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The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott, Councilwoman Kelley Williams, Councilman Edward Scott, Councilman Brian Chittenden, Councilman Tom Burrall, Highway Superintendent Charles Stiffler, Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli, and Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea.

Supervisor Knott opened the meeting at 7:05pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the Pledge, Supervisor Knott asked for a Moment of Silence in memory of Charlene Leach.

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

**Correspondence**

- A letter from Columbia County Reach 2017 Program; Councilman Ed Scott explained that this group has teen volunteers from all over to help repairs homes for income depressed people. Sponsorship forms are available in the Town Hall;
- A letter from the Stuyvesant Falls VFW thanking the Board of Supervisors for approving the increased Veterans’ exemption. Supervisor Knott asked the Board to consider a similar increase in the Town;
- A letter from the Association of Towns regarding the Governor’s plan for shared services;
- A letter from Bob Leach thanking the Board for use of the Town Hall for the reception in memory of Charlene.

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

Councilwoman Kelley Williams read the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION  
TOWN OF STUYVESANT  
SURPLUS HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Stuyvesant Highway Department has previously purchased the following 4 pieces of equipment: Broom-9’ York Rakes model TFB32; Truck mount Blower-Giant Vac model #16; Welder-Marquetle model M12190 155amp; Tool box- Tractor Supply model Truck Box, which have been on the town inventory since such purchase; and

**WHEREAS**, the said equipment has all become outdated, damaged and they are no longer economically feasible to repair same; and

**WHEREAS**, the Highway Superintendent has recommended to the Town Board that the said equipment no longer has any practical use or value to the Town and further

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recommends that same all be declared surpluses and either sold or disposed of in the most economically advantageous manner to the Town.

**NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY**

**RESOLVED**, that the said Broom, Blower, Welder, and Tool Box have no practical use or value to the Town; and it is further

**RESOLVED** that the said Broom, Blower, Welder, and Tool Box should be and hereby is declared surpluses and shall either be sold or disposed of in the most economically advantageous manner to the Town as determined by the Highway Superintendent.

| <u>Town Board Members</u> | <u>AYE</u> | <u>NAY</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Ronald Knott              | X          |            |               |
| Brian Chittenden          | X          |            |               |
| Kelley Williams           | X          |            |               |
| Tom Burrall               | X          |            |               |
| Edward Scott              | X          |            |               |

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The Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli took the roll call vote and the Resolution was passed unanimously, as recorded above.

Supervisor Knott proposed the following Budget Amendment #2

| <i>General Fund Appropriations</i> | <i>Increase</i> | <i>Decrease</i> |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| DA5230.2 Machinery Equip.          | \$11,000        |                 |
| DA230 Equipment Reserve            |                 | \$11,000        |
| <i>Total</i>                       | \$11,000        | \$11,000        |

A motion approve Budget Amendment #2 of 2017 for the purpose of purchasing a new road broom for the Highway Department was made by Edward Scott, seconded by Brian Chittenden was approved unanimously. The signed Budget Amendment #2 is on file in the Town Clerk’s Office.

Supervisor Knott shared that he had received a letter from Betsy Blair of DEC regarding shoreline stabilization and a handicap accessible fishing pier to be built at the end of Ice House Road; the funding has been secured and the project has begun the planning stages.

**Reports**

*Town Clerk* – Report on file. Melissa Naegeli requested permission to contact vendors to research the costs and process involved with having the Town Laws codified and put online for public access. Edward Scott made a motion to approve the Town Clerk’s request, the motion was seconded by Kelley Williams, and was approved by unanimous vote. Melissa Naegeli will report at the next meeting.

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*Recreation Committee* – Kelley Williams reported that they had not met but they are still looking into different types of trees and the associated costs for the playgrounds.

Lee Jamison reported that 32 volunteers had participated in the shoreline clean up and thanked Supervisor Knott for bringing the Town truck around to pick up the trash collected. Ms. Jamison also thanked the Riverview Café for the coffee in the morning and the coupons for beer in the afternoon.

Lee Jamison reported that Kathy Schneider has been monitoring the nesting boxes at the Park and has reported that there is a bluebird nest with eggs in one of the houses; the sandpipers are migrating; and there were sightings of a bald eagle and brown thrasher.

*Railroad Station Committee* – Marilyn Burch reported that there would be a Pot Luck Dinner at the depot on 5/12 and that the 5/13 movie night had been postponed. She also reported that the first of the summer festivals, the Rhubarb Festival, would be held on Friday, 5/19 at the Town Hall 4-7pm. The Railroad Restoration Committee's next meeting is scheduled for 5/20 at the Town Hall and there would be a flea market at the Station on 5/20 at 11am.

