

November 12, 2015

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott, Councilman Tom Burrall, Councilman Brian Chittenden, Councilwoman Kelley Williams, Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler, Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli, and Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea. Councilman Edward Scott 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 Brian Chittenden, seconded by Councilwoman Kelley Williams and approved by unanimous vote.

A motion to approve the bills presented was made by Councilman Brian Chittenden, seconded by Councilwoman Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote.

Correspondence

A letter from NYMIR notifying the Town of a 3½% in insurance rates for 2016.

A building use request from the Te Ryu Dojo for a service project.

A letter from the Association of Towns announcing a training seminar for newly elected officials.

A letter from the Stuyvesant Falls Cemetery Association requesting funding assistance.

A *thank you* letter from Cathy Knott for everyone's help and support of the annual Halloween Party.

A *thank you* letter from the Railroad Station Restoration Committee to the Highway Department and Supervisor Knott for their work on the drainage and getting the composting toilet installed.

Old Business

Ice House Road – Supervisor Knott reported that he had been contacted by DEC asking for the Town's assistance in maintaining the access road during the winter. Supervisor Knott spoke with Attorney Tal Rappleyea and decided with a written agreement the Highway Department could maintain the State access road. Supervisor Knott had also been contacted by the tenant living in the DEC house who had thought she was going to be responsible for plowing the road. Supervisor Knott will be in contact with DEC to determine how the road will be maintained.

Supervisor Knott reported that he had asked DEC about installing cooking grills at the pavilion at the Ice House Road site. They replied that they could install them in the Spring of 2016.

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Stuyvesant Falls Bridge – Supervisor Knott reported that the repairs are ongoing and the end date will be mid- to late-November, later than the original October 31 date. Supervisor Knott will speak with State officials to determine what we can expect the weight limit to be increased to at the conclusion of the repairs.

Supervisor Knott reminded everyone that he is forming a local committee to make recommendations for future repairs and/or replacement of bridge. The bridge has also been added to the long range list for the County.

National Grid – Information has been put on the website detailing their proposals for the power line project that would go through the Town. PSC has decided that the project will move forward although neither a specific plan nor vendor has been chosen yet.

Ferry Road Home – Supervisor Knott announced that an interested buyer has contacted the County regarding the McManus House on Ferry Road. The house has been empty for a long time and is in need of extensive repairs.

Reports

Town Clerk: Report on file.

Recreation Committee: There was no meeting held.

Railroad Restoration Committee: Marilyn Burch announced there would be a Pot Luck Dinner at the RR Station on Friday, Nov. 13th at 6pm. Everyone should bring a dish or dessert and there will be live music.

There will be a *Holiday at the Depot* party on Saturday, December 5th. There will be caroling, music by John Bosquet-Morra, crafts and Santa.

Environmental Management Council: No report.

Dog Control Officer – No report.

Zoning Revision Committee – Supervisor Knott reported to Kelley Williams that Gerry Ennis would like to meet with the Committee to discuss his review of the revisions. Ms. Williams will set up a meeting with the Committee and notify Mr. Ennis.

Library: No report.

Supervisor Knott announced that the Library had reserved the Town Hall for next Spring for another Murder Mystery Dinner Theater.

Office for the Aging: Ida Leiser reported that the new bus is being used around the County.

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Marilyn Burch reported that she had been contacted by a resident in the Town of Stockport for delivery of meals. Mrs. Burch asked for clarification of delivering meals to people outside of the Town of Stuyvesant due to the reimbursement of mileage from the Town. The Board and residents discussed the different aspects of the delivery and everyone came to a consensus that the Town should delivery to those within our Town limits. Supervisor Knott will reach out to Stockport Supervisor Matt Murrell to see if they need help pulling together volunteers or establishing their own delivery volunteers.

Highway Department: Chuck Stiffler reported that the snow fence was all up; the trucks are ready for the snow; the sand and salt storages are full; and the picnic tables have been picked up and stored away.

Mr. Stiffler also announced the hiring of Joe Scrum.

Assessor's Office: Cathy Knott reported that the exemption were mailed and must be returned by March 1, 2016.

Planning & Zoning Boards: Supervisor Knott reported that Doreen had been trained by BAS on the new program.

Historian: No report

Cemetery: No report.

Building Inspector/CEO: Report is on file.

Town Hall – Supervisor Knott reported that he had purchased and installed new lights over the back doors that also light up the parking lot near the building. He is still looking into additional lights and poles for the parking areas.

County Government

Supervisor Knott reported that he had signed the Chargeback Agreement with the County for the Valatie Rescue Squad. The amount this year will be \$30,303 (this is the same as the previous year).

There was a story in the newspaper that the Hudson Train Station is now the 3rd busiest Statewide and the 50th in the Nation.

New Business

Supervisor Knott reported that the Board had received a request for funds from the Stuyvesant Falls Cemetery Association. The cemetery is within the Town limits of Stockport and the Town of Stockport currently gives them some funding. Supervisor Knott spoke with Tal Rappleyea and our municipality cannot give funds to a private group or organization that doesn't provide a service to our residents or isn't within our Town. He will speak with Mr. & Mrs. Fingar and explain this to them. He will also speak with them regarding some other possible ways of funding the cemetery.

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Supervisor Knott reported that a Public Hearing had been held regarding the 2016 Proposed Budget. He reported that the Budget had been adopted following the Hearing and was under the allowable cap with an increase of .71%.

Board Comments

Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli reported that the new "Incident Report Forms" had been received and will be kept in her office and at the Highway Garage. Supervisor Knott added that this was a requirement under the newly adopted Personnel Policy.

Public Comments

Cathy Knott thanked the Board and everyone involved in helping with the Halloween Party. She reported that there were over 65 children in attendance.

The Board agreed that the December meeting normally held on the 2nd Thursday would be suspended until December 29th as the "End Of Year" meeting. There will be a Workshop meeting on December 3rd to review bills. Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli will put a notice in the newspaper and on the website.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Brian Chittenden and seconded by Councilwoman Kelley Williams. The motion was passed by unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Recorded this 12th day of November 2015

Approved this 29th day of December 2015

Supervisor Knott

Town Clerk – Melissa Naegeli

Councilperson

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