The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Tuesday, December 29, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott, Councilman Tom Burrall, Councilman Brian Chittenden, Councilman Ed Scott, Councilwoman Kelley Williams, Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler, and Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli. Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea was not in attendance.

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 Ed Scott, seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden 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

Nominating forms from the Office for the Aging for "Sr. Citizen of the Year". Supervisor Knott has them available.

A letter from the Kinderhook Memorial Library, more geared to the County, regarding the Library Association increase in funding of 10%.

A letter from Amtrak notifying the Town that a radio hut with an antennae will be built north of Sharptown Road.

Old Business

Columbia Greene Humane Society Contract – The Claverack Dog Control Officer has made a request that Towns hold off on signing the contracts while negotiations are being held. There is controversy over the new proposed contracts. Councilman Scott said the DCOs have to have somewhere to take the dogs and signing the contract won't commit us to only there. After a brief discussion, the issue was tabled to the January meeting.

NYS Energy Solution – Supervisor Knott met with National Grid representatives and they have provided a map (in the meeting room) that shows the areas affected. PSC has okayed the project and there are still three (3) companies vying for the job.

Stuyvesant Falls Bridge – Supervisor Knott reported that the repairs have been completed. The contracted Engineering Firm has recommended the weight ban be lifted. The State Inspectors should have a final report by mid-January.

Ferry Road House – Supervisor Knott reported that the buyer that had an agreement with the County has now backed out of the deal. Other Town residents have expressed interest in the same deal and they will meet with County Officials.

Reports

Town Clerk: Report on file.

Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli reported that with more and more people requesting the availability of using credit cards to pay their property taxes, she has been working with BAS and their vendor, Value Payment Systems, and has a proposed contract. Supervisor Knott proposed the following resolution:

> RESOLUTION TOWN OF STUYVESANT TOWN BOARD DECEMBER 29, 2015

WHEREAS, the Town of Stuyvesant hereby finds that it is in the best interest and convenience of the citizens of the Town to allow payment of real property taxes and other fees with the use of credit card; and

WHEREAS, the Town has software with BAS which will allow such payment through a process operated by Value Payment Systems, LLC at no cost to the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Stuyvesant Town Board hereby resolves to authorize the Town Clerk to accept payment of real property taxes and other fees through the BAS software and process operated by Value Payment Systems, LLC; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Value Payment Systems, LLC to accomplish such payment system.

Resolution passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Recreation Committee: Councilwoman Kelley Williams reported that the Committee had previously discussed an ice skating rink at the Landing Playground but has now decided that it's been too warm. The Committee is also making arrangements to sit with Marie Allen regarding the maintenance at Ken Hummel Park.

Railroad Restoration Committee: Cal Burch reported that the Holiday Party had been very nice.

Environmental Management Council: No report.

Dog Control Officer – Report on file.

Zoning Revision Committee – Councilwoman Kelley Williams reported that Gerry Ennis would like to meet with the Committee then a meeting for the Public will be scheduled.

Library: Lee Jamison responded to Supervisor Knott's report about that County giving an increased 10% funding to the Library Association. She said it was a modest increase resulting in \$10,700. Supervisor Knott explained that the funding was a total of \$57,000 to be divided among the libraries in the County.

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Lee Jamison reported that the Valatie Library is expected to open in its new location in January or February.

The Library has applied for \$60,000 State Grant for construction of a reading room addition. They have received a grant to do the wiring. They are also going forward with the Capital Funds for the larger project.

Office for the Aging: Ida Leiser reported she feels Kevin McDonald is doing a great job. There is a new bus that working very well. She also reminded the Board that she and Richard Moran are due to be reappointed.

Highway Department: Chuck Stiffler reported they had been doing brush and tree trimming. The minor weather necessitated the Highway Dept. to go out salting and plowing. He commended his new staff and thanked the residents of Riverview Street for not parking on the roads.

