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The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, August 13ly 9, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott, Councilman Tom Burrall, Councilman Edward Scott, Councilman Brian Chittenden, Councilwoman Kelley Williams, Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler, Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli, and Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea.

Supervisor Knott called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and open with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting was made by Councilman Edward Scott, seconded by Councilman Tom Burrall and approved by unanimous vote.

A motion to approve the bills presented was made by Councilman Tom Burrall, seconded by Councilman Ed Scott and was approved by unanimous vote.

### **Correspondence**

Letter from NYS Tax & Finance notifying us that the Equalization Rate will remain at 100%.

Letters of interest in the Planning/Zoning Boards Secretary position have been received. Councilman Scott and Councilwoman Williams will schedule interviews.

A letter from the NYS Dept. of Agriculture & Markets notifying us that the kennels at the Columbia Greene Humane Society have passed inspection.

A letter from the Columbia Greene Humane Society explaining changes to the fee structures. Supervisor Knott asked Tal Rappleyea to review.

A letter from Monolith Solar looking for open land to install solar farms. They will pay \$500 for positive leads.

### **Old Business**

*Ferry Road* – The lights are up and are expected to be functional soon.

*Ice House Road* – The 21<sup>st</sup> Historic Stuyvesant Day was held at the new pavilion. It was a nice day with a good turnout.

*Stuyvesant Falls Bridge* – The Columbia County Board of Supervisors have accepted a bid from Piasecki Steel and an agreement with an oversight company. October 31<sup>st</sup> is the expected completion date. Supervisor Knott is developing a committee to discuss long range goals for the bridge.

*Railroad Station* – The northern windows are installed, the construction project is ongoing. The composting toilet is expected to be delivered in September. The Town Highway Department will work on the drainage.

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**Reports**

*Town Clerk:* Report on file. The Ken Hummel 5K Race was held on August 8<sup>th</sup>. A total of \$2380 was taken in and after expenses; a profit of \$42.96 was left. The Clerk has turned the money over to the Supervisor.

*Recreation Committee:* Councilwoman Williams reported that the Summer Playground is ending and that all is quiet.

*Railroad Restoration Committee:* The corn festival will be held on Friday, Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall 4-7pm.

*Environmental Management Council:* Kathy Schneider was not in attendance. Supervisor Knott reported that The Board had discussed Ms. Schneider's proposed resolution regarding climate change at the workshop and that he had spoken with Congressman Gibson. He has received additional information and is reviewing.

*Zoning Revision Committee:* Councilwoman Williams reported that the proposed revisions had been delivered to the Board members and Tal and they were being reviewed. She thanked Tom Shanahan for his work on the product.

*Library:* Lee Jamison reported that the fundraising committee for the Capital Expansion Project has some events upcoming. She also reminded everyone that Oktoberfest would be held on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

*Office for the Aging:* Ida Leiser, Town Delegate, was not in attendance.

*Highway Department:* Chuck Stiffler reported that the Department was helping Stockport with paving; the septic system at the highway garage had been repaired; They had cleaned up the tennis courts; and the CHiPs money should be received soon.

*Assessor's Office:* Cathy Knott reported that all was quiet. She reminded those in attendance to contact the Office if they will be turning 65 this year or next.

*Planning & Zoning Boards:* Due to no business for either board, there were no meetings in July. Tom Shanahan asked Supervisor Knott if the Stuyvesant Falls bridge project should be under the purview of the Planning Board. Supervisor Knott responded that the County is the lead agency and that the Committee he was establishing would discuss ideas from the community as to what we would support.

*Historian:* Juanita Knott reported that Historic Stuyvesant Day was a success and that the pamphlets that had been made up about the history of our quest for river access were still available.

*Cemetery:* Councilman Edward Scott reported that all was quiet and that Tony Link was doing a good job keeping it looking neat.

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*Building Inspector/CEO:* Report is on file.

*Town Hall* – Supervisor Knott reported that he had spoken with the Board regarding some potential renovations that may need to be made. Due to a new State Law regarding Public Defenders having to attend all arraignments and having to have private access to defendants, while the police officer can maintain sight, ideas are being reviewed to provide access to accommodate the new law. The judges have requested a window into the conference room. Supervisor Knott is also exploring the cost of a camera and tv monitor. The money will come from the Court budget line.

Councilman Scott reported that after receiving other bids for the replacement of the parking lot lights, he and Supervisor Knott will investigate the prices to purchase and install the lights.

### **County Government**

Supervisor Knott reported that it is budget time. The new estimates for the Tax Cap will equate to approximately ¾% of an allowable increase. The allowable increase for 2017 is expected to be 0.

The County has signed on with Enterprise to maintain a fleet of cars for County use. Cars that are owned will be cycled out. This change is expected to save \$3 Million.

