

**June 12, 2014**

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott, Councilman Edward Scott, Councilwoman Kelley Williams, Councilman Brian Chittenden, Highway Superintendent Kowalski and Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli. Councilman Tom Burrall 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 Brian Chittenden 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 Councilwoman Kelley Williams and was passed by unanimous vote.

### ***Correspondence***

A letter from the Stuyvesant Garden Club regarding an anonymous donation to the Club to purchase trees for the Town Hall grounds. The Garden Club was requesting permission to work with the Highway Department to site and plant the trees. A motion was made by Councilman Edward Scott to approve their request. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote.

A letter from NYMIR announcing a rate decrease.

Notification from the State that the Farmland Protection Plans have been approved.

A rebate for \$68.00 from American Power & Gas Company.

A letter from the Association of Towns announcing a school opportunity for Planning Board and Zoning Board members.

A letter from Ms. Debra Gilbert to the Board members regarding the adoption of the Columbia County Board of Ethics.

A letter from *Choose Columbia* regarding the 2014 Schedule of Visitations.

A letter from the Columbia County Highway Department approving our request to close County Route 26A on August 9<sup>th</sup> for the Ken Hummel Run.

A letter from Steve Raiford with a donation of \$1000 toward the railroad station renovations project.

### ***Old Business***

***Ice House Road*** – Supervisor Knott reported that the DEC had issued the freshwater permit; the wiring to the gates was complete, and they are working on the road. He also announced that Gene Kelly has retired.

***Kinderhook Memorial Library*** – Big Truck Day will be June 21 from 11-2.

***Railroad Station***– Supervisor Knott reported that the project information is with the NYS DOT and is under review.

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**Reports**

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

*Recreation Committee:* Councilwoman Kelley Williams reported the Committee had met on and discussed playground clean-up and repairs needed. New hoops were donated anonymously, new bases are being purchased and summer playground letters have been sent and is on the website.

*Railroad Station Restoration Committee:* Marilyn Burch reported that the Strawberry Festival will be Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> 4-7 at the Town Hall. Cream will be donated by Dutch Hollow Farms, strawberries from Yonder Farms and biscuits from Funk Farms. The ice cream social will be Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. Lincoln Funeral Train plans are being made for April, 2015.

*Environmental Management Council:* Kathy Schneider reported that there had been no meeting in May. She is working with the taskforce on the Dewey Loeffler landfill.

*Dog Control Officer* – Report is on file.

*Zoning Revision Committee:* Councilwoman Kelley Williams reported that the Committee has completed their review of the definitions and is now reviewing the Zoning Law and acreage requirements.

*Library:* Lee Jamison reported that the newsletter was out. A flyer has been posted for an “Antique Roadshow” type of event at the Library on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Big Truck Day will be June 21 and music events will begin Saturday, June 14 at 4pm.

*Highway Dept.* – Highway Superintendent Bernie Kowalski reported that they had repaired a picnic table at the playground. The stone has been put under the playground equipment, lower Land Road had to be dug out and the Dept. is mowing the road sides.

*Assessor’s Office* – Assessor’s Clerk Cathy Knott reported that 2 people had come in on Grievance Night to grieve their assessments.

*Planning/Zoning Board:*

Supervisor Knott reported that he, Yvonne and Gerry Ennis are working together to get the forms ready for the new program from BAS.

*Cemetery* -- Councilman Edward Scott commended Tony Link on keeping the grounds well groomed.

*ZEO/Building Inspector* – Gerry Ennis reported that there had been a big increase in building permits requested/issued. His complete report is on file in the Town Clerk’s Office.

*Town Hall:* Highway Superintendent Bernie Kowalski reported that he is waiting for a call back on an inquiry for pricing to seal the parking lot.

**County Government**

*Airport* – Supervisor Knott reported the FAA will reclassify the airport and that will enable a change in the safety zone requirement.

*Broadband Survey* – Supervisor Knott reported that he had attended a presentation on the results of the online survey. He said the survey garnered a lot of information and gave a good overview of availability in the County.

*Pine Haven* – The Board of Supervisors is looking at the future of the home and has passed a resolution to solicit proposals from private entities. The Union has offered to help find ways to minimize costs.

