

December 11, 2014

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, December 11, 2014 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott, Councilman Edward Scott, Councilwoman Kelley Williams, Councilman Tom Burrall, Councilman Brian Chittenden, Highway Superintendent Bernie 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 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.

Supervisor Knott thanked the Garden Club for decorating the meeting hall for the holidays.

### **Correspondence**

A Letter from the NYS Comptroller's office transmitting a \$110.54 refund for unclaimed funds.

A letter from National Grid regarding pipeline safety.

A letter from the NYS Attorney General's Office regarding Puppy Mill Legislation.

### **Special Guest**

Ann Songayllo spoke to the Board and those in the audience regarding the upcoming Lincoln Funeral Train memorial events. Ms. Songayllo is on the joint committee from the Town of Stuyvesant, along with representatives from the County Historical Society and the City of Hudson. Ms. Songayllo told the Board that events are being planned for February, March and April with the main celebration planned for April 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Old Business**

**MEP – Municipal Energy Program** – this is the collective purchasing program being administered through the Association of Towns for better electric rates. Bids are due back on December 16.

**Stuyvesant Falls Bridge** – A safety inspection was performed today.

**Dog Census** – the Board has decided to hold off on this project. The Tow Clerk is encouraged to advertise to notify residents that their dogs are required to be registered.

### **Reports**

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

*Recreation Committee:* Councilwoman Kelley Williams reported that the Committee had met the previous Saturday and discussed installing an ice rink at the Stuyvesant Landing Playground. It is being planned for 50'x100' (approximately the size of the basketball court). The committee is researching prices and materials.

A cleanup is being planned for the Spring.

*Railroad Station Restoration Committee:* Cal Burch reported the Holiday Party at the Depot will be on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. There will be a pot luck dinner, caroling and an appearance by Santa. All are welcome to attend.

*Environmental Management Council:* Kathy Schneider reported that Kinder-Morgan is taking the pipeline project out of Columbia County.

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There will be an educational program regarding Radon in homes.

*Dog Control Officer* – The report is on file. There was a discussion regarding dogs that are repeatedly reported as being loose.

*Zoning Revision Committee*: Councilwoman Kelley Williams reported there was no meeting.

*Library*: Lee Jamison thanked the voters for the passage of the referendum in November. The project is underway to make the website mobile device compatible.

Candlelight Night in Kinderhook will be Friday, December 12.

*Office for the Aging* – Ida Leiser attended the November meeting and brought handouts back for everyone detailing important documents and information you should make available for family. There will be no meetings until April 2015.

*Highway Dept.* – Highway Superintendent Bernie Kowalski reported that part of the new truck had been received but they were still waiting for the body.

*Assessor's Office* – Assessor's Clerk Cathy Knott reported that Exemption forms are due back by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

*Planning/Zoning Board*: There will be a Zoning Board meeting on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

*Historian* – Supervisor Knott pointed out the new board that Town Historian Juanita Knott had prepared that highlights the ice house businesses in Stuyvesant.

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

*ZEO/Building Inspector* – Report on file.

*Town Hall* – Supervisor Knott reported that quotes had been requested for the parking lot lights.

### **County Government**

Supervisor Knott reported that the Budget Hearing is scheduled for December 15<sup>th</sup> and the proposed Budget is below the 2% cap.

*Pine Haven Nursing Home* – Presentations from bidders to the Board will be made on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Business**

Supervisor Knott briefly summarized the history and relationship between the Town and Albany Engineering Corp. in regard to the Hydro Electric Plant in Stuyvesant. The Supervisor explained that an amended agreement had been proposed in light of the change in status of the Plant. The proposal provides to the Town a minimum of \$10,000 per year. Supervisor Knott read the Amended Facility Agreement and copies were previously provided to the Board. A motion to allow the Supervisor to sign the Amended Agreement with Albany Engineering Corp. was made by Councilman Ed Scott, seconded by Councilman Tom Burrall and was approved by unanimous vote.

Supervisor Knott asked the Board if they had reviewed the proposed contract from the Columbia Greene Humane Society for services for 2015. With no changes being made and the agreement being previously reviewed by Attorney for the Town, Tal Rappleyea, a motion to sign the contract was made by Councilman Ed Scott, seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden and was passed by unanimous vote.

There will be an end-of-year meeting held on Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

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**Public Comments**

Kathy Schneider asked what had to happen to the Ice House Road crossing opened. She said there were trees down along the walking paths. Supervisor Knott will contact DEC.

Steve Montie questioned the width of Ice House Road.

Steven Taylor asked if the Summerset Landing project was completed. Supervisor Knott explained that there are different phases of the community.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Edward Scott. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden and was passed by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Recorded this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 2014

Approved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 2015

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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 December 2014 meeting**

CLAIM #	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	HIGHWAY
411	United Healthcare	9090.8		44.30
412	CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc.	9090.8		1,475.60
413	Columbia County Treasurer	9090.8	93.22	
414	National Grid (Town Hall & RR Station)	1620.4	33.68	
415	National Grid (lighting districts)	5182.4	1,856.71	
416	Margaret Pino	1620.4	57.62	
417	National Grid (Highway Garage)	5132.4	178.41	
418	Time Warner Cable (\$385.24)	1620.4	\$260.92	
		5132.4	124.32	
419	SMG - Solar Management Group	1620.4	220.98	
420	Business Automation Services (\$404.75)	1620.4	29.75	
		1410.4	375.00	
421	Staples, Inc. (\$221.47)	1410.4	138.10	
		1110.4	10.68	
		5010.4	21.20	
		1355.4	1.26	
		1620.4	25.39	
		1220.4	24.84	
422	Xerox Corporation	1110.4	72.00	
423	Columbia County Treasurer (Sheriff's Dept)	1110.4	131.64	
424	Colleen Bruno	1110.4	33.53	
425	US Postal Service	1410.4	490.00	
426	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	1,312.50	
427	Metz Wood Harder, Inc.	1910.4	641.40	
428	Planning & Zoning Board Member Attendance	8020.1	1,645.00	
	Payments 2014 (\$2700)	8010.1	1,055.00	
429	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	53.34	
430	Bernard Kowalski	5010.4	109.54	
431	GH Berlin Windward	5110.4	112.30	
432	Rainbow Distributors (\$33.49)	1620.4	14.00	
		5132.4	19.49	
433	Culligan of Hudson	5132.4	27.82	
434	Mario's Home Center (\$209.59)	5132.4	78.22	
		5130.4		131.37
435	Partners in Safety	5110.4		162.00
436	Fleet Services	5110.4		390.24
437	Northern Safety	5130.4		154.04
438	Cryo Weld Corp.	5130.4		39.75
439	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4		296.29
440	Ben Funk, Inc.	5130.4		40.04
441	Airgas USA, LLC	5130.4		158.98
442	Northeast Automotive Parts, Inc.	5130.4		503.30
			9,247.86	3,395.91