

**Town of Stuyvesant  
Town Board Meeting  
May 9, 2019**

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly meeting on Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott; Councilmembers Tom Burrall, Bill Schneider, and Kelley Williams; Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli; Highway Superintendent Charles Stiffler. Councilman Brian Chittenden and Attorney for the Town Tal Rapplyea were not in attendance.

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

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

**Special Gues**

Shannon Baxevanis, a representative of TRANSCO, came to the meeting to discuss the upcoming power line upgrade project. She gave a history of the project and explained that they are responsible for 56 miles of transmission lines; are replacing aging equipment; will be staying within the right-of-way; there will be 4 less towers in Stuyvesant; will be hiring for jobs for the 2-year long project; and will bring tax revenue.

She also explained that community meetings and project information will be held in August and September.

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

**Old Business**

*AHET* – Supervisor Knott and Councilman Schneider met with NYS regarding the parking. It was decided that the Overlook Park area wouldn't be used and that parking would be moved closer to the bridge. Highway Superintendent Stiffler gave them the highway work permits.

*17 Hudson Ave.* – There have been renewed complaints. Supervisor Knott said the property is up for the tax sale

**Reports**

*Town Clerk* – Report is on file

*Recreation Committee* – Kelley Williams reported that they are looking at replacing the fence at Stuyvesant Falls. Supervisor Knott is trying to locate a survey map for the boundaries.

Lee Jamison reported that Park / Earth Day Clean Up will be April 27<sup>th</sup> at 10am. RiverSweep will be May 4<sup>th</sup> at Swyer Preserve, the Landing, Newton Hook, and the Sand Bar.

Lee also thanked the Highway Department for installing the new Hummel Park sign.

*Railroad Station Committee* – There will be a meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup>. The brick work is complete.

*Environmental Management Council* – Christian Sweningson reported

- Recycling Resource Guide is proceeding;
- Proposal to ban Styrofoam will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors;
- There was a joint meeting on Climate Smart Communities, EMC, and Conservation Advisory Committee – they are sharing information and working together on LED Lighting;
- The Natural Resource Inventory Guide was presented to the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Knott announced that it had passed the Board at their meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup>;
- The Council is providing monthly media reports to the Register Star;
- The Nominations are open for the Good Earthkeeping Awards;
- There is a proposal by the Coeymans Cement Plant to burn solid waste and tires as fuel. The Town has passed a law regarding air quality;
- Earth Day is April 27<sup>th</sup>; and
- There will be an Earth Day Fair at the Columbia Greene Community College on April 23<sup>rd</sup> 11:30am – 2pm.

*Dog Control Officer* – No report.

*Kinderhook Memorial Library* – Lee Jamison reported

- the Newsletter is out with their annual report; and
- Jane Jessup Mayer has stepped down from the Board. Lee encouraged someone from the Town to volunteer as they would like to preserve having 3 people from Stuyvesant.

*Office for the Aging* -- Supervisor Knott offered congratulations to Rich Moran who has been chosen as the 2019 Senior Citizen of the Year.

*Highway Department* – Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported

- Snow fencing is down;
- Trucks have been cleaned;
- Roads are being repaired – up this year for major work are Frisbee Lane, Woods Lane, and Schoolhouse Road (sealing);
- Working on the Landing Playground parking lot; and
- The grounds of the Town Hall have been rolled.

*Assessor's Office* – Cathy Knott reported that meetings had been held regarding the new valuations and determinations will be mailed out the 1<sup>st</sup> week of May. The Tentative Roll will be filed with the Town Clerk's Office on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Grievance Day will be May 30<sup>th</sup>. She also announced that anyone who had met with the Assessor will receive a letter regarding their assessment.

*Planning/Zoning Boards* – the Planning Board continues to review the proposed “Austin Subdivision”.

*Historian* – Deputy Historian Cathy Knott reported that it had been in the news that bones had been found on a property in Town on State Route 9J. It is expected that they are “historical”. Historian Juanita Knott has been interviewed by the Sheriff's Dept. and was able to give some historical information.

*ZEO/Building Inspector* – Report on file.

*Cemetery Committee* – Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported that mowing will begin soon.

*Town Hall* – Supervisor Knott thanked Chuck Stiffler for getting the new stove for the kitchen.

*Website Committee* – Bill Schneider said he is continue to review other websites for comparison.