Assessor's Office: Cathy Knott reported that exemptions are out and are due back by March 1st.

Planning & Zoning Boards: Planning Board meeting was held on December 28th. No Zoning Board meeting held in December.

Historian: No report

Cemetery: Councilman Ed Scott reported that all was quiet. He asked Supervisor Knott if there was an update from Mr. & Mrs. Fingar regarding the cemetery in Stockport. Supervisor Knott replied that he had offered help from Attorney Tal Rappleyea to the Supervisor of Stockport.

Building Inspector/CEO: Report is on file.

County Government

Supervisor Knott reported that he had provided to the Board a list of chargebacks for information and the County Reorganization meeting will be held in early January.

New Business

Supervisor Knott asked Councilwoman Kelley Williams to read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TOWN OF STUYVESANT TOWN BOARD DECEMBER 29, 2015

WHEREAS, the Town of Stuyvesant had previously had a combined position of Town Accountant/Bookkeeper for many years and;

WHEREAS, that position was vacated last year due to retirement, and

WHEREAS, the Town contracted with the firm Stickler, Torchia, Allen and Churchill to provide both the bookkeeping and Accounting function and

WHEREAS, the Town Board now finds it beneficial to divide these duties by amending the contract with the firm Stickler, Torchia, Allen and Churchill, and creating the position of bookkeeper.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Stuyvesant Town Board hereby resolves to amend the contract with Stickler, Torchia, Allen and Churchill, purchasing QuickBooks software and hiring a part time bookkeeper.

Resolution was passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Budget Transfer

General Fund		
Transfer \$2,500. From A1990.4	to	9060.8
Transfer \$2,000. From A8010.1	to	9060.8
Transfer \$1,000. From A8010.1	to	9060.8
Transfer \$100. From 1420.4	to	7510.4
Transfer \$200. From 1420.4	to	7550.4

A motion to approve the Budget Transfer was made by Councilman Ed Scott, seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden, and was passed by unanimous vote.

Board Comments

Supervisor Knott reported that the BAR still is short one member. Anyone interested should contact Supervisor Knott.

The updated Personnel Policy has been provided to the Board for review and will be voted on at the Organization Meeting.

The Court Accounts have been audited and have passed. The full report is on file.

Councilman Scott asked about auditing the rest of the accounts. Supervisor Knott reported that he had spoken with the Accounting Firm we are contracted with and they will audit the books for the Supervisor, the Town Clerk, and the Tax Collector. He will remind them after tax season concludes.

The Board offered thanks to the Stuyvesant Garden Club for decorating the Town Hall for the Holidays.

There will be a Swearing In Ceremony on Friday, January 1, 2016 with a small reception immediately following. Everyone is invited to attend.

The 2016 Organizational Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 7, 2016 at 7pm.

Public Comments

There were no comments from the audience.

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A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Ed Scott and seconded by Councilwoman Kelley Williams. The motion was passed by unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.

Recorded this 29th Day of December 2015

Approved this 14th Day of January 2016

Supervisor Knott

Town Clerk – Melissa Naegeli

Councilperson

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Abstract	of	Vouchers	approved	in	December 2015
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CLAIM #	PAYEE	<u>A/C#</u>	GENERAL	LND/FALLS	HIGHWAY	RR CAP
433	Constellation (\$421.96)	5182.4		202.76		
				218.73		
		1620.4	0.47			
434	Time Warner Cable	1620.4	271.93			
435	National Grid (LIGHTING ONLY)	5182.4		614.78		
				648.23		
436	National Grid	1620.4	153.42			
437	Yaun Co., Inc.	1620.4	71.16			
438	Sickler, Torchia, Allen & Churchill	1320.4	2,305.00			
439	Apex Software	1355.4	235.00			
440	Commissioner, Tax & Finance	5110.1	55.55			
441	Health Equity, Inc.	9060.8	1,125.00		5,625.00	
442	Johnson Newspaper Corporation	8010.4	18.98			
443	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	68.97			
444	County Waste	5132.4	88.28			
445	KOSCO	5132.4	27.41			
446	Rainbow Distributors	5132.4	19.49			
447	Mario's Home Center (\$445.57)	1620.4	15.44			
		5130.4			127.63	
		5110.4			302.50	
448	Partners In Safety	5110.4			162.00	
449	Package Pavement	5110.4			396.15	
450	T & L Construction	5110.4			579.15	
451	Zwack, Inc.	5110.4			405.63	
452	Michael McDowell, Inc.	5130.4			248.00	
453	Charles Stiffler	5130.4			65.01	
454	Morton Salt, Inc.	5142.4			2,137.76	
455	NYS & Local Retirement System	9010.8	36,563.00		· · · · · ·	
456	CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc.	9060.8	432.84		2,865.83	
			\$41,451.94	\$1,684.50	\$12,914.66	

