

July 12, 2018

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, July 12, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott, Councilwoman Kelley Williams, Councilman Tom Burrall, Councilman Bill Schneider, Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler, Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli, and Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea. Councilman Brian Chittenden 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 Tom Burrall, seconded by Kelley Williams, and approved by unanimous vote.

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

Correspondence

There was no correspondence to report.

Old Business

Spectrum Franchise Agreement – Supervisor Knott asked the Board what their thoughts were on renewing the Franchise Agreement on cable television. After a discussion regarding concerns about people moving away from cable television and thus losing revenue, a motion was made by Kelley Williams to approve the proposed Franchise Agreement with Spectrum. The motion was seconded by Tom Burrall and was passed by unanimous vote.

Re-evaluation Project – Supervisor Knott and Assessor Howard Gleason met with representatives from the NYS and Supervisor Knott will give the Board the information they received. Howard Gleason briefly outlined the timeline of events: postcards to all residents notifying them of the reevaluation process and that data collectors would be coming around taking pictures and measurements. Residents do not have to allow the collectors on their property but it will help in getting accurate information. November is tentatively when the collected data will be sent to residents for verification and notification of changes should be done by March. Mr. Gleason went on to say that we can receive State Aid for the project but we have to have new pictures and measurements, the Aid is paid per parcel. Supervisor Knott reminded everyone that a change in assessment does not necessarily equate to a change in taxes.

Howard Gleason also reported that NYS is changing the enhanced senior exemption. The process is being taken out of the Assessor's Office and seniors will have to apply directly to NYS.

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Playground Parking/Basketball Court – Supervisor Knott provided to Kelley Williams and the Recreation Committee a proposed drawing and plan for installing a parking area at the Stuyvesant Landing playground. He asked Chuck Stiffler if the Highway Dept. could stake out the area.

Supervisor Knott reported that he had been contacted about the condition of the surface of the basketball court at the Stuyvesant Landing playground. Chuck Stiffler will get a price for resealing and striping and will report at the Workshop.

Fee Schedule – Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea draft a proposed Local Law changing the “fee law” to a “fee schedule” to make it easier to change regularly. A motion was made by Bill Schneider to set a public hearing for August 9, 2018 at 6:30pm. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was passed by unanimous vote.

Reports

Town Clerk – Melissa Naegeli gave reports on both Town Clerk and Tax Collection business; those reports are on file. She also reported that the online dog renewal system was up and running, although no one had used it yet. Melissa Naegeli reported that people can also register for the Ken Hummel Races online.

Recreation Committee – Kelley Williams reported there were 18 kids registered with the Town Clerk for the Kinderhook Park. She reminded everyone that they must register with us for the fee to be covered.

Railroad Station Committee – Marilyn Burch reported that the Blueberry Festival will be held on Friday, July 13, 2018 from 4-7pm.

Environmental Management Council – Christian Sweningson was not in attendance and there was no report given in his absence.

Dog Control Officer – Report on file.

Kinderhook Memorial Library – Lee Jamison reported the Library had received enough signatures on their 414 Resolution to have it on the General Election ballot in November. She also reported that the masonry is being completed and electrical is starting on the interior of the new addition. It is hoped that the space will be ready for use by October. Ms. Jamison also reported that everyone was happy with Big Truck Day. She asked about a balloon festival idea that had proposed to AnnaLee at the Library. Melissa Naegeli responded that it was something she and Supervisor Knott had discussed on several occasions and that she had brought the idea to AnnaLee as a possible joint event.

Office for the Aging – Marilyn Burch reported that she and Mr. Moran had not attended the last meeting. Supervisor Knott announced the Office for the Aging is hosting a “Senior Day Event” in September at the Stuyvesant Falls VFW.

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Highway Department – Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported

- They have completed the 2nd round of roadside mowing;
- They helped Kinderhook and Stockport with paving projects;
- Church Street and Hollow Road are set to be milled and paved on Monday, July 16th. Hollow Road will be in the morning and Church St. will be in the afternoon. It is expected that W. Ghent Road will be done on Wednesday; and
- The Town Hall parking lot is being repaved on Monday, he asked everyone to stay off the parking lot until Tuesday. If there is business at the building, he asked that people park on the grass.

Assessor's Office – Howard Gleason reported that they are preparing for the Reval Project and sending out applications for exemptions.

Planning/Zoning Boards – The Zoning Board is trying to schedule a meeting for July 19th. The Planning Board is reviewing a proposed small subdivision on the Israel property.

Historian – Cathy Knott directed everyone's attention to a banner hanging in the meeting room. Two banners have been donated by Dale and Otto Miranda announcing Historic Stuyvesant Day. The banners will be hung on the sign board at the end of County Route 26A. She reported that the Committee is still looking for volunteers to help at Historic Stuyvesant Day and for people to bring dishes to share.

Cemetery – Cathy Knott reported that all is quiet and that Eddie Scott has been doing the mowing.

ZEO/Building Inspector – Report on file.

Town Hall – Supervisor Knott reported that the parking lot will be paved on Monday. He also reported that there is a problem with the A/C that will be handled on Friday.

Website – Bill Schneider reported that he is working on getting a meeting scheduled with BAS.

County Government

Recycling – Supervisor Knott discussed various ideas that Solid Waste and Board are reviewing to combat the increased prices.

Col-Greene Community College – Supervisor Knott reported that the Board of Supervisors had passed a proposed additional funding of \$300,000 to the College. He presented a chart to the Board comparing the changes in funding sources over the years.

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New Business

Fuel Provider – Kelley Williams read a Resolution to Award our Fuel Oil Contract to Valley Energy.

