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The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, September 11, 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, and Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli. Highway Superintendent Bernie 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 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 the NYS Unified Court regarding the audit of the Court's records. Bookkeeper Mark Fitzgerald will complete the appropriate form in reply.

A letter from Patrice Perry at Columbia County Planning regarding adding land to the Ag District.

A letter from NYS DOT regarding the installation of a traffic light at State Route 9J & Ferry Road, construction is expected to begin in the Spring of 2015.

A letter from the Association of Towns announcing a "Personnel School" being held.

A letter from the Association of Towns announcing a new energy program to help municipalities with energy costs.

### **Old Business**

**Ice House Road** – Supervisor Knott reported that he met with representatives from DEC and the Railroad, the gates are on-site and expect to be installed and operating by the end of October.

**Ferry Road** – Supervisor Knott met with representatives of NYS DEC and walked around Ferry Road. They discussed the erosion of the area and DEC will prepare and submit a mitigation plan.

**Railroad Station Project** – Supervisor Knott reported that the Contractor's plans were back with DOT for additional review based on questions DOT had regarding Federal requirements.

**Stuyvesant Falls Bridge** – The County Board of Supervisors adopted a Resolution to hire Ryan-Biggs to complete design plans and specifications for necessary repairs to the bridge to raise the weight limit. The cost approved for design services is \$20,000.

**Power Lines** – There will be a public information meeting hosted by Farmers & Families for Livingston and the Hudson Valley Smart Energy Coalition. The meeting will be held on October 18<sup>th</sup> at the Churchtown Firehouse from 1-3pm. There will be another session on November 1<sup>st</sup> at Bard College at 2:00pm.

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## **Reports**

*Town Clerk:* Town Clerk Report is on file.

*Recreation Committee:* Councilwoman Kelley Williams reported the Highway Dept. had been working at the playgrounds and making repairs. The merry-go-round was broken and the costs were prohibitive to repair and/or replace. The highway dept. crew is fabricating a repair.

*Railroad Station Restoration Committee:* Cal Burch reported that the Soup Sampler raised \$303.50. The pot luck dinners will be on hold as there is a new café that will be serving dinners on Friday evenings and we would like to encourage their business.

*Environmental Management Council:* Kathy Schneider reported that the Council had passed two resolutions: 1) To support the formation of the EMC to get representatives from each town and to establish environmental advisory councils in each town; and 2) Recommending safety standards be established for the Gas Pipeline being proposed through Canaan and New Lebanon.

*Dog Control Officer* – No report.

*Zoning Revision Committee:* Councilwoman Kelley Williams reported the Committee had met on October 8<sup>th</sup> and Jim Waterhouse from Farm Credit East gave a presentation.

*Library:* Lee Jamison reported that Oktoberfest was a sold out success. She reminded everyone that there will be a funding increase to be voted on in November. The increase will be used to update the Library website to be compatible with mobile devices. She also reported that fundraising for the proposed addition is on-going and that the proposed drawings are available for viewing at the Library.

*Highway Dept.* – Highway Superintendent Bernie Kowalski was not in attendance. Supervisor Knott reported that they had been working on the screening apparatus at the Highway Garage.

*Assessor's Office* – Assessor's Clerk Cathy Knott reported that the Exemption forms will be mailed next month.

*Planning/Zoning Board:* There were no meetings held in September.

*Town Historian* – Juanita Knott reported that the handwritten newspaper from the Civil War had been preserved and is now available in the Town Hall for viewing.

The House Tour was held on Sat., September 27<sup>th</sup> and was a success. With ticket sales and donations, Mrs. Knott reported that a profit of \$1,729.66 was raised (after expenses). She gave a list of homes to be used for future tours to the Town Clerk to be filed.

*Cemetery* -- Councilman Edward Scott reported that there had been a burial earlier in the week. He said that the digging crew reported that it was wet and they were as careful as could be. Councilman Scott said he had advised Tony Link to wait until the leaves were done falling to do a final mowing.

*ZEO/Building Inspector* – Report on file.

*Town Hall* – Supervisor Knott commended the Highway Dept. crew for the nice work on the side of the building.

## **2015 Proposed Budget Overview**

Supervisor Knott gave a line-by-line overview of the proposed changes to the tentative budget that was filed with Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli. A public hearing on the budget will be held in November.

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**County Government**

Supervisor Knott reported that it is Budget time at the County too and they are reviewing agency “wish lists”.

*Ockawamick Auction* – The school and contents are up for bids. The content list and additional details are listed on the Columbia County website.

