

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott, Councilman Tom Burrall, Councilman Edward Scott, Councilman Brian Chittenden, Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea, Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli and Highway Superintendent Kowalski. Councilwoman Kelley Williams 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 with the revision of \$20,000 instead of \$10,000 with respect to the contract with Albany Engineering Corp. 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

There was no correspondence.

Old Business

Municipal Energy Program – The contract has been signed. Tal Rappleyea will review. Supervisor Knott reported that the locked in rate was \$.668/kwh.

Supervisor Knott reported that Mr. Jeff Jensen had done some work on the system to make the solar panel real-time information accessible. We are waiting for Monolith Solar. Supervisor Knott met with a Monolith representative who provided information regarding the costs and usage over the previous year. Supervisor Knott estimated that the Town saved approximately \$928 over the year from switching to solar power.

Lincoln Funeral Train – Supervisor Knott reported that the Committee is growing. The February kickoff will be with Congressman Gibson at the Hudson Train Station. Several events are being planned over the coming months with a celebration on April 25th.

Reports

Town Clerk: Report is on file in her office.

Recreation Committee: Lee Jamison reported that there is a bird walk being planned for May 2nd.

Railroad Restoration Committee: working with the Lincoln Funeral Train Committee

Environmental Management Council: Kathy Schneider reported that there are currently 3 issues the Council is reviewing: the gas pipeline has decided to move away from Columbia County; the Governor has announced he is against fracking; and the PSC is reviewing the needs assessment for the proposed power lines project. Ms. Schneider also reported that the EMC has prepared two resolutions to be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors: A recommendation to fully fill all appointments from all of the towns. Currently there are no representatives from Greenport or Claverack. Another resolution for the formation of more conservation advisory councils in the Towns.

The Council has received information on the Hudson River Restoration Initiative. There will be an information session “The Hudson We Share” held on Tuesday, January 13th at 2pm at the CGCC.

Ms. Schneider also reported that she would be unable to attend EMC meeting on January 26th but there would be a guest speaker – Jerry Collins talking about radon.

Dog Control Officer: No report at the time of the meeting.

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Zoning Revision Committee: Tom Shanahan reported that the Committee is compiling recommendations to give to the Town Board by late Spring.

Library: Lee Jamison reported that the newsletter is out. Upcoming events:
January 10th at Hudson Library at 3:30pm – Ted Filly, Native American Studies presentation
January 17th at the Library at 4pm – Vernon Benjamin “History of Hudson River up to Civil War”

Highway Department: Superintendent Bernie Kowalski reported they are still waiting on the body of the new truck.

Assessor’s Office: Cathy Knott reminded everyone that exemptions are due March 1st and encouraged anyone turning 65years old to come in.

Planning Zoning Boards: The Zoning Board will meet on January 27th and it will be continuation of a matter brought by Larry Divney.

The position of Secretary is vacant and the Town Board is seeking candidates.

Historian: No report.

Cemetery: Councilman Edward Scott reported that all was quiet.

Building Inspector/CEO: Report on file in the Town Clerk’s Office.

Town Hall: The sink nozzle in the kitchen was replaced due to leaking.

Office for the Aging: Delegate Ida Leiser reported there was no meeting.

County Government

Supervisor Knott reported that he had met with representatives from the new engineering firm to discuss plans for the airport renovations. The County may have to discuss new easements with the owners of Meadowgreens.

New Business

Supervisor Knott reported that he had received a call from National Grid and they were submitting a new plan for the power line project. A link has been put on the website that outlines the effect to Stuyvesant. He is inviting them to the February Town Board meeting (2/12/15).

Public Comments

Councilman Scott asked if Ginsberg’s is a done deal and they would be leaving the County. Supervisor Knott reported that the deal may not be dead yet and that other municipalities were courting the business. Ginsberg’s is looking at other potential sites.

Doug Mayer asked for an update on the Stuyvesant Falls Bridge. Supervisor Knott replied that Dean Knox (County Engineer) is preparing a bid package for the repairs identified as necessary to increase the weight limit on the bridge. Supervisor Knott wants to set up a meeting for a permanent solution also. Because the bridge is listed on the NYS Historical Register, there are certain rules that must be followed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Edward Scott and seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden. The motion was passed by unanimous.

Recorded this 8th day of January 2015

Approved this 12th day of February 2015

Supervisor Knott

Town Clerk – Melissa Naegeli

Councilperson

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CLAIM #	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	HIGHWAY
	<i>Remaining 2014</i>			
454	National Grid	5182.4	2,005.47	
455	National Grid	1620.4	30.14	
456	Time Warner Cable (\$349.03)	1620.4	247.41	
		5132.4	101.62	
457	SMG - Solar Management Group	1620.4	\$49.25	
458	Xerox Corporation (\$218.58)	1110.4	72.00	
		1410.4	146.58	
459	Columbia County (Sheriff's Dept)	1110.4	131.64	
460	Colleen Bruno	1110.4	46.29	
461	E Biz Docs	JCAP Grant	1,436.00	
462	Rainbow Distributors (\$26.00)	1620.4	14.00	
		5132.4	12.00	
463	County Waste	8160.4	82.50	
464	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	53.34	
465	Fix Family Enterprises	5132.4	310.00	
466	Mario's Home Center (\$80.11)	5132.4	67.39	
		5130.4		12.72
467	Culligan	5132.4	37.82	
468	Fleet Services	5110.4		139.12
469	Sunny Side Garage, LLC	5130.4		489.95
470	John Deere Financial	5130.4		47.13
471	Northeast Automotive Parts, Inc.	5130.4		45.88
472	Carquest of Valatie	5130.4		70.28
	*** 2015 ***			
1	CDPHP Universal Benefits	9060.8		1,475.60
2	Columbia County Treasurer	9060.8	93.22	
3	Brokerage Concepts, Inc.	9060.8		4,125.00
4	Business Automation Services (\$1720.00)	1620.4	1,260.00	
		1410.4	460.00	
5	CIA Security	1620.4	287.40	
6	Association of Towns	1010.4	699.00	
7	Service Education, Inc.	1110.4	1,035.00	
8	Imprinted Sportswear	1110.4	20.90	
9	Columbia County Assessor's Association	1355.4	50.00	
10	Apex Software	1355.4	235.00	
11	Col. Co. Assoc. Town Superintendants	5010.4	200.00	
12	Bernard Kowalski	5010.4	12.19	
13	NY Planning Federation	8020.4	250.00	
			9,446.16	6,405.68

