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The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held a Public Hearing regarding Proposed Local Law #1-2014 regarding *Authorizing the Award of Public Contracts on the Basis of Either Lowest Responsible Bidder or the Basis of Best Value*. Supervisor Knott opened the Public Hearing at 6:30pm and asked Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli to read the Public Notice, as published in the Register Star.

*PUBLIC NOTICE
Town of Stuyvesant
Public Hearing*

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant will hold a Public Hearing for the purpose of taking comments regarding a proposed Local Law to amend the Town's Procurement Policy. The Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, July 10, 2014 at 6:30pm and will be held at the Town Hall at 5 Sunset Drive, Stuyvesant, NY 12173.

*Melissa A. Naegeli, RMC
Town Clerk*

Supervisor Knott read Section 1 "Purpose" and copies of the proposed local law were distributed to all in attendance. The Supervisor explained that we wouldn't be able to take advantage of County bid options without this law. He then opened the meeting to questions from the audience.

There being no questions, a motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Councilman Edward Scott, seconded by Councilwoman Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote. Supervisor Knott declared the Hearing closed at 6:38pm.

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The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, July 10, 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 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 Brian Chittenden and was passed by unanimous vote.

Correspondence

A letter from Kinderhook Memorial Library regarding a proposed 3% increase to be included on the November ballot.

A letter from NYS ORPS notifying the Town that we are approved for 100% assessments.

Letter from Association of Towns regarding a survey of efficiencies and shared services.

Letter from Columbia Land Conservancy notifying the Town of the flyover review of the Ken Hummel Park.

Letter from Mr. David McMillan regarding the bridge expense. Supervisor Knott reported that he replied to the letter and explained that the bridge and proposed repairs were the County responsibility.

A letter from National Grid with directions on where to plant trees. The letter was given to the Garden Club.

A letter from the NYS DOT responding to a request about relocating the signal box at the intersection of County Route 26A and State Route 9J. The letter stated that the determination was relocation of the box was unwarranted.

SPECIAL GUEST:

Holly Hedgepeth, Public Education and Outreach recruitment coordinator from the Cancer Services Program of Columbia Greene Counties.

Old Business

Ice House Road – Supervisor Knott reported that the paving appeared to be complete and expected the new signal soon.

Railroad Station– Supervisor Knott reported that there was a Notice of Award issued on July 3rd to J. C. Millbank. They have 15 days to deliver their bond and insurance documentation.

SPECIAL GUESTS:

Dave Robinson, Columbia Co. Commissioner of Public Works

Matt Yerkey, P.E. Ryan-Biggs Associates

Commissioner Robinson gave a brief history of the Stuyvesant Falls bridge detailing the repairs over the years. Mr. Yerkey discussed the options, based on the stated goals and objections for the future of the Stuyvesant Falls bridge.

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It was announced that the bridge had been “yellow flagged” by the State which then initiated the review by the Engineers. Next steps are to analyze the costs associated with the repairs and/or replacement and the ongoing maintenance costs. Funding options have to be explored as well.

There were several questions and comments from the audience to both guests. Several people expressed the opinion that the bridge should remain a single lane bridge to control the speed through the hamlet. There were concerns from the Commissioners and Chiefs of the 2 Town fire companies. There will be a posted weight limit on the bridge that may preclude fire trucks, school buses and certain highway vehicles from crossing the bridge. The County is waiting for a determination from the State as to the weigh limit.

Reports

Town Clerk: Report is on file in her office.

Recreation Committee: Councilwoman Kelley Williams reported that there were approximately 20 children signed up for the Town of Kinderhook Summer Program.

Railroad Station Restoration Committee: Marilyn Burch reported that the ice cream social would be at the Railroad Station with ice cream donated by Stewart’s Shops. The Corn Festival will be in August.

Environmental Management Council: Kathy Schneider was not in attendance. Supervisor Knott announced a proposal to County Government that the Council was applying for a grant to compile water studies to the County CIS.

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

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

Library: Lee Jamison reported that the Music & Movement program would be held at the Stuyvesant Town Hall on different Friday mornings in July and August.