Marilyn Burch requested the Board consider naming the pavilion on Ice House Road in memory of Charlene Hogan Leach. Mrs. Burch added that the river access and pavilion would not have been possible if it weren't for the continue tenacity of Mrs. Leach. Supervisor Knott said the decision would ultimately be up to DEC but that he would bring it to them for consideration.

*Environmental Management Council* – Lee Jamison read a report from Christian Sweningson that there was a meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup> and that the Council is requesting pictures to be included in the Natural Resources Inventory; work is progressing on the draft; the lack of acceptance on their report on the TCI fire is upsetting; money is available for high watershed reconnectivity, usually for culvert work.

*Dog Control Officer* – Report on file.

*Kinderhook Memorial Library* – Supervisor Knott reported that there was concern about insurance issues with an upcoming event at the Town Hall being hosted by the Library and giving away wine. Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea said he would look into the issue and report back to the Supervisor.

Lee Jamison reported that the Capital Campaign public plea has begun and there will be an official kick off on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 4pm. The goal is to have shovels in the ground this year. Upcoming events are Big Truck Day @ our Town Hall will be June 17 at 11am and there will be a discussion Pathway through History also on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

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*Office for the Aging* – Ida Leiser reported that the Sheriff Deputies are picking up old prescription and over the counter medicines at the luncheon sites. May 25<sup>th</sup> there will be a volunteer recognition lunch.

Mrs. Leiser also reported that at the upcoming meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup>, the subject will be the Village Movement, helping those that are 50+ stay in their homes; Farmer Markets certificates will be available in July.

*Highway Department* – the Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported

- Trash Day was held on May 6<sup>th</sup>; there were 4 trash dumpsters and 1 steel dumpster filled;
- Snow fence is all down;
- Mowing has begun in the parks;
- The new broom is in;
- He is getting prices for paving on the southern end of Eichyush Road to the Town line, our portion of Dahlgren Road, and Stuyvesant Place;
- Stone topping will be done in Stuyvesant Manor (all roads) in June;
- We have an increase of \$12,000 in ChiPs and \$130,000 will be spent on roads;
- Will have to purchase additional salt.

Lee Jamison thanked the Highway Dept for the work at the Sandbar Park.

*Assessor's Office* – Cathy Knott reported that Grievance Day will be May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4pm – 8pm. She encouraged people to meet with the Assessor beforehand and said special hours had been added in advance of Grievance Day.

Mrs. Knott also reported that changes to assessment letters had been mailed out. Vacant farm land prices were increased to stay in line with the rest of the County. Supervisor Knott added that Howard Gleason was working hard to stay at 100% and that the new numbers should help with the tax rate.

*Planning/Zoning Boards* – Jeff Jensen reported that the Zoning Board had approved a variance request from a resident on Ferry Road, in accordance with Flood Prevention Law. Mr. Jensen also reported that the Zoning Board had revised their application for variance and he presented the draft to the Town Board for approval.

*Historian* – Juanita Knott reported that Historic Stuyvesant Day will be held on Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> and will begin with the traditional Ken Hummel races. The theme of the day will be a commemoration of WWI and what was going on at home. She is requesting hometown stories, memorabilia, pictures, etc. She also reported that she had had an interesting meeting with a gentlemen with a connection to the Stuyvesant Stove Foundry.

*Cemetery* – Councilman Ed Scott reported that a couple of trees had come down and had broken some stones; mowing has begun.

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*ZEO/ Building Inspector* – Report is on file.

*Town Hall* – Chuck Stiffler reported that he is getting prices for stone topping the parking lot. He also added that some tree work on the grounds had to be done.

**County Government**

Supervisor Knott reported that at the full Board meeting, tax payments had been approved and that the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter sales tax was strong.

Supervisor Knott reported that he had spent the day at Finance School. He added that it was interesting and will be working on applying the information he learned.

Supervisor Knott reported that we are almost done with the OSC Audit and that the Exit Interview is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. The only “complaint” was with regard to bidding professional services even though State Law says we don’t have to.

Supervisor Knott announced that new flyers from County Tourism with biking maps through the county were available.

A Shared Services Panel has been created by the Board of Supervisors. Supervisors and Mayors met to talk about ideas for shared services and/or consolidation. Efficiency plans were previously submitted by each municipality, no rebate will be tied to these savings. School account for the majority of tax dollars and they are exempt from these requirements.

