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The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, December 10, 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

A building use form has been received from the Kinderhook Memorial Library for a book club meeting on February 4th or March 4th.

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

Old Business

Columbia-Greene Humane Society Contract – Supervisor Knott told the Board that Tal had reviewed the contract and said there were no changes from the previous year, other than the change to our Town Law, and recommended that it be signed. A motion was made by Ed Scott for Supervisor Knott to sign the Contract with the Columbia Greene Humane Society. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote. Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli will return the signed Contract to the Humane Society.

Zoning Revisions – Supervisor Knott reported that the document had been submitted to the County Planning Board for review. They returned the document with some suggested edits with regard to the sections on Solar and steep slopes. Supervisor Knott went over the recommendations with Town Engineer, Ray Jurkowski, and it was suggested that solar projects be reviewed by the Engineer and handled on a case-by-case basis.

Supervisor Knott will update the document with the suggested changes and send it back to the County.

Supervisor Knott asked everyone to start thinking about appointments for the upcoming Organizational meeting in January.

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Reports

Town Clerk – Report on File.

Recreation Committee – Kelley Williams reported that the Committee had met briefly. Lee Jamison reported that volunteers Rich Moran, Cal Burch, and Christian Sweningson had the new locust wood cut and drilled for the decking for the bridges on the Ken Hummel Park trails.

Railroad Station Committee – The Holiday Party was held on December 3rd. A flea market is scheduled for December 17th at the Station.

Environmental Management Council – Christian Sweningson was not in attendance. In his absence, he provided a written report regarding the meeting on November 28th regarding the Clean Energy Program; the Natural Resources Grant; and a letter to newly elected Congressman John Faso to discuss continuing work on climate change started by Congressman Gibson. There is no meeting scheduled for December.

Dog Control Officer – Report on file.

Kinderhook Memorial Library – Lee Jamison reported that there would be a ceremony and reception to open and dedicate the new reading room on Saturday, December 10th at 4:30pm. She also reported that the Library would be open during Candlelight Night on December 9th.

Office for the Aging – Ida Leiser reported that the representatives from the Methodist Church have come around twice getting surveys completed for work to be performed. People will be notified in May which projects were chosen. Councilman Ed Scott added that his wife, Chantelle, is working on this for the Church.

Highway Department – Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported that

- They had been out with sand a couple of times;
- Continuing to clean up leaves;
- The new speed limit signs are up on Church & Riverview Streets;
- There is no parking on Town roads through March 31st
- Work is being done at the Stuyvesant Falls playground;
- The highway department and Supervisor Knott installed the new parking lot lights and have them connected.

Assessor – Assessor's Clerk Cathy Knott reported exemptions are out and must be returned by March 1st.

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Supervisor Knott told everyone that NYS has been saying that the valuations for the farmlands are “off”. Our assessments for farmland are at \$1800 and the State’s recommends \$3500. Howard Gleason is working on the numbers to see what the impacts will be from increases but there will have to be increases. He is also working with the County to determine tax impacts.

Planning & Zoning Boards -- Due to no business, December meetings are cancelled for both Boards.

Historian – No report.

Cemetery – Councilman Ed Scott reported that mowing is done for the season. There was a brief discussion on the proposed expansion of the cemetery. Councilman Scott suggested the plans be put on hold for now because we have enough plots for now.

Cathy Knott asked if she could have the Board’s permission to investigate what can be done to repair the stones at the Butler Cemetery to make them readable. The Board approved the request.

ZEO/Building Inspector – Report on file.

Town Hall – Supervisor Knott reiterated that the new parking lots lights had been installed and are operational.

County Government

Supervisor Knott reported that:

- The Budget was complete and a Public Hearing is scheduled for December 14th;
- The County met the Tax Cap;
- After reviewing some historical changes to highway funding, he said there was an increase in the equipment fund but they would be borrowing \$1 Million less for Highway.

New Business

2016 Budget Amendment #4

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

Replacement of Garage Doors @ Highway Garage – three bids have been received for the replacement of 3 doors:

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Madsen	\$9,457.00
Murphy	\$14,232.00
Overhead	\$11,900

The Low Bid being from Madsen, a motion to accept the bid of \$9,457.00 to replace 3 garage doors was made by Ed Scott. The motion was seconded by Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote.

Court Audit – the Court financial records have been audited by the CPA firm on Contract and have been okayed.

NYS Audit – an Auditor from NYS Comptroller’s Office has been working in the Town Hall for about a month and the review is currently ongoing.

End Of Year – the End of Year meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 28th at 7pm.

Board Comments

Councilman Ed Scott said he felt we have had a good year.

Public Comments

Cathy Knott reported that the Chatham School District will honor Cold War Vets for their service with including them in the exemptions on School Taxes. She added that we need to encourage Ichabod Crane to follow suit. Tom Burrall said ICC is following the guidelines and definitions of “veteran” from the VFW and not the American Legion. He added that the definition of veteran has changed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ed Scott, seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Melissa A. Naegeli, RMC
Town Clerk*

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Abstract of Vouchers presented for payment December 2016

	December 2016			LIGHTS	
CLAIM #	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	LND/FALLS	HIGHWAY
496	NYS Office of State Comptroller	A2610	366.00		
497	CDPHP (\$2647.11)	9060.8	600.48		2046.63
498	Time Warner Cable (\$408.14)	1620.4	280.77		
		5132.4	127.37		
499	Marlin Business Bank	1620.4	139.00		
500	National Grid	1620.4	22.26		
501	Constellation	5182.4		219.10	F
502	National Grid	5132.4	90.39		
	1-Dec-16		1626.27	219.10	2046.63
503	National Grid (\$1268.71)	5182.4		617.62	L
				651.09	F
504	Johnson Newspaper Corp.	1010.4	24.96		
505	E Biz Docs, Inc.	1110.4	1436.00		
506	Carrie O'Hare	1110.4	31.71		
507	Service Education, Inc.	1110.4	1140.00		
508	Col. Co. Treasurer (Sheriff's Dep	1110.4	130.62		
509	County Waste	5132.4	93.58		
510	Stuyvesant Post Office (\$564.00)	1355.4	94.00		
		1410.4	470.00		
511	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	625.00		
512	Staples, Inc. (\$175.29)	1110.4	60.68		
		1410.4	48.61		
		5010.4	66.00		
513	Xerox Corp.	1410.4	143.90		
514	Cathy Knott	7550.4	187.30		
515	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	69.13		
516	Culligan	5132.4	28.93		
517	Package Pavement	5110.4			381.90
518	GH Berlin Windward	5110.4			854.84
519	Ben Funk, Inc.	5130.4			293.00
520	Keil Equipment Co., Inc.	5130.4			82.92
521	Mario's Home Center	5130.4			61.70
522	Northeast Auto Parts, Inc.	5130.4			88.79
523	Valley Energy	5110.4			898.73
524	Callanan Industries, Inc.	5110.4			790.21
525	Fleet Services	5110.4			112.49
526	Paychex of New York, LLC	1320.4	261.41		
527	Constellation (\$71.71)	5132.4	70.44		
		1620.4	1.27		
	United Healthcare (F. Pino)	9060.8			5288.24
	NYS Retirement (\$31835.00)	9010.8	17980.00		13855.00
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