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The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott, Councilman Brian Chittenden, Councilwoman Kelley Williams, Councilman Edward Scott, Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli, Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler, and Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea. Councilman Tom Burrall was not in attendance.

Supervisor Knott opened the meeting at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 Ed Scott, seconded by Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote.

**Correspondence**

A letter of resignation was received from Kathy Schneider, resigning from her position as the Town Representative to the Environmental Management Council.

A new contract from the Columbia-Greene Humane Society (CGHS) was received in December. Supervisor Knott has been looking into the contract. Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli reported on a meeting she had attended with Town Clerks and representatives from the CGHS. She reported that it is law that the Town have a contract in place with someone for holding dogs when picked up by the Dog Control Officer. She also reported that Stuyvesant was the only Town in the County that had not yet signed the contract with CGHS. The change in the contract is from a flat fee charged for holding dogs to a per diem charge up to 10 days, then a flat fee is incurred. A motion to approve Supervisor Knott signing the contract with CGHS was made by Ed Scott, seconded by Kelley Williams, and was approved by unanimous vote.

Melissa Naegeli reported that some Towns have modified their Laws with respect to fees to accommodate the change in fee structure for the CGHS. Supervisor Knott asked Tal Rappleyea to look at the other laws and to draft modifications to our Local Law for fees.

A 2015 year end report from the Stuyvesant/Stockport Seniors has been received and is available for review.

**Old Business**

Supervisor Knott reported that he had asked Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli to contact other Towns in the County for their fee schedules for various Town fees. He compiled the information and gave it to the Board for review with a modification to our fees in mind.

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Supervisor Knott reported that the County has been working on an Emergency Preparedness Plan and they need to have the current information from our Town. He reiterated to the Board that we have to work on the Town plan.

**Reports**

*Town Clerk* – The Town Clerk Report is on file. Melissa Naegeli reported that second notices would be mailed out to those that still had outstanding balances on their tax bills. Local collection will continue until May 31.

*Recreation Committee* – Kelley Williams reported that the Family Movie Night at the Firehouse would be March 19 at 6:30pm and the movie will be Aladdin.

Lee Jamison reported that 16 people attended the Owl Walk at the Ken Hummel Memorial Park and thanked Kathy Schneider for leading the group.

*Environmental Management Council* – No report. Supervisor Knott reported that after Kathy Schneider’s resignation, he received a letter of interest from Christian Sweningson. Supervisor Knott explained that while the Town doesn’t make the official appointment to the Council, he can make a recommendation. Brian Chittenden made a motion to recommend Christian Sweningson to the County as the Town Representative to the Environmental Management Council. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote.

*Railroad Station Committee* – There will be a pot luck dinner on Friday, March 11 at 6pm. The Committee thanked the Highway Department for their work around the depot.

Lee Jamison reported that there would be an Artist Sale fundraiser at the Riverview Café on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 3-6pm. The money will go to the tax deductible Stuyvesant Pathways.

*Dog Control Officer* – Report on file

*Zoning Revision Committee* – There was a second meeting with Board representatives and the public and revisions are being made.

*Kinderhook Memorial Library* – Lee Jamison reported that the work to upgrade the electrical system is being completed. This was paid for by a NYS Grant. Drawings are being done for the reading room addition to prepare the bid packages. The project is expected to have a construction start in Late Spring with a Fall completion.

*Office for the Aging* – Supervisor Knott acknowledged co-Senior Citizens of the Year, Ida Leiser and Marilyn Burch.

Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli explained about the County’s “KISS” (Keeping the Identity of Seniors Safe). There are free bins in the Town Hall for Seniors to bring sensitive documents for destruction. Additional information is available in the Town Clerk’s

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Office. The bins will be in the Town Hall until March 31. She also reported that she will attend the next Stuyvesant/Stockport Seniors meeting/luncheon to explain the program to them.

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

- Brush work is completed;
- Ditch work at Lang Work;
- Snow Fences are coming down.

Mr. Stiffler announced that he had been notified that on March 22 the RR crossing at the Landing will be closed for track repairs.

*Assessor's Office* – Cathy Knott reported that everything was quiet now, with the Exemption deadline having passed (March 1). Assessor's information on property will be available for review in May and Grievance Day will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in May.

*Planning/Zoning Boards* – No report

*Historian* – Supervisor Knott reported that Historic Stuyvesant Day will be held in conjunction with the Friends of Lindenwald to commemorate Martin Van Buren's coming to the area.

*Cemetery* – Ed Scott reported that clean up around the grounds has begun. There are 11 plots left available. There is some tree work that needs to be completed. He also reported that he and Mario Nistico will resume repairing the stones when the weather allows.

*ZEO/Building Inspector* – Gerry Ennis reported that he had attended training and that NYS is revising Zoning Laws from 2010. He is working on suggestions for the revised fee schedule being discussed. He also reported that a change from NYS is to permits for pools; the permits will only be for 90 days to complete, our current permit allows for 1 year. Mr. Ennis said he will change the pool permit to the shorter time period to meet NYS Guidelines.

Mr. Ennis also reported that the burned house on Sharptown Road has been removed and the area is being cleaned up. He reminded everyone that the burn ban begins on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

*Town Hall* – Supervisor Knott reported that the Custodian is getting a lot of work done around the building.

### **County Government**

Supervisor Knott reported that a Broadband Program is being developed for the County. The proposal will be in conjunction with schools, health care facilities, and emergency services. He said there is Federal money available. He explained that the NYS Grant Program has \$500 M available but the rules are so restrictive that the majority of

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Columbia County wouldn't even qualify to apply and there is a \$100,000 Application fee.