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CLAIM #	PAYEE	<u>A/C#</u>	GENERAL	LND/FALLS	HIGHWAY	RR CAP		
457	SMG	1620.4	140.46					
458	Columbia Co. Treasurer (Sheriff's)	1110.4	48.60					
459	Carrie A. O'Hare	1110.4	22.54					
460	Staples Inc.	1355.4	35.61					
461	Xerox Corporation	1410.4	146.21					
462	Tal G. Rappleyea	1420.4	1,125.00					
463	Culligan	5132.4	28.93					
464	Paraco Gas (\$451.84)	5110.4			377.37			
		5132.4	74.47					
465	Partner in Safety, Inc.	5110.4			78.00			
466	Adirondack Tire Center	5110.4			419.57			
467	Fleet Services	5110.4			113.38			
468	Sunnyside Garage, LLC	5130.4			30.00			
469	Airgas USA LLC	5130.4			60.40			
470	Lowe's	5130.4			53.33			
471	Carquest of Valatie	5130.4			446.56			
472	Tractor Supply	5130.4			37.57			
473	Lisa's Silkscreen Printing	5130.4			596.50			
474	OSC - Justice Court Fund	2610	1,270.00		000.00			
475	Paychex of New York LLC	1620.4	59.40					
470	Tayonex of New Tone Leo	1020.4	05.40					
			\$ 2,951.22	\$ -	\$ 2,212.68			
CLAIM #	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	LND/FALLS	HIGHWAY	RR CAP		
476	Constellation (\$59.14)	1620.4	6.21					
		5132.4	52.93					
477	Constellation (\$466.27)	5182.4	02.00	224.28				
777		0102.4		241.99				
478	National Grid	1620.4	49.05	241.33				
478								
479	Time Warner Cable (\$338.07)	1620.4	268.27					
100		5132.4	69.80					
480	CIA Security	1620.4	287.40					
481	Business Automation Services, Inc.	1220.4	5.95					
	(Total Check: \$29.75)	1410.4	5.95					
		3620.4	5.95					
		1355.4	5.95					
		8020.4	5.95					
482	Sickler, Torchia, Allen & Churchill	1320.4	1,400.00					
483	Melissa Naegeli	1410.4	147.00					
484	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	968.75					
485	Mesick, Cohen, Wilson & Baker	1440.4	593.00					
486	Columbia County Treasurer	3310.4	15.23					
480	Richard Moran	6140.4	219.00					
488	Staples Credit Plan	7510.4	572.38					
489	*Planning Board Members	8020.1	1,750.00					
490	*Zoning Board Members	8010.1	950.00					
491	Paraco Gas Corp. (\$72.40)	5132.4	72.00					
		5110.4			0.40			
	2016 EXPENSES	0000 -	100.01		0.000.00			
1	CDPHP Universal Benefits (\$2532.12		432.84		2,099.28			
2	United Healthcare	9060.8	2,593.50					
3	United Healthcare	9060.8	776.40					
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			\$11,253.51	\$ 466.27	\$ 2,099.68			