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The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott, Councilman Tom Burrall, Councilman Edward Scott, Councilman Brian Chittenden, Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler, Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli, and Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea was in attendance. 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 to approve the minutes from the previous meeting was made by Councilman Edward Scott, seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden and approved by unanimous vote.

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

Correspondence

Letter from CDPHP notifying us that costs will be going up.

Letter from NYMIR that rates will remain the same.

SPECIAL GUEST

Bob Patterson, new accountant, from Sickler, Torchia, Allen & Churchill, CPAs, PC.

Old Business

Ferry Road – Work is ongoing for the installation of the traffic light. Underground work is being completed.

Ice House Road – There will be a ribbon cutting, hosted by DEC, on June 19, 2015 at 9:30am. Supervisor Knott told everyone that Town Historian Juanita Knott is planning the annual Historic Stuyvesant Day event to be held at the new pavilion on Ice House Road. She is compiling articles that have been published since the early 1990s regarding river access in Stuyvesant.

Planning/Zoning Boards Secretary – Supervisor Knott reported that the position is still vacant. Another ad will be placed seeking candidates.

Reports

Town Clerk: Town Clerk & Tax Collector reports are on file. Melissa Naegeli reported that the tax collection period for 2015 for the Town has been completed and all documents will be turned over to the County Treasurer on June 12th.

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Recreation Committee: Lee Jamison reported in Councilwoman Williams' absence, the Committee met on Saturday and prepared letters to be sent to families announcing the Kinderhook Playground program for Stuyvesant residents. Ms. Jamison asked that the announcement be put on the website and facebook page as well.

Cal Burch and Christian Sweningson cleared 11 trees off of the trail at the Ken Hummel Park. Fields have been hayed and Ms. Jamison asked if the Board would consider keeping some of the property preserved and not mowed, the part that is in the Conservation area. The Board will discuss for next year.

Railroad Restoration Committee: Marilyn Burch reported that the annual Strawberry Festival would be held on June 12th at the Town Hall 4-7pm.

Environmental Management Council: Kathy Schneider was not in attendance.

Dog Control Officer: Report on file.

Zoning Revision Committee: Tom Shanahan reported that there is one more component to complete and they are preparing "solar farm" language to proposed.

Library: Lee Jamison reported that the newsletters are out and Big Truck Day will be June 20th at the Town Hall.

Office for the Aging: Ida Leiser, Town Delegate, reported that there was a quiet meeting.

Highway Department: Chuck Stiffler reported that Eichybush Road and Schoolhouse Road had been paved; the crews were mowing the sides of the road; the new truck was lettered; the parts to complete the swing repairs were ordered; and a new picnic table was built for the Stuyvesant Falls playground. He also reported that he would be ordering salt due to an anticipated 27-30% increase in costs.

Assessor's Office: Cathy Knott reported that the tentative roll was out and the new final roll would be available on July 1st. Supervisor Knott added that there was a \$2.7M increase in taxable value.

Supervisor Knott reported that there is an opening on the Board of Assessment and Review. If anyone is interested, they should contact him.

Historian: Juanita Knott was not in attendance.

Cemetery: Councilman Edward Scott reported that Tony was doing a good job with mowing. Councilman Scott also reported that he is looking into using the interest on the Cemetery Fund for a new flag pole or to repair/replace the roof on the small building on the site. There is approximately \$2000 that is available.

Building Inspector/CEO: Report is on file. Supervisor Knott reported that Mr. Ennis is working on getting the burned houses cleaned up. Tal Rappleyea said that there is a

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General Municipal Law that allows for Towns to clean up properties and place a lien against any insurance money for reimbursement of costs.

Town Hall – Supervisor Knott reported that the Garden Club had asked if the Highway Dept. could remove the mulch strip in the front and side of the Town Hall and plant grass. Chuck Stiffler asked what the Board wanted done with the dead tree on the property.

Supervisor Knott directed everyone’s attention to a quilt banner made by Eric Burch as a fundraiser for the Lincoln Funeral Train. The quilt was raffled off and won by Ann Songayllo who donated it to the Town. A better place will be located in the building.

County Government

Supervisor Knott reported that he had attended the Legislative Breakfast hosted by the Chamber of Commerce.

Supervisor Knott reported that the tax freeze plan had been filed. He reported that there had been complaints about a free newspaper that was being delivered and left on the roads. There had been some on County Route 21 and in Stuyvesant Falls.

