

**Town of Stuyvesant  
Town Board Meeting  
January 10, 2019**

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly meeting on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott; Councilmembers Kelley Williams, Tom Burrall, Brian Chittenden, and Bill Schneider; Highway Superintendent Charles Stiffler; Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli; and Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea.

Supervisor Knott opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Correspondence**

- A letter from Jolene Race, Col. Co. Solid Waste, regarding the new recycling permit to be shared with the public;
- A letter from the Justice Court reminding that the Audit needs to be filed;
- A letter from Holly Tanner, Col. Co. Clerk, regarding how to get an enhanced license and a request to attend a Board Meeting to discuss with the public.

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

**Old Business**

*Amtrak Fencing Project* – A meeting is scheduled for January 29, in Germantown. The meeting will be with Amtrak and NYS DOT.

*AHET Process* – Tal Rappleyea is drafting a letter regarding the need for Planning and Zoning compliance.

**Reports**

*Town Clerk* – Report is on file

*Highway Department* – Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported that they had been out 7 times plowing since December. They are also working on cutting trees and ditch work. The employees are attending a training on March 19<sup>th</sup> to be certified to dig.

*Recreation Committee* – Kelley Williams reported that it has been quiet. Supervisor Knott reported that there is a public skating rink at the Kinderhook

Town Hall. Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported that the signs are in for the Ken Hummel Park.

Supervisor Knott asked that the Committee consider what should be done around the new parking lot at the playground in the Landing. Chuck Stiffler said he thinks it should be made a little larger.

*Assessor's Office* – Cathy Knott reported that data mailers have been coming back and reminded everyone they are important to receive back for accurately updating information on file.

Exemption forms MUST be returned by March 1<sup>st</sup>, there are no extensions.

Lynn Hotaling, the newly appointed Assessor, has started.

*Railroad Station Restoration Committee* – There will be a pot luck dinner and movie on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. The movie is yet to be announced.

*Planning/Zoning Boards* – There are some public hearings scheduled for the end of January.

*Environmental Management Council* – Christian Sweningson was not in attendance and there was no report.

*Town Historian* – Cathy Knott reported that there are County-level meetings every month. The County committee is working on getting an updated inventory of historical markers around the County; 3 or 4 of ours are missing.

*Dog Control Officer* – No report

*Cemetery Committee* – No report

*Kinderhook Memorial Library* – Lee Jamision reported that the Friends of the Library will host a presentation on January 15<sup>th</sup> of Wendy Spielman's trip to Butan.

*ZEO/Building Inspector* – Report on file.

*Office for the Aging* – No report.

*Website Committee* – No report.

*County Business* – Supervisor Knott reported that the Recycling Permits were selling so well more had to be ordered.

Supervisor Knott's County Committee assignments are:

- Deputy Chair
- Public Works
- Space Utilization
- Finance
- Salary Review
- Building Assessment
- Sewer Sub Committee
- County Government
- Energy Upgrades

Supervisor Knott shared a document prepared by the County that shows the difference between renting and owning a home in the County. The largest difference in costs was in Stuyvesant.

### **New Business**

- The new Assessor has discussed a conflict with Supervisor Knott regarding the scheduling of Grievance Day, since she works for multiple towns. Supervisor Knott explained that we can adopt a Local Law changing the day for the Board of Assessment Review to meet ("Grievance Day"). A Public Hearing was scheduled for February 14, 2019 at 7:00pm to take public comment on this proposed Local Law #1 of 2019.
- Supervisor Knott reported that we are preparing for the AUD Report.
- Supervisor Knott reviewed a list of 2018 projects that had been completed or are in process.
- Supervisor Knott reported that the camera/security system for the Town Hall will be revisited this year.

### **Board Comments**

Melissa Naegeli reminded the Board that in November there had been a discussion about having the carpets cleaned. She was directed to contact Aaron's Carpet Cleaning to schedule the work.

