

November 10, 2016

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held a Public Hearing on Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall for the 2017 Preliminary Budget. 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 Public Hearing at 7:00pm and asked Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli to read the Notice as it appeared in the Official Newspaper. Mrs. Naegeli read the following:

***PUBLIC NOTICE
Town of Stuyvesant
Public Hearing
Preliminary 2017 Budget***

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of Stuyvesant will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 7:00pm for the purpose of taking comment from any interested resident with regard to the Preliminary 2017 Budget. Copies of the Preliminary Budget are available in the Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours and on the Town Website at stuyvesantny.us. Salaries included in the Preliminary Budget are: Supervisor \$7,535.00; Town Board Members (4) 11,980.00; Town Clerk/Tax Collector \$23,643.00; and Town Justices (2) \$16,810.00. The Hearing will be held at the Stuyvesant Town Hall, 5 Sunset Drive, Stuyvesant, NY 12173.

*Melissa A. Naegeli, RMC
Town Clerk*

Supervisor Knott explained to those in attendance that since he had reviewed the tentative budget at the October Board Meeting line-by-line and nothing had changed, he would take questions. He added that there was an overall 1% increase. While that is above the .68% allowed, we were still under our cap due to residual funds being available for offset at the State. The 2017 Preliminary Budget has a \$424,681 tax levy. Supervisor Knott explained that because the assessed values in Town had changed, there would be a slight decrease in taxes on the bills.

Supervisor Knott added that we are using less of the fund balance to offset increases and explained that spending is down and revenues are higher than estimated.

There being no questions or comments from the public or from the Board, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilman Ed Scott. The motion was seconded by Tom Burrall and was passed by unanimous vote. The Hearing closed at 7:06pm.

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The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, November 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 7:10pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Correspondence

A letter from the Village of Kinderhook asking for a letter of support for their waterfront revitalization program at the Kinderhook Creek.

A letter from the Columbia County Assessor's Association regarding the Town of Chatham Assessor position. Supervisor Knott reported that the issue had been resolved internally.

A letter of resignation from Bill Vick from his position on the Planning Board.

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

Vacant Justice Position – Supervisor Knott announced that members of the Board had interviewed 2 candidates for the vacated Justice position; Mike Winnie and Bill Vick. The Board voted unanimously at their Workshop on November 3rd to appoint Bill Vick to the position. Supervisor Knott thanked both candidates for applying and expressed appreciation for having two qualified candidates to choose from.

Reports

Town Clerk – Report on File. Melissa Naegeli announced that the Town Clerk's Office can now accept credit/debit cards for all transactions.

Recreation Committee – Kelley Williams reported that the Committee had not met. Lee Jamison reported that volunteers Rich Moran, Cal Burch, and Christian Sweningson were working on the decking for the bridges on the Ken Hummel Park trails.

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Railroad Station Committee – Cal Burch reported that there would be a pot luck supper on the 18th and that the next meeting would be on the 19th. The annual Holiday at the Depot will be Saturday, December 3rd from 1-3pm.

Environmental Management Council – Town Representative Christian Sweningson reported that there had been a presentation from the Rural Water Association and there was a .pdf map of ground water resources. He attended the Renewable Energy Fair and the NYSERTA Clean Energy Community Program.

Dog Control Officer – Report on file.

Kinderhook Memorial Library – Lee Jamison reported that the 414 Resolution had passed in both Kinderhook and Stuyvesant on Election Day.

There is a tentative dedication party for the reading porch on December 10th at 4pm. The room will be dedicated to Mrs. Tuttle.

Office for the Aging – Rich Moran reported that it had been quiet. He asked about the line item in the Budget for the Office for the Aging and if all the towns did that. Supervisor Knott explained that not all towns do and gave a brief history of our adding it to our budget.

Highway Department – Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported that

- The trucks are ready for winter;
- The snow fences are up;
- A reminder that there no parking is allowed on Town roads from November 1st through March 31st;
- Trash day was only moderately attended;
- The requested 30mph speed limits for Church and Riverview Streets had been approved and signs had been ordered. The local police agencies had been notified and will start to enforce the new lower speed limit; and
- He is getting prices to replace the garage doors at the Highway Garage for better energy efficiency.

Assessor – Assessor's Clerk Cathy Knott reported exemptions will be going out in the mail in the next week and the deadline for return is 3/1/17, but they should be mailed back immediately so as not to forget.

Supervisor Knott and the Board thanked Cathy Knott for her hard work on the Halloween Party.

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Planning & Zoning Boards -- Tom Shanahan reported that the October Planning Board meeting had been cancelled. He also reported that he had attended a CEU session on solar power.

The Zoning Board meeting in November has been cancelled.

Historian – No report.

Cemetery – Councilman Ed Scott reported that all was quiet.

ZEO/Building Inspector – Report on file.

Town Hall – Supervisor Knott reported that he had shown the Board some options for replacing the lights in the parking lot. He is getting additional quotes.

County Government

Supervisor Knott reported that:

- The Budget Presentation would be held in two weeks and that they had stayed within the allowable tax cap limit.
- An RFP had been prepared for land to build a fire training tower and a place to park the County Emergency vehicles – at least 5 acres. A future training center is also an idea.
- The “Sparkler Law” is back at the County Board for consideration. The Fire Chief’s Association is opposed but others are pushing for the sales tax. Supervisor Knott reported that he had spoken with our local Chiefs and they are both opposed to the law.

New Business

Personnel Policy – Supervisor Knott asked if there were any Board questions or comments on the changes proposed and provided at the October meeting. Councilman Ed Scott made a motion to approve the changes. The motion was seconded by Tom Burrall and was approved by unanimous vote.