**RESOLUTION
TOWN OF STUYVESANT
Authorization for the award of fuel oil**

WHEREAS, the Town of Stuyvesant generally accepts the price per gallon of fuel based on the County’s bidding process; and
WHEREAS, this year the county fuel oil bid (id # 18-006) went to Kosco Oil; and
WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent and Town Clerk have recommended to the Town Board that we consider remaining with Valley Energy who currently has the bid due to past difficulties with billing and delivery service; and
WHEREAS, upon investigation it was discovered that Valley Energy bid was only .0025 cents per gallon more than the low bidder, being Kosco.
**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY
RESOLVED** the Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant awards our fuel oil bid to Valley Energy for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

<u>TOWN BOARD MEMBER</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Ronald Knott	X		
Brian Chittenden			X
Kelley Williams	X		
Tom Burrall	X		
Bill Schneider	X		

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Speed Limit in Stuyvesant Falls – Bill Schneider reported that he had researched the various speed limit and change points in Stuyvesant Fall hamlet. He presented a marked map with current speed limits. He explained that the problem seemed to be at the entering points to the hamlet and recommended extending the 35 mph zones out further and changing the hamlet speed limit to 30 mph. He also recommended a shoulder be provided on at least one side of the road for walkers. Supervisor Knott responded that he had previously discussed proposed work on Route 25 with the County Highway Dept. He also said we can explore extending the 35 zones. Bill will work with Chuck Stiffler on developing a plan and map to present to the Board and Chuck will get the necessary paperwork from Dean Knox at the County.

Zoning Law – A modification to the Zoning Law regarding SEQRA requirements was proposed by a member of the Planning Board. An amendment to the Zoning Law requires a Public Hearing. A Hearing was set for August 9, 2018 at 6:45pm.

Intermunicipal Agreement with Kinderhook – Supervisor Knott proposed an Agreement with the Town of Kinderhook to cover situations of assessment grievances. In the case where a member of the BAR or Town Board want to grieve their Assessment, they can go to the Town of Kinderhook and their members can come to Stuyvesant. A motion was made by Bill Schneider to approve the Agreement and for Supervisor Knott to sign.

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The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote. Melissa Naegeli will forward two signed copies to the Town of Kinderhook for Supervisor Grattan's signature.

Board Comments

Tom Burrall announced that Guy Gamello (former resident) had been named the Legionnaire of the Year.

Melissa Naegeli is getting prices on the shredding bins to complete the project of cleaning out the file room.

Public Comments

Steven Taylor asked if the Town had ever had interns from the Columbia Greene Community College. Supervisor Knott said no and that it was an interesting idea. He added that the representatives from the Columbia and Greene County Boards were meeting with officials from the College to discuss ways to increase enrollment.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Schneider, seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

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Vouchers presented at the July 2018 meeting for approval:

<u>CLAIM #</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>A/C#</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>LIGHTS</u>		<u>CK#</u>
				<u>LND/FALLS</u>	<u>HIGHWAY</u>	
267-18	Stuyvesant Post Office	1110.4	100.00			13649
254-18	NYS Office of State Comptroller	A2610	1,011.00			13650
255--18	CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc. (3277.33)	9060.8	675.74		2,601.59	
256-18	Constellation (\$146.58)	5182.4		70.51		
				76.07		
257-18	National Grid (\$1062.03)	5182.4		534.35		
				560.08		
258-18	Constellation (\$63.80)	1620.4	1.91			
		5132.4	61.89			
259-18	National Grid	1620.4	21.02			
260-18	National Grid	1620.4	22.75			
261-18	National Grid	5132.4	77.20			
262-18	Time Warner Cable (\$545.45)	1620.4	270.92			
		5132.4	274.53			
263-18	Marlin Business Bank (\$218.35)	1620.4	131.10			
		1410.4	87.25			
264-18	Johnson Newspaper Corp. (\$67.62)	1010.4	28.24			
		1355.4	20.64			
		8010.4	18.74			
265-18	Paychex of New York, LLC	1320.4	239.54			
266-18	NYS Town Clerks Association	1410.4	75.00			
268-18						
		6-Jul-18	3,117.47	1241.01	2,601.59	
269-18	SMG	1620.4	259.32			
270-18	NYS Office of State Comptroller	A2610	959.00			
271-18	Business Automation Svcs (\$178.00)	1620.4	34.00			
		1010.4	18.00			
		7510.4	18.00			
		1220.4	18.00			
		1410.4	18.00			
		1355.4	18.00			
		5010.4	18.00			
		3620.4	18.00			
		8020.4	18.00			
272-18	Columbia Co. Treasurer (MIS)	7510.4	110.00			
273-18	Barbara Fischer	1110.4	40.00			
274-18	Howard Gleason	1355.4	546.00			

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275-18	Culligan	5132.4	28.93		
276-18	Rainbow Distributing Co., Inc.	5132.4	49.45		
277-18	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	1,250.00		
278-18	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	69.34		
279-18	County Waste	5132.4	123.68		
280-18	JS Renovation	5110.4		500.00	
281-18	Valley Energy	5110.4		1,009.23	
282-18	Abele Tractor & Equipment Co.	5110.4		1,415.13	
283-18	Wex Bank	5110.4		187.09	
284-18	Mario's Home Center	5110.4		882.07	
285-18	CJ Miner Inc.	5112.4		209.00	
286-18	Lowe's	5130.4		33.74	
287-18	Share Corp.	5130.4		151.74	
288-18	Airgas USA LLC	5130.4		26.90	
289-18	Mooradian Hydraulics Inc.	5130.4		7.72	
290-18	Northeast Automotive Parts	5130.4		24.84	
291-18	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4		244.76	
292-18	Max S. Wood	5130.4		125.00	
		12-Jul-18	3,613.72	0.00	4,817.22
		July Totals	6,731.19	1241.01	7,418.81