

February 11, 2016

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott, Councilman Brian Chittenden, Councilwoman Kelley Williams, Councilman Edward Scott, Councilman Tom Burrall, Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli, Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler, and Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea.

Supervisor Knott opened the meeting at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilman Scott asked for everyone to remain standing for a Moment of Silence in memory of George Knott.

A motion to approve the previous minutes was made by Ed Scott, seconded by Brian Chittenden and approved by unanimous vote.

A motion to approve the bills as presented was made by Tom Burrall, seconded by Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote.

Special Guest

Steve Erby – SMG Monolith Solar was in attendance to discuss proposed regulation changes to the Town Zoning Law. Mr. Erby gave some historical data and information regarding the growth of solar panels and solar projects. He concluded his presentation by taking questions from the Board and audience.

Old Business

Stuyvesant Falls Bridge – The weight restriction has been removed by the State DOT. The County will continue to pursue a long-term solution.

Zoning Revision Committee – Joint Workshop meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2016 at 7pm. Workshop will include Town Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board, Zoning Revision Committee, and Building Inspector.

Ferry Road – The house on Ferry Road that had gone for tax foreclosure has been purchased by Lee Jamison who hopes to renovate the historic house.

Reports

Town Clerk – The Town Clerk Report is on file. Melissa Naegeli reported that tax collection is at 80% and 4% of that has been “other” with the new credit card and online payment options.

Melissa Naegeli proposed changing the Ken Hummel Memorial Run to a Dualthon. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the event. She had a proposed contract from ARE Productions for timing of the events at a cost of \$1800 – this will be an \$800 increase from previous years. She reported that she is working with people well versed in bike races and said that the increase in cost should be made up for by an increase in participants. A motion to approve the contract was made by Ed Scott, seconded by Kelley Williams, and was approved by unanimous vote.

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Recreation Committee – Kelley Williams reported the Committee had met. The Community movie night will be held on Saturday, March 19th at 6:30pm at the Stuyvesant Firehouse and the movie will be “Aladdin”.

Lee Jamison reported that there would be an Owl Walk on the evening of Saturday, February 20th at 7pm at the Ken Hummel Park.

Railroad Station Committee – A pot luck dinner was held on February 12th at 6pm and is being advertised as “Lincoln’s Birthday Bash”.

Environmental Management Council – Kathy Schneider reported that the Sub Committee wants to prepare a natural resources inventory and that there are grants available. The Committee would need to partner with the County to apply.

Dog Control Officer – Report on file

Zoning Revision Committee – Workshop meeting scheduled for 2/18/16 @ 7pm.

Kinderhook Memorial Library – Lee Jamison reported that Karen Hummel had done a talk at the Library regarding her recent trip to Scotland and the event was well attended.

The Board will be preparing a Resolution for an increase in funding from the Towns.

Supervisor Knott added to the report that he had received a letter announcing free tax preparation services for seniors at the Chatham Library.

Office for the Aging – Ida Leiser reported that Linda Scheer is spreading the word about services needed.

Marilyn Burch added to this report by stating that additional drivers were needed for Meals on Wheels.

Highway Department – Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported that the following work is being done or has been completed:

- Cutting brush
- Clean up on Eichybush Road
- Repairs at the garage

Assessor’s Office – Exemptions are due no later than March 1.

Planning/Zoning Boards – No report

Historian – Supervisor Knott reported that the Friends of Lindenwald had contacted Mrs. Knott regarding Historical Stuyvesant Day.

Cemetery – All is quiet

ZEO/ Building Inspector – Report is on file.

Town Hall – The new custodian, Joe Scrum, is doing a great job.

County Government

Supervisor Knott reported conversations were going on regarding landfills around the County. They are working with DEC on a problem in Ancram and looking at future obligations.

Holly Tanner has begun a new program “KISS” Keeping the Identity of Seniors Safe. Locked boxes will be placed in Towns for safe storage for documents to be shredded.

New Business

Supervisor Knott announced that a new copier/scanner had been purchased for the Town Hall and had been networked to all of the offices.

Supervisor Knott reported that a check for the agreed amount of \$10,00 was received from Albany Engineering for the HydroElectric Plant in Stuyvesant Falls.

