

**Town of Stuyvesant
Town Board Meeting
March 14, 2019**

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly meeting on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott; Councilmembers Tom Burrall, Brian Chittenden, Bill Schneider, and Kelley Williams; Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli; and Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea. Highway Superintendent Charles Stiffler was not in attendance.

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

A motion was made by Tom Burrall to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Bill Schneider and was approved by unanimous vote.

Correspondence

- A letter from CIA Security announcing a merger with another company and some new features that will be offered. Supervisor Knott will contact them to discuss additional security features;
- A letter from the Town Justice Court that they are ready for their Annual Audit. The Audit was performed last year by the County and the Board agreed to have them do it again;
- A letter from Wendy Bopp announcing the 2019 Crop Walk. Supervisor Knott said a copy of the letter would be available to anyone who was interested in participating.

A motion was made by Brian Chittenden to approve the bills presented. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote.

Old Business

AHET – Supervisor Knott and Councilman Schneider met with Andy Beers. They discussed using the area in front of Overlook Park for a parking area. Mr. Beers indicated that the County had already approved this plan. Supervisor Knott reported that the County Highway Department denied the approval due to a lack of set backs. Alternative sites are being considered, including a parcel that is already owned by National Grid.

Zombie Law – Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea reported that he and Glenn Smith, Building Inspector, have been working on this and will have information prepared for the April Town Board meeting.

Ferry Road – Supervisor Knott reported that DEC has said all permits are in place from the Army Corps. Of Engineers and they are in the process of getting contractors scheduled for work to be performed in the Fall/Winter

Supervisor Knott reported that the Stream Crossing Management Plan draft is being completed. DEC has reported that there may be money available to put larger culverts under the road so the area would be able to be paved at the end of Ferry Road.

Supervisor Knott also reported that DEC had asked if the Town could plow Ice House Road back to the pavilion because the caretaker isn't always available to do that. Supervisor Knott told them that there would have to be a signed Contract in place in order for us to do that.

AIM Funding – Supervisor Knott said many municipalities had done similar Resolutions to ours regarding the State's decision to stop the AIM Funding program. The Governor has "restored" the funding but has directed that the Counties pay the Towns with Sales Tax revenues. The County is investigating whether or not this something that can be dictated. The Association of Towns and NYSAC have told Supervisors that both the Assembly and Senate proposed budgets have restored the funding.

Reports

Town Clerk – Report is on file

Recreation Committee – Kelley Williams reported that it's been quiet. They are getting ready for the playground program. Melissa Naegeli announced that in agreement with the Town of Kinderhook, Stuyvesant residents must register with us first and receive a "receipt" prior to being allowed to register their children in Kinderhook. Kinderhook will expect payment from anyone who doesn't present a receipt signed by the Clerk.

Railroad Station Committee – Marilyn Burch reported that their next meeting will be March 16th at 9:00am at the Town Hall. There will be a dinner and a movie on March 16th; pot luck dinner will begin at 5:30pm and the movie "The Quiet Man" with John Wayne, will begin at 6pm at the Railroad Station. This is a free event, please bring a dish to share.

Cal Burch reported that the Mason has started work and is working on restoring the brackets.

Environmental Management Council – Christian Sweningson reported

- More people are signing up to work on the Recycling Resource Guide project;
- They are working a proposed Resolution to work up a further ban on polystyrene;
- The Natural Resources Inventory book has been sent to the Government Committee in advance of being forwarded to the full Board of Supervisors for approval;
- The proposed Columbia Greene Community College member to the Council's name is being sent to the Government Committee in advance of being proposed to the full Board of Supervisors for approval;
- They are reviewing a report on road salt and the environmental impact and how to reduce the effects;
- Good Housekeeping Award nominations are due April 17th.

Highway Department – Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler was not in attendance.

Assessor's Office – Cathy Knott reported that the majority of exemptions have been returned and reminded everyone that March 1st is the absolutely deadline.

Supervisor Knott announced that new value letters will be sent out in the beginning of March. He reminded everyone that just because an assessment goes up does not necessarily mean that the taxes will.

Railroad Station Restoration Committee – Lee Jamison reported that there will be a meeting on Saturday, Feb. 16th. She also reported that Stuyvesant Pathways has reached an agreement with a Mason to repair the West side of the building at a cost of \$60/hour not to exceed \$5000.

Planning/Zoning Boards – There is business before the Boards – a subdivision before the Planning Board and Variance before the Zoning Board.