### **New Business**

Supervisor Knott reported that Department Heads had been asked to submit their budget requests by the beginning of September. He said he had received notification that the health insurance costs will go up by 13%. Budget Workshops will begin in September.

Supervisor Knott reported that he and Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler attended a FEMA Seminar at Columbia Greene Community College.

The September Town Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> instead of Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup>, due to Primary Election schedule.

### **Public Comments**

Juanita Knott thanked Otto Miranda for his paintings of Newton Hook that he donated to the Town. Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli has been asked to make a Certificate of Appreciation.

Lee Jamison asked about a Parkland Management Plan. She asked that the meeting with Marie Allen not be left to drop. Councilman Scott replied that he would like Ms. Allen to look at the Easement.

Lee Jamison asked Supervisor Knott about the newspaper story about the Board of Supervisors voting to pay the legal expenses for the DA and Mr. Mossman and to pay

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the Village of Kinderhook. Supervisor Knott explained that the County was bound to pay for employees and the Village of Kinderhook payment was court ordered.

Marilyn Burch reported that there would be live music at the Corn Festival.

Cathy Knott asked permission to host a Halloween Party for the Town at the Town Hall on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm. A motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Edward Scott, seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote.

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 7:45pm.

Recorded this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 2015

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

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Supervisor Knott

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Town Clerk – Melissa Naegeli

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**Abstract of Vouchers approved at the July 9, 2015 Town Board meeting**

CLAIM #	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	LIGHTING	HIGHWAY
262	CDPHP Universal Benefits	9060.8	766.54		2,184.66
263	National Grid	5182.4		536.80	
264	Constellation (\$279.27)	1620.4	7.28		
		5182.4		271.99	
265	SMG	1620.4	262.24		
266	Time Warner Cable	1620.4	263.78		
267	CIA Security	1620.4	495.00		
268	Sickler, Torchia, Allen & Churchill, CPAs	1320.4	1,400.00		
269	Paychex of New York, LLC	1320.4	292.02		
270	George Knott (\$168.00)	6140.4	78.00		
		1620.4	90.00		
271	Marilyn Burch	RR CAP	110.04		
272	JC Millbank Construction Co., Inc.	RR CAP	17,340.82		
273	Mesick, Cohen, Wilson & Baker Architects	RR CAP	322.00		
274	Business Automation Services, Inc. (\$779.75)	1620.4	29.75		
		3620.4	250.00		
		1355.4	250.00		
		8010.4	250.00		
275	NYS Magistrates Association	1110.4	50.00		
276	Sheraton at the Falls Hotel	1110.4	654.00		
277	Colleen Bruno	1110.4	44.51		
278	Columbia Greene Media Corp.	1355.4	13.68		
279	US Postal Service	1355.4	49.00		
280	Staples Contract & Commercial (\$126.72)	1410.4	122.52		
		1010.4	4.20		
281	Xerox Corp.	1410.4	145.63		
282	NYS Town Clerks Association	1410.4	75.00		
283	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	937.50		
284	DeFio Kean, PLLC	1420.4	780.47		
285	Columbia Greene Humane Society, Inc.	3510.4	305.00		
286	Columbia County Treasurer (Central Printing)	7550.4	25.00		
287	JCB Specialties	7550.4	1,100.00		
288	Juanita Knott	7550.4	25.76		

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289	Crown Awards	7550.4		237.04		
290	Catherine G. Knott (\$129.11)	7550.4		121.46		
		9010.8		7.65		
291	County Waste	8160.4		88.28		
292	Columbia County Treasurer (Solid Waste)	8160.4		108.00		
293	Verizon Wireless	5010.4		90.63		
294	CJ Miner	5132.4		450.00		
295	Rainbow Distributors	5132.4		19.49		
296	Culligan	5132.4		28.93		
297	Mario's Home Center (\$255.91)	5132.4		18.63		
		RR CAP		186.55		
		7110.4		17.74		
		1620.4		32.99		
298	Fleet Services	5110.4				271.29
299	Kingston Oil Supply Co., Inc.	5110.4				413.31
300	Valley Energy	5110.4				621.78
301	Mooradian Hydraulics	5130.4				54.13
302	Tractor Supply	5130.4				66.95
303	Carquest of Valatie	5130.4				86.52
304	Airgas USA LLC	5130.4				20.60
305	Max S. Wood Equipment	5130.4				325.00
306	Sunnyside Garage LLC	5130.4				60.00
307	Columbia Tractor Inc.	5130.4				316.82
308	Grainger	5130.4				102.96
309	Kimball Midwest	5130.4				313.65
310	Morton Salt, Inc.	5142.4				1,919.17
				\$ 27,947.13	\$ 808.79	\$ 6,756.84