Supervisor Knott went over some of the different shared services that are already be done, i.e. Towns sharing staff to complete paving projects; but shared services that are already being utilized aren’t allowed to be included in the plan, consolidation or shared services plans must be new initiatives. The County is looking into a self-insured option. Consolidation Plans must be agreed to by all and have a plan to the Board by August; for three public hearings will be held in September. Plans must be filed with New York State by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business**

Supervisor Knott reported that BAS IT and the County are coming to do a survey and make recommendations for a central server in the Town Hall.

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The following resolution was read by Supervisor Knott regarding a revaluation by the County in 2019:

**RESOLUTION  
TOWN OF STUYVESANT TOWN BOARD  
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**WHEREAS**, the Town of Stuyvesant has previously determined that it is necessary and appropriate to complete a tax revaluation of all parcels within the town; and

**WHEREAS**, there are substantial costs associated with such a project particularly in conjunction with data verification and valuation; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Columbia has established a program to assist municipalities within the County with revaluation efforts including data verification and valuation and has offered such services to the Town pursuant to a resolution adopted by the County Board of Supervisors on May 10, 2017 and as set forth in the attached Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Stuyvesant Town Board hereby determines that the terms of the attached Agreement are appropriate, economically and logistically in the best interest of the residents of the Town; and it is hereby further

**RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute the attached Agreement with the County of Columbia and proceed therewith.

| <u>Town Board Members</u> | <u>AYE</u> | <u>NAY</u> | <u>ABSENT</u> |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Ronald Knott              | X          |            |               |
| Brian Chittenden          | X          |            |               |
| Kelley Williams           | X          |            |               |
| Tom Burrall               | X          |            |               |
| Edward Scott              | X          |            |               |

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The roll call vote was taken by Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli and was recorded as passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Tom Burrall to approved the new Zoning Board of Appeals Variance Application as presented by Chairman of the ZBA Jeff Jensen. The motion was seconded by Ed Scott and was approved by unanimous vote. Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli will put the new form on the website.

**Board Comments**

Ed Scott commented that Trash Day went well. Supervisor Knott posed the question as to how the information can get out to the public better. He said the Trash Day information had been posted on the website, on the facebook page, discussed at meetings, and put in the newspaper; and he still received complaints from people who said they didn't know.

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Tom Burrall announced that Memorial Day will be May 29<sup>th</sup> and there would be a ceremony at the Stuyvesant Falls VFW at 9am. There will also be a parade in Niverville at 10am with a ceremony by the American Legion honoring WWII Vets immediately following at the Valatie gazebo.

**Public Comments**

Lee Jamison asked if there was an update from the Stuyvesant Falls Bridge Committee. Supervisor Knott replied that there was no new news and that a community meeting was being planned.

Lee Jamison expressed her dislike of the Board of Supervisor's resolution in support of eliminating the State mandate for Medicaid to be paid by the Counties. Supervisor Knott explained his position on the matter and his vote.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ed Scott, seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Melissa A. Naegeli, RMC*

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*Vouchers presented at the May 2017 meeting for approval:*

|                | <b>May 2017</b>                           |             |                | <b>LIGHTS</b>    |                |
|----------------|---|-------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| <b>CLAIM #</b> | <b>PAYEE</b>                              | <b>A/C#</b> | <b>GENERAL</b> | <b>LND/FALLS</b> | <b>HIGHWAY</b> |
| 178-17         | CDPHP Universal Benefits (3512.79)        | 9060.8      | 600.48         |                  | 2,912.31       |
| 179-17         | National Grid (\$118.22)                  | 5182.4      |                | 579.35           |                |
|                |   |             |                | 609.87           |                |
| 180-17         | Constellation (\$204.87)                  | 5182.4      |                | 98.54            |                |
|                |   |             |                | 106.33           |                |
| 181-17         | National Grid                             | 1620.4      | 21.02          |                  |                |
| 182-17         | National Grid                             | 1620.4      | 22.37          |                  |                |
| 183-17         | National Grid                             | 5132.4      | 95.63          |                  |                |
| 184-17         | Constellation (\$76.05)                   | 5132.4      | 74.70          |                  |                |
|                |   | 1620.4      | 1.35           |                  |                |
| 185-17         | Time Warner Cable (\$397.92)              | 1620.4      | 272.13         |                  |                |
|                |   | 5132.4      | 125.79         |                  |                |
| 186-17         | Marlin Business Bank                      | 1620.4      | 114.00         |                  |                |
| 187-17         | Nolan Bottle Gas, Inc.                    | 1620.4      | 198.94         |                  |                |
| 188-17         | Paychex of New York, LLC                  | 1320.4      | 209.51         |                  |                |
| 189-17         | Ron Knott                                 | 1220.4      | 200.00         |                  |                |
| 190-17         | Columbia County Treasurer (Sheriff Dept)  | 1110.4      | 174.80         |                  |                |
| 191-17         | Columba Greene Town Clerks Assoc.         | 1410.4      | 15.00          |                  |                |
| 192-17         | Xerox Corporation                         | 1410.4      | 142.15         |                  |                |
| 193-17         | Staples Credit Plan                       | 8010.4      | 68.88          |                  |                |
| 194-17         | Staples, Inc.                             | 8020.4      | 40.26          |                  |                |
| 195-17         | Columbia Co. Treasurer (Central Printing) | 5132.4      | 15.00          |                  |                |
| 196-17         | Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.                    | 1420.4      | 843.75         |                  |                |
| 197-17         | Melissa Naegeli                           | 1410.4      | 49.00          |                  |                |
| 198-17         | Verizon Wireless                          | 5010.4      | 69.15          |                  |                |
| 199-17         | County Waste                              | 5132.4      | 93.58          |                  |                |
| 200-17         | Rainbow Distributors                      | 5132.4      | 26.98          |                  |                |
| 201-17         | Valley Energy (\$1085.58)                 | 5132.4      | 291.33         |                  |                |
|                |   | 5110.4      |                |                  | 794.25         |
| 202-17         | CJ Miner, Inc.                            | 5110.4      |                |                  |                |