2017 Budget – Councilman Edward Scott made a motion to adopt the 2017 Preliminary Budget. The motion was seconded by Tom Burrall and was approved by unanimous vote.

Supervisor Knott reported that he had been hearing some complaints about the navigation difficulties of the Town Website. He asked Melissa Naegeli to contact BAS to start working on making the site easier to navigate.

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Board Comments

Councilman Tom Burrall reported that there would be a Veterans' Day Ceremony at the VFW on November 11th at 11am; a Town of Kinderhook ceremony at Barnwell at 10am; and the Boys Scout 5K at 9am with an American Legion ceremony immediately following. He also reported that the Veterans Miracle Center would be honoring local Vets at a dinner in Albany on the evening of November 11th.

Public Comments

Lee Jamison asked if there was a status update from the Bridge Committee. Supervisor Knott reported that there had been questions on the Engineering Report and that Dean King has the answers but the Committee had not reconvened yet. Ms. Jamison asked if the questions were public and Supervisor Knott replied that they would be put on the website.

Christian Sweningson thanked Highway Superintendent and the Highway Dept. staff for being helpful and getting work done.

Steve Taylor asked about the enforcement of the new speed limits. Supervisor Knott explained that the NYS DOT determination letter was also sent to the NYS Police and the Columbia County Sheriff's Office.

Cathy Knott reported that the Halloween Party was a success and wanted to acknowledge some of the helpers:

- Brian Chittenden for the hay bales and cheese;
- Kelley Williams who brought gourdes and pumpkins and stayed to help with games;
- Melissa Naegeli for bringing Snoopy;
- Supervisor Knott for decorating and hanging the piñata;
- Steve Montie, Brandon Montie, and the Fire Company for coming to talking about fire safety, showing what a fully dressed firefighter would look like, and bring the equipment for the kids to climb on; and
- The Burch family for helping with decorating, baking, and working at the party.

Supervisor Knott thanked Joe Scrum for doing a great job with custodial work at the Town Hall.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ed Scott, seconded by Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Melissa A. Naegeli, RMC
Town Clerk*

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Abstract of Vouchers presented for payment November 2016

#	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>A/C#</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>LND/FALLS</u>	<u>HIGHWAY</u>
443	CDPHP Universal Benefits (2964.96)	9060.8	432.84		2532.12
444	NYS Office of State Comptroller	A2610	857.00		
445	Stuyvesant Post Office	1355.4	47.00		
446	SMG	1620.4	251.62		
447	Time Warner Cable (385.76)	1620.4	264.59		
		5132.4	121.17		
448	Constellation (\$380.91)	5182.4		183.26	
				197.65	
	27-Oct-16		1974.22	380.91	
449	National Grid (\$1199.13)	5182.4		584.05	
				615.08	
450	National Grid	5132.4	94.54		
451	National Grid (RR Station)	1620.4	1.24		
452	National Grid (Town Hall)	1620.4	42.36		
453	Paychex of New York LLC	1320.4	191.83		
454	Roddy Niesen	8810.4	2750.00		
	3-Oct-16		3079.97	1199.13	
455	Metz Wood Harder	1910.4	752.60		
456	Williamson Law Book Co	1110.4	60.52		
457	Col Co Treasurer (Sheriff's)	1110.4	58.50		
458	Col Co Treasurer (Solid Waste)	8160.4	1004.60		
459	Carrie A O'Hare	1110.4	26.63		
460	Xerox Corp.	1410.4	142.51		
461	Constellation	5132.4	75.37		
462	Apex Software	1355.4	235.00		
463	Johnson Newspaper Corp.	8010.4	24.59		
464	Sausbier's Awning Shop	1620.4	30.00		
465	Marlin Business Bank	1620.4	114.00		
466	Melissa Naegeli	1410.4	47.00		
467	Business Automation Svcs (1900.00)	1410.4	510.00		
		1620.4	1390.00		
468	Business Automation Svcs (82.94)	1410.4	8.55		
		1355.4	8.55		
		8020.4	8.55		

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		3620.4	8.55		
		1220.4	8.55		
		5132.4	23.75		
		1620.4	16.44		
469	Tal G Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	625.00		
470	Repeat Business systems	1620.4	64.88		
471	SMG	1620.4	156.93		
472	Staples, Inc.	1410.4	20.79		
473	Madsen Overhead Doors	5132.4	287.50		
474	County Waste	5132.4	93.58		
475	Charles Stiffler	5010.4	19.69		
476	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	69.13		
477	New Castle Asphalt	5110.4			1251.16
478	Chatham Auto Parts	5130.4			350.66
479	Culligan	5132.4	28.93		
480	Mooradian Hydraulics	5130.4			353.00
481	Carquest of Valatie	5130.4			197.51
482	Arrowhead Equipment Inc.	5110.4	258.90		
483	Fleet Services	5110.4			112.49
484	Col Co Treasurer (Solid Waste)	5132.4	87.00		
485	Lowe's	5130.4			15.20
486	Airgas USA LLC	5130.4			20.80
487	Tractor Supply	5130.4			53.95
488	Albany Steel, Inc.	5130.4			172.84
489	Inter City Tire Loc 06	5130.4			2038.76
490	Meltz Lumber	5130.4			50.00
491	Zwack, Inc.	5130.4			80.63
492	Com Tech	5130.4			96.32
493	Mario's Home Center	5130.4			72.53
494	NAPA Northeast	5130.4			17.98
495	Ben Funk, Inc.	5130.4			195.36
**	Bank of Greene County	A97106	43578.04		
	\$64,919.23	A97107	21341.19		