Supervisor Knott reported that he is working on landfill re-use ideas. Grant money was obtained for Hudson to convert North Bay to Park area. He has suggested the possibility of reusing landfills for solar farms.

**New Business**

Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported that the Townwide Clean Up Day will be Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 8-4 rain or shine. He also reported a slight change that this year a truck with a trailer will complete the allowed 2 trips per resident. Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli reported that punch cards will be available in the Town Clerk's Office beginning May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Lee Jamison asked about the Riversweep materials being cleaned up the week before. Mr. Stiffler said he will have a spot at the trash day site, designated for them to leave debris until the clean up day.

Supervisor Knott reported that there would be a Legislative Breakfast held at the Columbia Greene Community College at 7:30am.

County Hazardous Waste Day will be September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor Knott also reported that he had been contacted by a resident regarding the speed limit through the intersection at Route 21 and Dahlgren/Eichybusch Road. He explained that it would have to be worked on with Kinderhook because the area in question has the Town line going through it. Supervisor Knott said he would contact Dean Knox at the County to go take a look at the area.

**Public Comments**

Tom Shanahan asked why the appointment to the EMC was not advertised. After discussion, the Board agreed to hold the appointment of Mr. Sweningson for 30 days to advertise for any other interested parties.

Lee Jamison asked if there would be another meeting with the suggested revisions to the Proposed Zoning Law. Supervisor Knott explained that those suggested revisions, as well as others, were still being made and that there was not another draft available yet. He explained that this would be a lengthy process and assured everyone that a Public Hearing will be held.

Peter Donohue complained about the speed on Route 9 and asked what the process would be to lower the speed limit. He said it is current 45mph and should be 35mph. Supervisor Knott explained that an application would have to be made to the County but that NYS would get the final say as it is a State maintained roadway. He said he would speak with Dean Knox about it.

Mike Naegeli asked for clarification on the dog fee changes in the new contract with CGHS. Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli explained that the current fee was a flat \$310 when

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a dog was brought to the shelter for housing when picked up by the DCO. According to our Laws, we can only collect up to \$100 from the dog owner, if they appear in Court with a fine and if the Judge assesses the fee. The new contract changes the fee to the CGHS to a day rate up to 10 days at which point the \$310 flat fee will be assessed. She also explained that the Local Law needs to be rewritten to allow the CGHS to collect a fee that will cover what we have to pay to them.

A motion to adjourn was made by Brian Chittenden, seconded by Kelly Williams and was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Melissa A. Naegeli, RMC  
Town Clerk*

*(Abstract of vouchers on following page)*

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Abstract of Vouchers presented at March 2016 meeting:

<u>CLAIM #</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>A/C#</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>LND/FALLS</u>	<u>HIGHWAY</u>
76	CDPHP Universal Benefits (2964.96)	9060.8	432.84		2,532.12
77	ARE Productions	7550.4	800.00		
78	National Grid (\$1437.06)	5182.4		614.64	
				648.23	
79	National Grid	1620.4	63.39		
80	National Grid	5132.4	837.93		
81	Constellation (\$422.24)	5182.4		203.10	
				219.14	
82	Constellation	5132.4	11.88		
83	Time Warner Cable (\$380.71)	1620.4	260.92		
		5132.4	119.79		
84	Marlin Business Bank	1620.4	225.72		
85	First Fuel & Propane	1620.4	355.92		
86	Staples Business Advantage (279.32)	1410.4	103.03		
		5010.4	145.84		
		1110.4	30.45		
87	Business Automation Svcs (54.44)	1620.4	19.44		
		5010.4	35.00		
88	Business Automation Svcs (29.75)	1410.4	5.95		
		1355.4	5.95		
		8020.4	5.95		
		3620.4	5.95		
		1220.4	5.95		
89	Col. Co. Treasurer (Sheriff)	1110.4	162.16		
90	Carrie A. O'Hare	1110.4	29.40		
91	eBiz Docs Inc.	1110.4	600.00		
92	Paychex of NY, LLC	1320.4	164.94		
		1320.4	59.40		
93	Safeguard Business Systems	1410.4	61.52		
94	Xerox Corporation	1410.4	144.48		
95	NYSTCA	1410.4	185.00		
96	The Saratoga Hilton	1410.4	790.98		
97	NYSATRC Membership	1410.4	25.00		
98	Tal G Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	656.25		
99	Stuyvesant/Stockport Senior Citizens	6772.4	2,500.00		
100	Johnson Newspaper Corp. (41.69)	8010.4	20.47		
		8020.4	21.22		
101	Staples Credit Plan	8020.4	49.12		
102	SMG	1620.4	134.74		

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103	Mario's Home Center	1620.4	102.51		
104	County Waste	8160.4	88.28		
105	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	66.88		
106	Culligan	5132.4	28.93		
107	Rainbow Distributors	5132.4	12.00		
108	Paraco Gas	5132.4	239.96		
		5110.4			567.88
109	Cornell Local Roads Program	5110.4			50.00
110	Callanan Industries Inc.	5110.4			2,044.65
111	Fleet Services	5110.4			115.07
112	Mario's Home Center	5130.4			5.35
113	AirGas USA, LLC	5130.4			19.60
114	Columbia Tractor Inc.	5130.4			5.98
115	Northeast Automotive Parts, Inc.	5130.4			23.98
116	Lapiner Brothers, Inc.	5130.4			50.00
117	Zwack, Inc.	5130.4			184.15
118	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4			59.80
119	John Deere Financial	5130.4			82.79
120	Morton Salt, Inc.	5142.4			4,090.85
	<b>Totals</b>		<b>9,615.14</b>	<b>1,685.11</b>	<b>9,832.22</b>