Ms. Jamison also reported that the Library will submit a petition to a 3% increase on the ballot in November. This results in approximately \$756 for the Town of Stuyvesant. The increase is for operating expenses.

Big Truck Day was a big success and it was estimated that over 200 people had attended.

Highway Dept. – Highway Superintendent Bernie Kowalski was not in attendance.

Assessor’s Office – Assessor’s Clerk Cathy Knott reported that the Final Assessment Roll was in. She also reminded everyone that if they were turning 65 years old during the year they should contact the Assessor’s Office.

Planning/Zoning Board:

Cemetery -- Councilman Edward Scott reported that there had been an anonymous complaint about some ruts in the cemetery. He will speak with Tony Link who has been maintaining the grounds.

ZEO/Building Inspector – Gerry Ennis was not in attendance. Supervisor Knott reported that the new tracking software would be installed soon and that the Office was busy with building permits.

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County Government

Stuyvesant Falls Bridge – Supervisor Knott said that based on the discussion earlier in the meeting, he will suggest that the County look to repairs for the Bridge while exploring funding options for replacement.

New Business

Councilman Edward Scott made a motion to adopt the Proposed Local Law #1-2014 that was reviewed during the earlier Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tom Burrall and the motion was passed by unanimous vote. Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea and Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli will file the adopted Local Law #1-2014 to the New York State Department of State.

A motion to update the Procurement Policy to reflect the newly adopted Local Law #1-2014 was made by Councilman Edward Scott. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden and was passed by unanimous vote.

Supervisor Knott reported that the Lincoln Funeral Train Committee was getting plans organized. A representative from Congressman Gibson’s Office is doing research.

Public Comments

Lee Jamison said there was a Wall Street Journal article about the crude oil transportation has had a huge increase in volume on trains and barges. She gave Supervisor Knott a proposed resolution asking that he take the lead at the County as a river community. Supervisor Knott responded that he would review the information she had provided.

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 9:03pm.

Recorded this 10th day of July 2014

Approved this 14th day of August 2014

Supervisor Knott

Town Clerk – Melissa A. Naegeli

Councilperson

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Abstract of vouchers approved for payment at the July 2014 meeting

CLAIM #	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	HIGHWAY
212	AARP Medicare Rx PDP	9060.8	265.80	
213	United Healthcare Inc. Co.	9060.8	1,258.50	
214	CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc.	9060.8	2,196.16	
215	Columbia Co. Treasurer	9060.8	93.22	
216	National Grid (\$1463.33)	5182.4	1,282.92	
		5132.4	120.87	
		1620.4	59.54	
217	Time Warner Cable (\$367.00)	5132.4	\$259.69	
		1620.4	107.31	
218	Business Automation Services, Inc.	1620.4	29.75	
219	Columbia County Treasurer (Sheriff's Dept)	1110.4	131.64	
220	Carrie A. O'Hare	1110.4	33.81	
221	Catherine G. Knott (\$53.63)	1620.4	12.24	
		1355.4	41.39	
222	Howard Gleason, Jr.	1355.4	366.00	
223	Stuyvesant Post Office	1410.4	98.00	
224	NYS Town Clerks Association	1410.4	75.00	
225	Staples Business Advantage (\$95.02)	1410.4	48.08	
		1110.4	46.94	
226	Xerox Corporation (\$216.80)	1410.4	144.80	
		1110.4	72.00	
227	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	781.25	
228	Morris Associates	1440.4	541.80	
229	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	53.43	
230	Culligan	5132.4	60.64	
231	Rainbow Distribution (\$28.51)	1620.4	14.00	
		5132.4	14.51	
232	Lapiner Bros.	5132.4	50.00	
233	County Waste	5132.4	82.50	
234	Columbia County Solid Waste	5132.4	102.24	
235	Mario's Home Center (\$358.52)	5132.4	192.55	
		5130.4		165.97
236	Main Care Energy	5110.4		88.49
237	New Castle Asphalt, LLC	5110.4		4,143.27
238	Wex Bank	5110.4		420.95
239	Charles Stiffler	5110.4		75.51
240	CCAofTS	5110.4		60.00
241	GH Berlin Windward	5110.4		1,501.95
242	Town & County Bridge and Rail	5110.4		379.89

