

September 11, 2014

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, 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. Supervisor Knott then asked for a Moment of Silence in observance of 9/11.

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 Edward Scott to approve the vouchers presented for payment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kelley Williams and was passed by unanimous vote.

Correspondence

A letter from National Grid regarding sewer and water work.

A letter from the Public Service Commission regarding Lifeline telephone service.

A letter from the Stuyvesant Falls Fire Company regarding the Stuyvesant Falls Bridge.

Two letters of interest were received for the vacant seat on the Planning Board.

A letter from the USDA regarding farmland inventory.

A letter from the Kinderhook Memorial Library regarding the filing of their petitions for a vote for a funding increase to be on the ballot in November.

Old Business

Supervisor Knott thanked the Garden Club for the donation of two new benches in front of the Town Hall.

Ice House Road – Supervisor Knott reported that the road and parking area were complete. The holes were being dug for the pavilion and the gates should be installed soon.

Railroad Station Project – Supervisor Knott reported that DOT had approved the Contractor's workplan. The schedule is being developed.

Stuyvesant Falls Bridge – The weight limit of 12 Ton has been imposed. The county is hoping to put the project out to bid to make immediate repairs to increase the weight limit.

Oil Shipments – Supervisor Knott reported that he had spoken with Congressman Gibson, Senator Marchionne and Assemblyman Lopez regarding what is being shipped through town on the rail cars. Congressman Gibson has proposed Legislation to regulate the shipping; Assemblyman Lopez is working with similar concerns in the Greene County; and Senator Marchionne has a resolution from Governor Cuomo stating that something needs to be done. The Columbia County Deputy Director of Emergency Management has said he is trying to get information on what's in the railroad cars.

Electric Rates – Supervisor Knott reported that he and the Board will be reviewing new rate plans.

Health Insurance – Supervisor Knott and Councilwoman Williams are reviewing new plans in an effort to keep costs down.

Supervisor Knott reminded everyone that Ida Leiser is our Town Delegate to the Office for the Aging. It has been suggested that a 2nd delegate be appointed.

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Reports

Town Clerk: Town Clerk Report is on file.

Recreation Committee: Councilwoman Kelley Williams reported that 19 kids attended the Kinderhook Summer Program. Pea stone and gravel have been put at the playgrounds. The maps for Ken Hummel Park have been completed and donated from Pathways.

Railroad Station Restoration Committee: Marilyn Burch reported there will be a Soup Sampler on Friday, September 12th at the Town Hall.

Environmental Management Council: Kathy Schneider reported that the Council had presented a resolution to the Board of Supervisors to oppose the Kinder-Morgan Pipeline going through Columbia County. Supervisor Knott reported that he had spoken with Supervisors from Canaan, New Lebanon and Chatham and that Kinder-Morgan was expected to do community outreach but nothing had been scheduled yet.

Dog Control Officer – Report on file. Supervisor Knott asked Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli to discuss the idea of a dog enumeration for early next year. Conversations will continue during budget workshops.

Zoning Revision Committee: Councilwoman Kelley Williams reported that the Committee is continuing to review and update the Zoning Law.

Library: Lee Jamison reported that a new Children's Librarian has been hired. Petitions for a budget increase had 99 signatures. The money will be applied toward a website upgrade to make it compatible with mobile devices. Oktoberfest will be held on Sat., Sept. 27th. The newsletter is out with a list of all upcoming events.

Highway Dept. – Highway Superintendent Bernie Kowalski reported that all major work for the year has been completed. He reported that he has been advised that salt will be going up 27% next year. 306 tons have been purchased pre price increase for a savings of approximately \$5000. He also reported that work had been completed on the island on the west side of the town hall.

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: Meetings for both Boards have been cancelled for this month.

