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The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, August 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.

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

Correspondence

There was no correspondence to be read

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

Old Business

Speed Reduction – The form needs to be put on letterhead with the Town Seal and Town Clerk's signature. Supervisor Knott asked Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli to prepare. They will also need the minutes with complaints, if there are any. Residents may also email Supervisor Knott directly.

Firwood Cemetery – In the ongoing research of expanding the cemetery, Supervisor Knott asked Peter VanAlstyne to mark the borderlines of the cemetery.

Zoning Law Amendments – Supervisor Knott reported that recommendations from the Zoning Revision Committee, along with comments from the Planning and Zoning Boards, the Code Enforcements Officer, and the public have been compiled and a new draft has been given to the Town Board. The "new" document draft will be put on the Town Website for review and will be submitted to the County Planning Office for review and approval. The next step will be a Public Hearing in the Town prior to adoption of new Law. Supervisor Knott asked the Board to review the latest draft and get back to him with any comments as soon as possible; he would like to send it to the County the week of September 1st to get it on their September agenda.

Tom Shanahan asked why not send the draft back to the Zoning Revision Committee for comment prior to sending to the County. Supervisor

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Knott said the Chairwoman Kelley Williams could hold a meeting but that this was going to be the process.

Riverview Street / Amtrak – Supervisor Knott contacted Congressman Gibson’s office for assistance in the complaints about the railroad ties being stored at Stuyvesant Landing. Ann Mueller handled problem and Congressman Gibson has sent a letter to Amtrak asking them to move the railroad ties due to the smell.

Broadband – Supervisor Knott reported that the Governor has announced new solutions to the lack of access in the County. Supervisor Knott is waiting for additional information but said it is good news for Columbia County.

Reports

Town Clerk – Report on File. Melissa Naegeli reminded everyone about the Ken Hummel run to kick off Historic Stuyvesant Day on Saturday, August 13th. She went over the schedule for road closures and explained that disruptions will be kept to the minimal.

Recreation Committee – Kelley Williams reported that this was the last week of the summer program.

Railroad Station Committee – Marilyn Burch reported that the Corn Festival will be held on Friday, August 12th 4-7pm. She also reminded everyone that the Depot would be open for Historic Stuyvesant Day on Saturday, August 13th.

Environmental Management Council – There was no report. Lee Jamison added that Mr. Sweningson had been getting questions about the crop spraying in Stuyvesant Falls. Councilman Chittenden addressed the issue and explained what materials were being used.

Dog Control Officer – Report on file.

Kinderhook Memorial Library – Lee Jamison reported that Mr. Romanchuck, the contractor, had begun construction and that the footings were complete.

Office for the Aging – Ida Leiser reported that no meeting had been held. She added that the Register Start had been publishing interesting articles on Senior issues.

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Highway Department – Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported that

- Shoulder work is being completed;
- Crack sealing work is being done behind Ace Sales;
- Painting sign posts around Town;
- Cleaning up around the Town Hall, including pulling stumps and taking down dead trees;
- The Town Hall had been pressure washed.

Assessor – Assessor's Clerk Cathy Knott reported that it was quiet and reminded everyone that new residents should contact the Assessor's Office for possible exemption information.

Planning & Zoning Boards -- Planning Board member Tom Shanahan reported that there had been one application approved and an additional two submitted.

There was no Zoning Board report.

Historian – Supervisor Knott reported that Town Historian Juanita Knott is working hard on Historic Stuyvesant Day preparations. Festivities will begin at the Stuyvesant Landing at 1pm with the Ghent Band.

Cemetery – Councilman Ed Scott reported the additional tree limb hanging would be removed in Butler Cemetery.

Steven Taylor asked if a flag pole at Firwood could be included as part of whatever renovations are planned. Supervisor Knott responded that it will be considered.

Supervisor Knott reported that Cathy Knott and Juanita Knott had found the headstones for Mr. & Mrs. Butler in the Butler Cemetery and would lay flowers for Historic Stuyvesant Day.

ZEO/Building Inspector – Report on file.

Town Hall – The front of the building was pressured washed and the grounds manicured in preparation of Historic Stuyvesant Day.

County Government

Supervisor Knott reported that the Tourism Economics Report was out and Columbia County was #1 for growth out of all of the counties in the Hudson Valley.