Environmental Management Council – Christian Sweningson reported:

- A new member from Gallatin;
- A Presentation from Jolene Race from the Solid Waste Dept. and Ron Knott regarding the new recycling program;
- Working on Resolution to ban expanded polystyrene
- The Natural Resources Inventory has been completed and training is being scheduled for Planning and Zoning Boards members
- A Recycling Resources Guide is being created
- A new member from the CGCC
- Reviewing a report from the committee working with Rob Lopez, County Emergency Management, regarding changes based on the TCI Fire.

Assessor's Office – Supervisor Knott reported that the revaluation numbers have been sent to property owners and appointments with the Assessor can be scheduled through the County.

Planning & Zoning Boards – there will be Public Hearings at both Boards in March.

Town Historian – No report.

Dog Control Officer – No report.

Kinderhook Memorial Library – Lee Jamison reported that they have received their money from Stuyvesant and Kinderhook. Ms. Jamison also reported that there had been anticipated \$15,000 shortfall but thanks to generous donations in the first quarter of the year they have already reached their goal.

There is a vacancy on the Board of Trustees, anyone interested in being considered should submit a letter to the Library.

Kathy Schneider will give a talk on her recently published book “Birding the Hudson Valley” at the Library on March 24, 2019 at 4pm. There will be books available for purchase.

Office for the Aging -- Marilyn Burch reported that the meetings will resume in April.

Cemetery Committee – Tom Burrall reported that all is quiet.

ZEO/Building Inspector – Report on file.

Town Hall – Supervisor Knott reported that the faucet in the ladies’ room has been replaced.

Website Committee – Bill Schneider presented the Board with a list of changes/edits he suggests for the website – some of the items include updates to staffing changes, link to FB page, updating links of interest & education, adding a page for the Recreation Committee, updating links for Emergency Services, putting in a link to the pictures on the FB page, including FAQs from all departments, adding a sub category in the Document Center for “forms” and putting the forms on the individual department pages, and having email addresses for all elected officials under “contact us”.

Christian Sweningson said he had given a list of suggestions to Bill Schneider previously for the website. He added that the platform is outdated and should

be corrected. Councilman Schneider explained that we are first updating the content then the programming changes will take place.

County Business – Supervisor Knott reported that

- Highway Superintendent Bernie Kelleher would be retiring effective April 1st. After interviews, the Committee will be putting forth Tony DeMarco, a current Highway Dept. employee, for promotion to the position of Superintendent;
- CCTAC meeting with Supervisors from Canaan and New Lebanon. A resolution is being prepared asking for the repair of State Route 22.
- Summer Youth Program – Supervisor Knott announced that the County is again offering internships to students enrolled in college for the Fall of 2019. The internships will be “seasonal full time” and will pay \$12/hour. Supervisor Knott can sponsor someone and would like to sponsor someone from Town. Applications are available from him.
- Foreclosure sale was held. There were 2 properties in the Town; 1 was sold and the other will be reduced in price and included in the next sale.

New Business

Supervisor Knott reported that the AUD has been filed with the NYS Comptroller’s Office.

Supervisor Knott presented a proposed Resolution to the Board for *Authorization for the award of Mower*. A motion was made by Brian Chittenden to adopt the proposed Resolution. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote. The Resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION
TOWN OF STUYVESANT
Authorization for the award of Mower**

WHEREAS, the Town of Stuyvesant maintains the roadside mowing with a rotary cutter and;

WHEREAS, the Town’s current mower is aged and experiencing undue maintenance issues and;

WHEREAS, upon researching options and costs, it was determined that a new woods mower would serve the town well and was on state contract bid and;

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent secured competing bids from a local dealer and verified the state bid quote to be the better option and;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant authorizes the Highway Superintendent to purchase a new Woods Model DBH6.31 Ditch Bank Rotary Cutter from Salem Farm Supply for the sum of \$11,013.53 and deems the Town’s present mower as surplus equipment.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Supervisor Knott		X	

<i>Brian Chittenden</i>		X
<i>Kelley Williams</i>		X
<i>Tom Burrall</i>		X
<i>Bill Schneider</i>	X	

Dated March 14, 2019

Supervisor Knott also reported that the Assessor has been holding meetings with people regarding their assessments.

Board Comments

Brian Chittenden said he has not received a reassessment notice for his residence.

Supervisor Knott announced that the Spring Trash Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 4th. The County's Hazardous Waste Day will be the following Saturday. The Trash Day will have a shorter hours this year and will end at 3pm.

Lee Jamison added that River Sweep is scheduled for May 4th as well from 10am – 2pm and volunteers will be working at Swyer Preserve, Newton Hook, Stuyvesant Landing, and the Stuyvesant Falls Sandbar. Supervisor Knott agreed to pick up trash bags with the Town truck.

