
		1410.4	16.51	
		1355.4	18.94	
265	NYS Magistrate's Association	1110.4	50.00	
266	Sheraton Syracuse University	1110.4	597.00	
267	Staples, Inc. (\$216.81)	1110.4	52.85	
		1355.4	79.81	
		1410.4	84.15	
268	Catherine G. Knott	1355.4	11.00	
269	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	968.75	
270	Morris Associates	1440.4	25.20	
271	Crown Awards	7550.4	259.23	
272	Melissa A. Naegeli	7550.4	89.65	
273	County Waste	8160.4	82.50	
274	Columbia Co. Treasurer	8160.4	3,227.96	
275	Schodack Septic Services, Inc.	7110.4	216.00	
276	Colarusso Quarry (\$409.68)	7110.4	300.00	
		1620.4	109.68	
277	Rainbow Distributors (\$40.98)	1620.4	14.00	
		5132.4	26.98	
278	Bernard Kowalski (\$155.00)	1620.4	40.00	

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		7110.4	40.00	
		8810.4	75.00	
279	Fleet Services (\$363.17)	8810.4	85.00	
		1620.4	45.00	
		5110.4		188.17
		7110.4	45.00	
280	Capitol Supply Co., Inc.	3310.4	654.37	
281	Mario's Home Center (\$399.90)	1620.4	372.13	
		5130.4		27.77
282	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	53.41	
283	Valley Paving & Construction, Inc.*	5110.4		7,050.00
284	Valley Energy	5110.4		2,606.41
285	Valley Paving & Construction, Inc.* (\$108,300)	5112.4		7,000.00
		5110.4		35,188.77
		5112.2		66,211.23
286	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4		229.74
287	Columbia Tractor, Inc.	5130.4		44.98
288	Unifirst Corp.	5130.4		25.52
289	John Deere Financial	5130.4		355.19
290	Northeast Automotive Parts	5130.4		23.36
291	Grainger	5130.4		639.36
292	Mooradian Hydraulics	5130.4		900.95
293	Ben Funk, Inc.	5130.4		51.86
294	Skyview Fencing	5130.4		603.99
			16,383.56	123,074.12