Supervisor Knott reported that the Board of Supervisors had voted to review the funding for the CEDC. The CEDC was on a retreat to review the possibility of restructuring. Lee Jamison asked Supervisor Knott about his “no” vote for sending the CEDC for an Ethics Review. Supervisor Knott explained that he was respecting the volunteers on the Board and that the money was scrutinized.

New Business

Supervisor Knott asked the Board on their thoughts on the proposed Local Law for Amending the Term of Office for the Supervisor, discussed at the previous meeting. Councilman Scott said he would like to table the discussion.

Solar Farm Regulation is being discussed at the State, County and local levels.

Public Comments

Lee Jamison expressed concern about a fight at the riverfront recently that required Police intervention.

Steven Taylor asked how many towns had 2 year Supervisor terms vs. 4 year terms. Supervisor Knott replied that 11 Towns had 4 year, 7 Towns had 2 year and all Hudson Supervisors (5) were 2 year terms.

Tom Shanahan asked why the term should be changed. Supervisor Knott explained that it takes a few years to catch on and to be effective at the County. Supervisor Knott said it could be put on the ballot for a public vote.

Tom Shanahan said the Board should look at the terms of office for the Town Judges, and that they shouldn’t be on the same schedule. Supervisor Knott said he had spoken

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to the County Attorney about this issue and was advised to wait until someone leaves. Tom Shanahan replied that the judge that was appointed to the unexpired term should be reset. Tal Rappleyea explained that recent changes to the law made it so there was never an “unexpired term” and that a judge is always elected for 4 years. He will check in to it.

Chuck Stiffler reported that 52 tires showed up at the Highway Dept. site on Sharptown Road. He wanted to make sure everyone understood that trash day is one day only.

Christian Sweningson asked for the status of the parking lot lights. Councilman Scott reported that Duke Huyck (Sheriff Electric) was getting proposals together. Councilman Scott will review our Procurement Policy to see if additional bids will be needed. Mr. Sweningson also asked if the Monolith Solar sign could be removed from the property. Supervisor Knott said he would call Monolith to have the sign removed.

Mike Naegeli asked when the Board of Supervisors would be advised of the decision from the CEDC retreat. Supervisor Knott explained that the Board is discussing not funding in the future. Mr. Naegeli asked if one of the committee of 2 sits on the CEDC. Supervisor Knott replied that no, Mr. Reilly sits on the County Oversight Committee.

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 8:05pm.

Recorded this 11th day of June 2015

Approved this 9th day of July 2015

Supervisor Knott

Town Clerk – Melissa Naegeli

Councilperson

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Abstract of Vouchers approved at the June 11, 2015 Town Board meeting

#	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	LIGHTING	HIGHWAY	CK#
189	Shelter Point Life	9055.8	35.00			11771
190	US Post Office	1410.4	98.00			11772
191	Swingset Mall.com	7140.4	93.30			11774
192	Power Plan	5130.4			30.89	11776
193	Paychex	5132.4	59.40			EFT
194	Paychex	1320.4	223.65			
195	Constellation (\$366.06)	1620.4	\$0.94			
		5132.4	54.40			
		5182.4		310.72		
196	National Grid (Lighting)	5182.4		1,077.21		
197	National Grid (TH/RR)	1620.4	22.30			
198	National Grid (HW Garage)	5132.4	75.06			
199	Time Warner Cable (\$445.42)	5132.4	151.03			
		1620.4	294.39			
200	SMG	1620.4	324.59			
201	Schodack Septic	1620.4	216.00			
202	Business Automation Services	1620.4	174.00			
203	E-Biz Docs	1110.4	600.00			
204	Staples Business Advantage (\$243.52)	1410.4	174.52			
		1110.4	69.00			
205	Kofile Preservation	1410.4	978.00			
206	Xerox Corporation	1410.4	315.31			
207	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	656.25			
208	Morris Associates (<i>Railroad Station</i>)	1440.4	145.60			
209	Howard Gleason, Jr. (Reimb. & Mileage)	1355.4	375.50			
210	Paul Chittenden	1355.4	44.00			
211	Cheryl Trowbridge	1355.4	44.00			
212	Derick LaTorre	1355.4	44.00			
213	Michael J. Naegeli	1355.4	44.00			
214	John Kowalski (reimbursement)	3620.4	100.00			
215	Columbia Co. Treasurer (DPW)	3310.4	166.43			
216	Columbia Co. Treasurer (Solid Waste)	8160.4	116.00			
217	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	53.99			
218	Lapiner Bros., Inc.	5132.4	50.00			
219	Culligan	5132.4	28.93			
220	Rainbow Distributors	5132.4	19.49			