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**New Business**

Supervisor Knott reported that the Town Committee planning the Lincoln Funeral Train memorial is working with representatives from the City of Hudson. He has asked the Board to consider donating proceeds from the Ken Hummel Run to this event.

Supervisor Knott reported that with the change in State Law regarding Procurement Policies, "best value" can now be considered against a low bid. A public hearing has been scheduled for July 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 to hear comments on a proposed local law to amend the Town's Procurement Policy. A copy of the proposed law will be on the Town website as soon as available.

Supervisor Knott reported that the extensive Stuyvesant Bridge Report was now available for review in the Town Hall. An electronic version will be put on the website. A weight limit will be imposed and signs posted. A County Engineer will be at the July meeting to make a presentation and answer questions regarding the report and condition of bridge.

**Public Comments**

Lee Jamison asked if the door on the stall in the Ladies' Room could be repaired – it doesn't latch. Councilman Scott said he would get it fixed.

Martin Roby asked about the reclassification of the airport and if the number of flights had changed. Supervisor Knott explained that the airport plan had been made 20 years ago with anticipated growth. The growth has not happened and the FAA says if the numbers remain the same, the airport can be reclassified. An electronic counter was suggested but it only counts certain plane types.

Martin Roby asked about the sudden decision to stop the plan for construction of a new nursing home and suggested that the Comptroller should have anticipated the financial concerns. Supervisor Knott replied that the Comptroller had been warning of problems coming. Medicaid reimbursement rules have changed.

Town Historian Juanita Knott asked if anyone would be interested in opening their home for a house tour being planned for the Fall.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Edward Scott and seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden. The motion was passed by unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.

Recorded this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2014

Approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 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	RR
170	Time Warner Cable (\$382.60)	1620.4	266.39		
		5132.4	116.21		
171	National Grid (\$1651.18)	5182.4	1,431.74		
		5132.4	178.66		
		1620.4	19.78		
		1620.4			21.00
172	SMG - A Monolith Solar Company	1620.4	251.72		
173	Marilyn Burch	1620.4			305.18
174	Mario's Home Center (\$404.42)	1620.4	151.13		
		5132.4	33.00		
		5130.4		220.29	
175	Columbia County Treasurer	1110.4	131.64		
176	Johnson Newspaper Corp.	1355.4	31.90		
177	Staples, Inc. (\$50.54)	1355.4	31.38		
		1410.4	19.16		
178	Paul Chittenden	1355.4	44.00		
179	Derick LaTorre	1355.4	44.00		
180	Michael J. Naegeli	1355.4	44.00		
181	Cheryl Trowbridge	1355.4	44.00		
182	JoAnn Mistler	1355.4	44.00		
183	Kofile Preservation	1410.4	1,150.31		
184	Xerox Corporation	1410.4	287.13		
185	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	625.00		
186	Dell Marketing	3620.4	781.41		
187	Schodack Septic Services, Inc.	7110.4			216.00
188	Stuyvesant Fire Co. #1	7550.4	160.00		
189	Columbia County Solid Waste	8160.4	1,941.25		
190	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	53.43		
191	Culligan	5132.4	27.82		
192	County Waste	5132.4	82.50		
193	Fleet Services (356.09)	7110.4	35.00		
		1620.4	35.00		
		5110.4		216.09	
		8810.4	70.00		
194	MTE Inc.	7110.4	312.69		
195	Colarusso Sand & Gravel	7110.4	540.85		
196	Main Care Energy	5110.4		356.79	
197	CJ Miner	5110.4		190.00	
198	George Henderson	5110.4		2,800.00	

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199	Colarusso Quarry	5110.4		1,106.78	
200	Lowe's	5130.4		90.70	
201	Tech Air	5130.4		18.50	
202	Capital Equipment Service	5130.4		852.20	
203	Cryo Weld Corp.	5130.4		35.78	
204	Grainger	5130.4		517.12	
205	Northeast Automotive Parts, Inc.	5130.4		10.79	
206	Mooradian Hydraulics	5130.4		256.15	
207	Columbia Tractor, Inc.	5130.4		3.07	
208	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4		63.99	
209	Tractor Supply	5130.4		66.97	
210	Columbia County Treasurer	9060.8	93.22		
211	CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc. (\$2071.85)	9060.8	414.37	1,657.48	
			9,492.69	8,462.70	542.18