Public Comments

Lee Jamison announced the date for the annual Trail Clean Up will be April 27th.

Lee Jamison asked if Vanguard Renewables would be at the March Planning Board meeting for information. Supervisor Knott replied that yes, the meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2019 at 7pm.

Christian Sweningson commented that he and his neighbor had worked previously on a list of critiques of the Town Website and that he had passed the information on to Bill Schneider.

Cal Burch reported that he had been approached by a resident who asked about the process for getting the speed limit on Gypsy Rock Road reduced. He said he told the person to write a letter to the Town Board.

With no further questions or comments from the Board or public, a motion to adjourn was made by Brian Chittenden. The motion was seconded by Bill Schneider and was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8pm.

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

March 2019			LIGHTS		
CLAIM #	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	LND/FALLS	HIGHWAY
19-075	CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc. (\$4133.14)	9060.8	1,413.04		2,720.10
19-076	National Grid (\$1266.49)	5182.4		616.76	
				649.73	
19-077	Constellation (\$343.42)	5182.4		165.17	
				178.25	
19-078	Constellation (\$130.58)	1620.4	0.95		
		5132.4	129.63		
19-079	National Grid	1620.4	21.82		
19-080	National Grid	1620.4	21.02		
19-081	National Grid	5132.4	130.44		
19-082	Time Warner Cable (\$543.89)	1620.4	266.46		
		5132.4	277.43		
19-083	Marlin Business Bank (\$218.35)	1620.4	131.10		
		1410.4	87.25		
19-084	Paychex of New York LLC	1320.4	243.48		
19-085	Nolan Bottle Gas, Inc.	1620.4	527.90		
19-086	Melissa Naegeli	1010.4	25.20		
19-087	Looseleaf Law Publications	1110.4	275.40		
19-088	Repeat Business Systems	1620.4	24.67		
19-089	Hatfield Joyce, Inc.	1620.4	413.40		
19-090	Safeguard Business Systems	1410.4	75.97		
19-091	Johnson Newspaper Corp. (\$87.42)	1355.4	40.82		
		1010.4	22.54		
		8010.4	24.06		
19-092	Veriaon Wireless	5010.4	69.61		
19-093	Town & County Bridge & Rail	5110.4			1,274.00
19-094	Mooradian Hydraulics & Equipment	5110.4			331.80
19-095	Morton Salt Inc.	5142.4			2,360.65
19-096	Watkins Spring Co.	5130.4			1,271.50
19-097	Columbia Tractor Inc.	5130.4			142.23

19-098	Stuyvesant/Stockport Seniors	A6772 .4	2,500.00			
19-099	Stuyvesant Garden Club	A6772 .4	150.00			
19-100	VFW Post #9593	A6510 .4	1,200.00			
19-101	Dig Safely New York, Inc.	5110.4				100.00
	7-Mar-19		8,072.19	1609.91		8,200.28
19-102	Sickler, Torchia, Allen & Churchill, CPAs	1320.4	7,438.15			
19-103	NYS Office of State Comptroller	A2610	621.00			
19-104	ARE Productions	7550.4	800.00			
19-105	Tal G Rapplyea, Esq.	1420.4	1,111.25			
19-106	Staples, Inc. (\$214.17)	1110.4	82.85			
		1410.4	13.07			
		1355.4	16.27			
		1010.4	15.41			
		3620.4	86.57			
19-107	SMG	1620.4	92.16			
19-108	Joe Scrum	5132.4	61.99			
19-109	County Waste	5132.4	440.01			
19-110	Mario's Home Center	5132.4	12.99			
19-111	Rainbow Distributing Co., Inc.	5132.4	31.98			
19-112	Culligan	5132.4	28.93			
19-113	Glenn T. Smith	3620.4	205.48			
19-114	Columbia County Treasurer (Sheriff's Dept.)	1110.4	58.50			
19-115	Catherine G. Knott	1355.4	65.01			
		7510.4	25.00			
19-116	Mario's Home Center	5130.4				16.99
19-117	Charles Stiffler	5130.4				40.97
19-118	Valley Energy	5110.4				541.54
		5132.4	496.62			
19-119	Wex Bank	5110.4				247.95
19-120	Gig's Wrench	5130.4				24.00
19-121	Carquest of Valatie	5130.4				1,092.33
19-122	Lowe's	5130.4				75.03
19-123	Morton Salt, Inc.	5142.4				4,713.79
19-124	Airgas USA LLC	5130.4				31.80
	14-Mar-19		11,703.24	0.00		6,784.40
	<i>March Abstract</i>		<i>19,775.43</i>	<i>1609.91</i>		<i>14,984.68</i>

