

**Town of Stuyvesant  
Town Board Meeting  
June 12, 2019**

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Councilmembers Tom Burrall, Bill Schneider, and Kelley Williams; Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli; Highway Superintendent Charles Stiffler. Supervisor Ron Knott, Councilman Brian Chittenden, and Attorney for the Town Tal Rapplyea were not in attendance.

Deputy Supervisor Kelley Williams 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**

Columbia County Arts Grants from the Greene County Council on the Arts total \$48,796.

Letter from Ichabod Crane announcing the recipients of the Ken Hummel Memorial Scholarship will be Ethan Saxby and Andrew Barkley. Councilman Schneider will attend the Senior Awards Ceremony and present on behalf of the Town Board.

**Old Business**

*Amtrak Fencing* – Supervisor Knott will be meeting with Scenic Hudson and other community leaders on Friday. NYS is looking at dates in June or July for a public meeting.

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

**Reports**

*Town Clerk* – Report is on file. Melissa Naegeli reported that registrations had been coming in for the Summer Playground program and that a few people had to be turned away for not being residents, although they had a Stuyvesant mailing address. It was explained what constituted a resident for the purposes of sending children to the summer program at the expense of the Town.

Melissa Naegeli also reported that the Tax Collection season for 2019 had concluded and all paperwork had been returned to the County. She reported that the collection had been an average year with approximately 90% being collected.

*Recreation Committee* – Kelley Williams reported that the Committee discussed ideas for surrounding the new parking lot at the Landing Playground to prevent cars from driving off on to the grounds. They are also discussing and getting prices to extend the fence at the Landing Playground.

The Girl Scouts who had previously addressed the Town Board, have completed their service project of a “little lending library” at the Stuyvesant Falls Playground. There will be a dedication ceremony on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Councilman Kelley Williams will attend as the representative from the Town Board.

Councilman Tom Burrall reported that he is working with Stuyvesant Fire Chief Steve Montie to coordinate cleaning the tennis courts at the Landing Playground.

*Railroad Station Committee* – Strawberry Festival will be held on Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

*Environmental Management Council* – No report

*Dog Control Officer* – No report.

*Kinderhook Memorial Library* – Big Truck Day will be held on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall from 11am – 2pm

*Office for the Aging* -- No report

*Highway Department* – Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported

- Ditches continue to be cleaned;
- Roads are being prepared for stone topping and paving;
- The employees will attend a safety class in Chatham;
- Superintendent Stiffler attending “Highway School” in Ithaca;
- Roadside mowing has begun; and
- He looked in to the complaints about the equipment at the Stuyvesant Falls Playground. The equipment needs to be scraped and painted; he will have to make a cover for the center of the merry-go-round.

*Assessor's Office* – Cathy Knott reported Grievance Day had been held and Assessor Lynn Hotaling will have complete report for the Town Board at their July meeting. The Roll will be final on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

*Planning/Zoning Boards* – Interviews are being scheduled for the vacancies.

*Historian* – Deputy Historian Cathy Knott reported that Historic Stuyvesant Day will be held on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> following the Ken Hummel Run. The theme this year is “Stuyvesant Stories in Stones” and will highlight the 11 cemeteries in Town (including 2 in Stockport and numerous private cemeteries).

*ZEO/Building Inspector* – Report on file.

*Cemetery Committee* – Tom Burrall reported that he had spoken with Hudson and Kinderhook Boy Scout Troops regarding a service project of mapping the cemeteries.

*Town Hall* – No report

*Website Committee* – Bill Schneider reported that he has begun taking pictures around town for the new website.

*County Business* – Supervisor Knott submitted a written report that they are working with NYS on a new contract for winter maintenance and are working on upgrades at the Public Safety Building.

### **New Business**

Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler announced the tentative date for the Fall Trash Clean Up Day is October 5<sup>th</sup>, pending County approval for the dumpsters.

### **Board Comments**

Councilman Bill Schneider announced that if anyone is interested in the position of Assessor that they should submit a letter as soon as possible so they can attend school if hired.

### **Public Comments**

No Public Comments or questions

With no further questions or comments from the Board or public, a motion to adjourn was made by Tom Burrall. The motion was seconded by Bill Schneider and was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

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