Town Historian – Juanita Knott reported that the House Tour will be on Sat., Sept. 27th, 10am-4pm. Tickets will be available at the Town Hall starting at 9:30. There are 6 houses on the tour and tickets are \$20. The proceeds will be for the Railroad Station. Other events happening that day will be a breakfast at St. John's church, lunch at the Stuyvesant Firehouse, Yard Sale and Apple Festival at Emmanuel Church, Craft/Yard Sale at St. Joseph's Church; Quilt Show at Dutch Reformed Church and they will also host an Antique Appraisals event at the Stuyvesant Firehouse; Scenic Hudson, Columbia Land Conservancy and Columbia County Historical Society will have information tables at the Town Hall.

Cemetery -- Councilman Edward Scott reported that all was quiet.

ZEO/Building Inspector – Report on file.

Town Hall – Supervisor Knott reported there had been some work on the grounds and that he had to replace a thermostat.

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Supervisor Knott reported that the Committee for the Lincoln Train Memorial to be held next year was working hard. He also said he had been contacted by Christian Gustafson who makes historical undergarments. Supervisor Knott passed the information on to the Committee.

County Government

Supervisor Knott updated everyone on his County appointments:

Airport Committee

Public Works

Finance

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Salary Review

Courthouse

Soil & Water

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.

New Business

Supervisor Knott announced that the Board had reached a tentative budget with a 1½ % increase right now. Work will continue but the tentative budget has to be filed with the Town Clerk. A motion to accept the tentative budget was made by Councilman Ed Scott, who added that there were no salary increases in the tentative budget and that increases were mostly due to increases in health care and salt. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Kelley Williams and the motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Supervisor Knott reported that the two letters of interest had been received from Bill Schneider and Wendy Aglow-Lentz. He asked Councilman Scott and Councilwoman Williams to sit in on the interviews. The candidates will be contacted to schedule interviews.

Public Comments

Cathy Knott announced there was a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help with the Halloween Party scheduled for Sat., Oct. 25th.

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 7:45pm.

Recorded this 11th day of September 2014

Approved this 9th day of October 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
295	CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc.	9060.8		1,926.82
296	Columbia County Treasurer	9060.8	93.22	
297	Time Warner Cable (\$405.43)	1620.4	277.44	
		5132.4	127.99	
298	Lowe's	1620.4	62.79	
299	Mario's Home Center	1620.4	198.01	
300	Rainbow Distributors (\$26.00)	1620.4	14.00	
		5132.4	\$12.00	
301	Fleet Services (\$589.85)	1620.4	294.50	
		7110.4	294.50	
302	Columbia County Treasurer (Sheriff's Dept)	1110.4	244.37	
303	U.S. Post Office	1355.4	49.00	
304	Xerox Corporation	1410.4	142.31	
305	Dell Marketing, L.P. (\$1699.16)	1410.4	849.58	
		8020.4	849.58	
306	Columbia Greene Town Clerks Assoc.	1410.4	15.00	
307	Columbia Greene Media Corp.	1410.4	16.51	
308	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	625.00	
309	Business Automation Services	3620.4	436.20	
310	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	53.38	
311	John Deere Financial	7110.4	76.57	
312	Town of Kinderhook	7310.4	2,125.00	
313	Marilyn Burch	7550.4	44.46	
314	Columbia County Treasurer (Central Printing)	7550.4	4.50	
315	County Waste	8160.4	82.50	
316	Culligan	5132.4	27.82	
317	New Castle Asphalt, LLC	5110.4		2,463.18
318	Valley Oil Co.	5110.4		717.64
319	GH Berlin Windward	5110.4		289.76
320	Cryo Weld Corp	5130.4		41.08
321	Ben Funk, Inc.	5130.4		62.80
322	Northeast Automotive Parts, Inc.	5130.4		19.55
323	Carquest of Valatie	5130.4		237.74
324	Capitol Supply Co., Inc.	5130.4		68.77
325	Unifirst Corp.	5130.4		25.52
326	International Salt	5142.4		15,079.19
327	Monolith Solar	1620.4	1,091.97	
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