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New Business

Supervisor Knott reported that the Board had started discussions about new health insurance options at the Workshop meeting after receiving news of large rate hikes. He said one consideration is going back to a traditional plan and asking employees to contribute a portion of the fees. Councilman Scott asked how that would affect retirees and Supervisor Knott explained that they are on a different type of plan.

2017 Budget – There will be a budget workshop on September 1st. All Department Heads have been asked to have their requests prepared by that meeting.

Electric Rates -- Supervisor Knott reported that Constellation had reduced the cost per kwh to .64 and has locked it in for 3 years.

Board Comments

Councilman Scott said when insurance plan is decided, our insurance rep should have a meeting with the Highway Department to explain any new plan.

Supervisor Knott reported that the Town had renewed it's liability insurance with NYMIR.

Chuck Stiffler is reaching out to Allied to discuss changes that are necessary at the Sandbar Road. Currently the road passes over the penstocks for the HydroElectric Plant. The weight limit will immediately be lowered until a more permanent solution can be put in place.

Public Comments

Cathy Knott asked permission to put on the Town's Children's Halloween Party on Saturday, October 29th and to be allowed to spend up to the previously approved amount of \$150. A motion to approve the request was made by Ed Scott, seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote.

Cathy Knott asked everyone to wish Supervisor Knott a Happy Birthday.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ed Scott, seconded by Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Melissa A. Naegeli, RMC
Town Clerk*

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Abstract of Vouchers presented for payment August 2016

<u>CLAIM #</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>A/C#</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>LND/FALLS</u>	<u>HIGHWAY</u>
309	CDPHP	9060.8	432.84		2532.12
310	Constellation (272.57)	5182.4		131.13	
				141.44	
311	National Grid (1039.71)	5182.4		519.86	
				519.85	
312	National Grid	1620.4	21.92		
313	Time Warner Cable (392.95)	1620.4	270.01		
		5132.4	122.94		
314	Business Automation Svcs (50.91)	1410.4	5.95		
		1355.4	5.95		
		8020.4	5.95		
		3620.4	5.95		
		1220.4	5.95		
		1620.4	21.16		
315	Paychex of NY, LLC	1320.4	181.67		
316	Marlin Business Bank	1620.4	114.00		
317	Gerald Ennis	3620.4	40.08		
318	Crown Awards	7550.4	20.19		
319	National Grid	5132.4	92.24		
320	Constellation	1620.4	74.06		
	<i>Transfer: 8/4/2016</i>		1420.86	1312.28	2532.12
321	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	937.50		
322	Business Automation Svcs (790.00)	1355.4	395.00		
		3620.4	395.00		
323	Carrie A. O'Hare	1110.4	17.25		
324	Crowne Plaza - Lake Placid	1110.4	687.75		
325	NYS Magistrate's Association	1110.4	50.00		
326	Col. Co. Treasurer -- Sheriff's Dept	1110.4	191.64		
327	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	69.19		
328	Rainbow Distributors	5132.4	34.47		
329	County Waste	5132.4	93.58		
330	Culligan	5132.4	28.93		
331	Stuyvesant Post Office	1410.4	94.00		
332	Staples, Inc. (107.54)	1110.4	69.53		
		1355.4	38.01		
333	NYS Office of State Comptroller	A2610	384.00		

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334	ARE Productions	7550.4	1000.00		
335	Mario's Home Center (191.94)	5132.4	2.37		
		5110.4			189.57
336	Wil-Roc Farms	5110.4			387.50
337	New Castle Asphalt	5110.4			182.11
338	Valley Energy	5110.4			966.09
339	Fleet Services	5110.4			331.71
340	Valley Paving	5110.4			5250.00
341	Ben Funk, Inc.	5130.4			87.05
342	Lapiner Bros., Inc.	5130.4			146.24
343	Power Plan	5130.4			1332.57
344	Tractor Supply	5130.4			11.98
345	Northeast Automotive Parts, Inc.	5130.4			21.86
346	Airgas USA LLC	5130.4			20.80
347	Car Quest of Valatie	5130.4			44.36
348	SMG	1620.4	305.91		
	<i>Transfer: 8/11/2016</i>		4794.13		8971.84
	<i>Total of Abstract</i>		6214.99	1312.28	11503.96

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