*County Business* – Supervisor Knott reported that

- Once a month the County holds an “Honor a Vet” ceremony at 401 State Street – this month it is scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup>;
- Smart Watt Program – a company is working with the County to conserve energy and they are looking at the jail/Sheriff's Building – replacing items could save \$1.7 Million;
- The Natural Resources Inventory Guide was adopted by the Board on 4/10;
- Ground Water Resource – there is a disc and we will work on getting it online.

**New Business**

Supervisor Knott reported that the County has been discussing the impact of the recently passed State Budget. Local impacts include:

- CHiPS funding cuts – Stuyvesant is looking at a loss of approximately \$12,000;
- Stuyvesant will lose \$15,000 in AIM funding after this year;
- Cuts are approximately \$20,000 over the cap;
- The State is pulling back contracts from the County for plowing State roads. If the County pulls back on our Contract for 26A, it would be another \$12,000 we would lose;

Supervisor Knott announced that with the new “Early Voting” passed by the State, the County Board of Elections will have to hire additional staff. Christian Sweningson asked about the all day Primary vs. the 12-9 hours. Supervisor Knott said he liked that it would be one Primary Day for State and Federal.

**Board Comments**

Bill Schneider commented that we still have to fill vacancies on the Planning Board.

**Public Comments**

Lee Jamison asked about the conflict of interest issue that had apparently arisen at the Planning Board Meeting. Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea explained that Ethics/Conflicts is part of the training and that the Member hadn’t had the training yet. Supervisor Knott reported that the situation is being addressed.

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 Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8pm.

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

<b><u>CLAIM</u></b>	<b><u>PAYEE</u></b>	<b><u>A/C#</u></b>	<b><u>GENERAL</u></b>	<b><u>LND/FALL</u></b>	<b><u>HIGHWAY</u></b>
19-125	National Grid (\$1213.09)	5182.4		591.11	
				621.98	

19-126	Constellation (\$269.20)	5182.4			129.49	
					139.71	
19-127	Time Warner Cable (\$575.28)	1620.4	295.81			
			279.47			
19-128	National Grid (Railroad Station)	1620.4	24.02			
19-129	National Grid	5132.4	117.38			
19-130	National Grid (Town Hall)	1620.4	21.02			
19-131	Constellation (\$114.64)	1620.4	3.07			
		5132.4	111.57			
19-132	Nolan Bottle Gas, Inc.	1620.4	338.61			
19-133	Paychex of New York, LLC	1320.4	236.83			
19-134	Marlin Business Bank (\$218.35)	1620.4	131.10			
		1410.4	87.25			
19-135	Business Automation Services, Inc.	1620.41	1,377.00			
19-136	Johnson Newspaper Corporation (\$74.84)	1355.4	23.68			
		8020.4	24.82			
		8010.4	26.34			
19-137	CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc. (\$4133.14)	9060.8	1,413.04			2,720.10
19-138	Tal G. Rapplyea, Esq.	1420.4	812.50			
	4-Apr-19		5,323.51		1482.29	2,720.10
19-139	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	272.09			
19-140	County Waste ( <i>new mailing address</i> )	5132.4	145.94			
19-141	Rainbow Distributing Co., Inc.	5132.4	31.98			
19-142	Association of Towns	5010.4	110.00			
19-143	Culligan	5132.4	28.93			
19-144	Valley Energy	5132.4	974.58			
19-145	Lowe's (\$587.92)	5132.4	75.86			
		1620.4	512.06			
19-146	Carquest of Valatie	5130.4				928.15
19-147	Tractor Supply	5130.4				78.73
19-148	Wex Bank	5110.4				135.73
19-149	Share Corp.	5130.4				170.00
19-150	Nassau Country Value	5130.4				109.06
19-151	Mario's Home Center	5130.4				63.26
19-152	Troy Kay	9089.80				137.69
19-153	Valley Energy	5110.4				2,377.95
19-154	Airgas USA LLC	5130.4				34.50

19-155	Callanan Industries, Inc.	5110.4				1,930.28
19-156	Good Year Tire & Rubber Co.	5110.4				228.82
19-157	NYS Office of State Comptroller	A2610	1,729.00			
19-158	SMG	1620.4	236.36			
19-159	Columbia Co. Treasurer (Sheriff's Dept)	1110.4	58.50			
19-160	Bob Boll Excavating	5110.4				432.00
	11-Apr-19		4,175.30	0.00		6,626.17