*Foreclosure Sale* – A list of properties and minimum bid prices are on the County website.

Supervisor Knott reported that Patrice Perry notified him that NYS had approved the Greenway Grant for ground water study work.

**New Business**

Supervisor Knott reviewed a proposed Budget Amendment to move \$8,260 within the General Fund and \$76,287 within the Highway Fund. A motion to adopt the Amendment was made by Councilman Ed Scott. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden and the motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Supervisor Knott reviewed a proposed Chargeback Agreement for the Valatie Rescue Squad. The amount was \$30,303 and unchanged from last year. A motion to approve the agreement was made by Councilman Ed Scott. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tom Burrall and was approved by unanimous vote.

Supervisor Knott announced that he had provided a DRAFT Personnel Policy Handbook to the Board for review.

Supervisor Knott reported that two interviews had been held for the vacant position on the Planning Board. A motion was made by Councilman Ed Scott to appoint Wendy Aglow-Lentz to the vacant seat on the Planning Board. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Kelley Williams. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Supervisor Knott announced that the Town had received a rating 6.7% for fiscal stress (indicating no stress).

**Public Comments**

Councilman Tom Burrall announced that there would be public events held in honor Veterans’ Day at both VFW in Stuyvesant Falls and the VFW in Valatie.

Christian Swenginson asked about a fund for future highway garage repairs. Supervisor Knott explained that there are a Capital Account for buildings and equipment.

Lee Jamison asked about hunting at Ken Hummel Park. Councilman Scott explained that only bowhunting is allowed there now and it’s first come/first serve.

Cathy Knott announced there was a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help with the Halloween Party scheduled for Sat., Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, 1-3pm.

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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 8:07pm.

Recorded this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October 2014

Approved this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 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 July 2014 meeting**

#	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	HIGHWAY
328	Columbia Co. Treasurer (dental)	9060.8	93.22	
329	CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc.	9060.8	1,512.45	
330	National Grid -- Lighting Districts	5182.4	2,851.33	
331	National Grid -- Town Hall	1620.4	23.73	
332	National Grid -- Highway Garage	5132.4	486.15	
333	Time Warner Cable (\$439.67)	1620.4	290.11	
		5132.4	149.56	
334	E.A. Morse & Co., Inc.	1620.4	\$108.82	
335	Rainbow Distributors (\$33.49)	1620.4	14.00	
		5132.4	19.49	
336	Mario's Home Center (\$386.89)	1620.4	62.99	
		5132.4	82.73	
		5130.4	241.17	
337	Business Automation Services (\$496.94)	1620.4	29.75	
		1355.4	21.84	
		3620.4	21.84	
		1410.4	211.75	
		8020.4	211.75	
338	Metz Wood Harder Inc.	1910.4	18,162.91	
339	Carrie A. O'Hare	1110.4	43.07	
340	Columbia County Treasurer (Sheriff's Dept)	1110.4	276.78	
341	Postmaster-Stuyvesant	1110.4	58.00	
342	Xerox Corporation	1410.4	287.61	
343	Dell Marketing, LLP (\$28.00)	1410.4	14.00	
		8020.4	14.00	
344	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	625.00	
345	Morris Associates	1440.4	246.50	
346	Gerry Ennis	3620.4	242.98	
347	Schodack Septic	7110.4	306.99	
348	Columbia Co. Treasurer (Central Printing)	7550.4	30.00	
349	Juanita Knott	7550.4	65.84	
350	Columbia Greene Media Corp. (\$31.80)	8010.4	16.10	
		8020.4	15.70	
351	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	53.33	
352	County Waste	5132.4	82.50	

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#	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	HIGHWAY
353	Culligan	5132.4	27.82	
354	Main Care Energy	5132.4	132.88	
355	Canaday Sweepers, Inc.	5110.4		945.60
356	Gorman Bros., Inc.	5110.4		39,584.70
357	Fleet Services	5110.4		305.84
358	Cryo Weld Corp.	5130.4		120.58
359	Lowe's	5130.4		148.64
360	ACP Power Equipment, Inc.	5130.4		73.95
361	Tractor Supply	5130.4		65.17
362	Unifirst Corp.	5130.4		45.74
363	Car Quest of Valatie	5130.4		196.29
364	Northeast Automotive Parts, Inc.	5130.4		230.88
365	Mooradian Hydraulics	5130.4		336.22
366	Kimball Midwest	15130.4		224.35
367	AHH Harris	5142.4		102.36
368	Morton Salt	5142.4		1,704.58
			27,134.69	44,084.90