### **Public Comments**

Lee Jamison asked about a \$15M grant to Stuyvesant for an agriculture project; she heard about it from Hudson Supervisor Mussman. No one on the Board had any information about a \$15M grant.

Ed Scott asked about work being performed on the Stuyvesant Falls Bridge without notification. Supervisor Knott said he would ask about it at the County.

Doug Mayer requested the Board send another letter to the Stuyvesant Falls Fire District #2 residents regarding the changes in their tax bills for the fire district, reminding them about what happened last year. The Board approved the request.

Ed Scott asked a building permit was necessary for a roof replacement. Supervisor Knott explained that there were fee structure and rule changes made last Fall and that was one of them. A permit is now required for roof replacement.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Kelley Williams. The motion was seconded by Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

The vouchers presented for payment at the January, 2019 Town Board meeting:

<b>TOWN OF STUYVESANT ABSTRACTS</b>					
	<i>January 2019</i>			<b>LIGHTS</b>	
<b>CLAIM #</b>	<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>A/C#</b>	<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>LND/FALLS</b>	<b>HIGHWAY</b>
	<b>Remainder of 2018</b>				
538-18	National Grid	1620.4	21.02		
539-18	National Grid (\$1338.64)	5182.4		651.51	
				687.13	
540-18	National Grid	1620.4	28.01		
541-18	National Grid	5132.4	91.11		
542-18	Schwaab, Inc.	1410.4	93.25		
543-18	Columbia Co. Treasurer (Printing)	1355.4	105.00		
544-18	Constellation (\$89.03)	1620.4	8.07		
		5132.4	80.96		
545-18	Richard Moran	6140.4	93.50		
546-18	Glenn T. Smith	3620.4	101.67		
547-18	Carrie A. O'Hare	1110.4	26.16		
548-18	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	69.52		
549-18	Rainbow Distributing Co., Inc.	5132.4	38.98		
	3-Jan-19		757.25	1338.64	
550-18	SMG	1620.4	105.63		
551-18	Johnson Newspaper Corp (\$42.04)	1010.4	16.84		
		8020.4	25.20		
552-18	Mario's Home Center	5132.4	0.11		
553-18	Culligan	5132.4	28.93		
554-18	Columbia County Treasurer -- Sheriff's Dept	1110.4	148.35		
555-18	Lowe's	1620.4	157.86		
556-18	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4			509.92
557-18	Tractor Supply	5130.4			118.24
558-18	John Deere	5130.4			17.12
559-18	Mooradian Hydraulics & Equipment	5130.4			60.00
560-18	Mario's Home Center	5130.4			24.37
561-18	Air Gas USA LLC	5130.4			34.50
	10-Jan-19		482.92	0.00	764.15

	2018 Totals		1,240.17	1338.64	764.15
	<b>2019</b>				
001-19	The Association of Towns	1010.4	700.00		
002-19	Business Automation Services, Inc.	1620.41	1,377.00		
003-19	CIA Security	1620.4	287.40		
004-19	Col Co Assoc of Highway Superintendents	5010.4	250.00		
	3-Jan-19		2,614.40		
005-19	Rainbow Distributing Co.	5132.4	26.98		
006-19	New York Planning Federation	8020.4	270.00		
007-19	Business Automation Services	1410.4	450.00		
008-19	Paula Van Meter <i>(Reimbursement)</i>	1110.4	87.00		
009-19	County Waste	5132.4	145.94		
010-19	Melissa A. Naegeli <i>(Reimbursement) (\$91.02)</i>	1410.4	50.00		
		1355.4	41.02		
011-19	Tal G. Rapplyea, Esq.	1420.4	625.00		
012-19	Valley Energy	5110.4			1,170.80
013-19	Wex Bank	5110.4			123.33
	10-Jan-19		1,695.94	0.00	1,294.13
	January 2019 Totals		4,310.34	0.00	1,294.13