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|--------|--|--------|----------|----------|-----------|
|        |  |        |          |          | 315.00    |
| 203-17 | Colarusso Quarry                             | 5110.4 |          |          | 335.07    |
| 204-17 | Dolan's Welding & Repair                     | 5110.4 |          |          | 80.00     |
| 205-17 | Bob Boll Excavating                          | 5110.4 |          |          | 463.89    |
| 206-17 | Construction Tool Warehouse                  | 5110.4 |          |          | 198.20    |
| 207-17 | Partner in Safety                            | 5110.4 |          |          | 65.00     |
| 208-17 | Arrowhead Equipment, Inc. (\$276.73)         | 5110.4 |          |          | 135.10    |
|        |  | 5130.4 |          |          | 141.63    |
| 209-17 | Ben Funk, Inc.                               | 5130.4 |          |          | 144.42    |
| 210-17 | Northeast Automotive Parts, Inc.             | 5130.4 |          |          | 102.40    |
| 211-17 | Mooradian Hydraulics                         | 5130.4 |          |          | 10.40     |
| 212-17 | Countryside Glass Co.                        | 5130.4 |          |          | 395.00    |
|        |  |        |          |          |           |
|        | <i>5-May-17</i>                              |        | 3,765.80 | 1,394.09 | 6,092.67  |
|        |  |        |          |          |           |
| 213-17 | NYS Office of State Comptroller              | A2610  | 533.00   |          |           |
| 214-17 | SMG  | 1620.4 | 72.86    |          |           |
| 215-17 | Johnson Newspaper Corp.                      | 1355.4 | 32.81    |          |           |
| 216-17 | Staples, Inc. (\$138.90)                     | 1410.4 | 87.83    |          |           |
|        |  | 8020.4 | 46.76    |          |           |
|        |  | 1355.4 | 4.31     |          |           |
| 217-17 | Culligan                                     | 5132.4 | 28.93    |          |           |
| 218-17 | Mario's Home Center                          | 5132.4 | 9.99     |          |           |
|        |  | 5130.4 | 69.32    |          | 69.32     |
| 219-17 | John Deere Financiak                         | 5130.4 |          |          | 63.72     |
| 220-17 | Columba Tractor Inc.                         | 5130.4 |          |          | 5.06      |
| 221-17 | Tractor Supply                               | 5130.4 |          |          | 72.83     |
| 222-17 | Air Gas USA LLC                              | 5130.4 |          |          | 25.40     |
| 223-17 | Wex Bank                                     | 5110.4 |          |          | 136.46    |
| 224-17 | Columbia Co. Treasurer (Inv #31870/Cust 21)) | 1620.4 | 100.00   |          |           |
| 225-17 | Business Automation Svcs, Inc.               | 1620.4 | 81.40    |          |           |
| 226-17 | Dejana Truck & Utility Equipment Co., LLC    | 5130.2 |          |          | 10,533.00 |
|        | <i>11-May-17</i>                             |        | 1,067.21 | 0.00     | 10,905.79 |
|        |  |        |          |          |           |
|        | May 2017 Totals                              |        | 4,833.01 | 1,394.09 | 16,998.46 |