Budget Amendment

A motion to approve the following Budget Amendment was made by Ed Scott and seconded by Brian Chittenden.

General Fund		Increase	Decrease
Appropriations			
Bookkeeper	1320.1	\$5,000	
Accountant	1320.4		\$5000

A roll call vote was taken by Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Public Comments

Peter Donohue said he would urge the ZRC committee to provide a usage chart of allowable or not allowable activities within various areas of the Town. He also suggested the use of overlay maps to show how changes would affect those areas.

Christian Sweningson stated he didn’t agree with the outlawing of agribusiness and farming within the Hamlets and Hamlet Extensions and shoreline districts proposed in the draft of the revised Zoning Ordinance.

Kathy Schneider stated that Federal and State guidelines should be included and the NYS Dept of Agriculture and Markets should be notified about any proposed changes in Agricultural Districts.

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A motion to adjourn was made by Ed Scott, seconded by Kelly Williams and was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Melissa A. Naegeli, RMC
Town Clerk*

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Abstract of Vouchers presented at February 2016 meeting:

CLAIM #	PAYEE	AC#	GENERAL	LND/FALLS	HIGHWAY	RR CAP
31	CDPHP Universal Benefits (3830.61)	9060.8	432.81		3,397.80	121
32	NYS Office of State Comptroller	2610	149.00			
33	United Healthcare	9060.8			229.75	
34	Stuyvesant Post Office (196.00)	1410.4	147.00			
		1355.4	49.00			
35	Staples Credit Plan (403.55)	1320.4	349.99			
		5010.4	53.56			
36	Share Corp.	5130.4			480.11	
37	Rainbow Distributors	5132.4	26.98			
38	N & S Supply	5132.4	133.76			
39	Stockport Garage & Oil Co., Inc.	5110.4			21.00	
40	County Waste	5132.4	88.28			
41	Morton Salt, Inc.	5142.4			4,586.43	
42	Mario's Home Center (724.14)	5130.4			111.10	
		5110.4			613.04	
43	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	144.77			
44	Chemung Supply Corp.	5130.4			1,385.00	
45	Carquest of Valatie	5130.4			88.41	
46	Howard Gleason, Jr.	1355.4	122.50			
47	Colleen Bruno	1110.4	40.00			
48	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	906.25			
49	Time Warner Cable (421.95)	1620.4	294.20			
		5132.4	127.75			
50	Columbia Greene Humane Society	3510.4	75.00			
51	Columbia Co. Treasurer (Printing)	1620.4	44.10			
52	Staples, Inc. (183.44)	1410.4	66.12			
		1355.4	34.50			
		5010.4	30.86			
		1110.4	51.96			
53	Col. Co. Magistrates Association	1110.4	20.00			
54	NYSMA	1110.4	80.00			
55	Culligan	5132.4	33.93			
56	Airgas USA LLC	5130.4			20.80	
57	Lowe's	5130.4			370.12	
58	Blue Tarp Financial	5130.4			39.99	
59	Columbia Tractor Inc.	5130.4			18.59	
60	Fleet Services	5110.4			143.18	
61	Gig's Wrench	5130.4			80.50	
62	Col. Co. Treasurer (Sheriff's)	1110.4	138.99			
63	Sickler, Torchia, Allen & Churchill	1320.4	1,400.00			
		1110.4	1,700.00			
64	Paychex of NY LLC	1320.4	466.44			
65	Business Automation Services(48.99)	1410.4	9.80			
		1355.4	9.80			
		8020.4	9.80			
		3620.4	9.80			
		1220.4	9.80			
66	Xerox Corporation	1410.4	146.09			
67	National Grid (1437.06)	5182.4		698.80	L	
		5182.4		738.26	F	
68	National Grid	1620.4	25.64			
69	First Fuel & Propane	1620.4	430.48			
70	Johnson Newspaper Corporation	1010.4	38.70			
71	Constellation (318.17)	5182.4		43.43	L	
				274.74	F	
72	Paraco Gas (648.81)	5132.4	288.25			
		5110.4			360.56	
73	NYS Office of State Comptroller	A2610	347.00			
74	SMG	1620.4	119.80			
75	Col Co Treasurer (Highway)	3310.4			101.36	
Abstract Total:			8,652.71	1,755.23	8,649.94	