

**Town of Stuyvesant  
Town Board Meeting  
July 11, 2019**

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly meeting on Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott; Councilmembers Tom Burrall, Bill Schneider, Kelley Williams, and Brian Chittenden; Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli; Highway Superintendent Charles Stiffler; and Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea.

Supervisor Ron 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**

No correspondence to report.

**Old Business**

*Amtrak Fencing* – Supervisor Knott met with representatives from Germantown, Stockport, Scenic Hudson, and Amtrak. There will be public meetings scheduled in Stuyvesant and Germantown, a meeting has already been held in the City of Hudson.

*Ferry Road* – Supervisor Knott reported that he has received confirmation of the construction project beginning in the Fall (2019) and Colarusso had been awarded the bid.

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

**Special Presentation**

Lynn Hotaling, Assessor, reported to the Board community members in attendance about the Re-Evaluation Project completed earlier this year. She remarked that everything went well and that the previous Assessor Howard Gleason had left everything in good shape. She reported that following the notifications of valuations she had met with approximately 60 residents who mostly had questions on the process and how values were determined.

Ms. Hotaling reported that there were 23 Applications that came before the Board of Assessment Review, she didn't have a report on the determinations.

She added that Cathy Knott has been an amazing assistant through the transition and re-evaluation process.

### **Reports**

*Town Clerk* – Report is on file.

*Recreation Committee* – Kelley Williams reported that there was no meeting in July. There are 12 children registered for the Kinderhook Park program through Stuyvesant. She attended the Dedication Ceremony of the “Little Lending Library” at the Stuyvesant Falls Playground that was built by the Girl Scout Troop.

Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported that the fencing project at the playground will begin at the end of July or early August; the contractor had an injury that prevented him from starting earlier.

*Railroad Station Committee* – Cal Burch reported that the next meeting will be Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a video presentation by Barbara Reina about the African American cemetery in Kinderhook.

Corn Festival will be Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor Knott added that Homestyle Magazine will have an article by Barbara Reina on the train station.

*Environmental Management Council* – Christian Sweningson reported that the Council:

- Has a recommendation for expanded styrene ban to present to the full Board of Supervisors;
- Will have an article coming out in the newspaper on road salt;
- Has a meeting scheduled with Rob Lopez (Emergency 911) regarding hazardous material storage and reporting. The County is using a database to track sites in the County but reporting is only required annually. The Council is reaching out to Towns for information on sites.

*Dog Control Officer* – Report on file – no calls.

*Kinderhook Memorial Library* – Bill Schneider announced that Kathy Schneider has been accepted as a member of the Library Board as a representative from the Town of Stuyvesant. She is filling the spot vacated by Jane Jessup-Mayer.

*Office for the Aging* -- Rich Moran reported that the OFA collaboration with Habitat for Humanity called “Brush with Kindness” is helping County residents with yard work, house repairs, etc.

A Fall Picnic is scheduled at the VFW, more details to come.

*Highway Department* – Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported

- Paving has been completed on Frisbee and Woods Lanes; Schoolhouse, Rybka, and Allendale East Roads;
- Mowing on the road sides continue;
- Culverts have been replaced on Eichybush Road;
- There were 9 trees down in the storm from the previous weekend – 1 on Sharptown and 8 on Allendale Roads; and
- He is getting prices for a new pick-up truck.

*Assessor’s Office* – No additional report following Lynn Hotalings presentation.

*Planning/Zoning Boards* – Zoning Board Chair Jeff Jensen reported that it’s been very quiet.

*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”. The picnic will be held at the pavilion at the Stuyvesant Landing Playground. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to share; the Town will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages.

*ZEO/Building Inspector* – Report on file.

*Cemetery Committee* – Tom Burrall reported all is quiet.

*Town Hall* – Supervisor Knott reported that he and Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler had new computers installed.

*Website Committee* – Bill Schneider reported that he has a meeting scheduled with BAS on Friday, July 12.

*County Business* –

Winter Maintenance Contracts – Supervisor Knott continues to work with NYS

Energy Upgrades @ Public Safety Building – Supervisor Knott will be meeting with the company who will be doing the work, the project is \$1.5M in upgrades that will be recouped through energy savings over the next 18 years.

Twin County Recovery – The link to their new website will be on our website.

**New Business**

2019 Budget -- Supervisor Knott reported that in reviewing the Budget vs. Actual reports to date we are at 54% of expected revenue in the Highway Fund and at 40% Expenses; we are at 43% of expenses in the General Fund.

Fall Trash Day – Scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup>

We have received the CHiPs Winter Recovery in the amount of \$11,800.

Supervisor Knott presented a proposed Resolution to continue to purchase fuel oil from Valley Energy:

**RESOLUTION**  
**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,

**WHEREAS** this year the County fuel oil bid (Bid #239-2019) went to Kosco Oil,

**WHEREAS** the Highway Superintendent and the Town Clerk have recommended to the Town Board that we consider remaining with Valley Oil who currently has been our supplier rather than using the County bid due to past difficulties in billing and delivery services,

**WHEREAS**, upon investigation it was discovered that Valley Oil bid was only .0025 cents per gallon more than the low bidder, being Kosco.

**NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant awards our fuel oil bid to Valley Energy for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

<u>Town Board Members</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		

Greene County Bank – Supervisor Knott reported that he is discussing with them moving our Town accounts due to a better interest rate.

Rescue Squad Funding – Supervisors Knott and Grattan (Kinderhook) met with the Valatie Rescue Squad and are reporting that the VRS will be looking for a substantial increase in funding this year from the Towns. There is a concern that the increase will affect the Tax Cap for the Towns. Another meeting is being scheduled to include the County Treasurer to discuss other possibilities that would not affect the Tax Cap.

### **Board Comments**

Councilman Bill Schneider asked about the status of the proposed resolution regarding the Natural Resources Inventory. Tal Rappleyea explained that after his review he had concerns that the wording of the resolution would add another layer of requirement. He will work on a clarification of the wording to make sure it reflects that the Resolution is a recommendation and not a requirement.

Melissa Naegeli announced upcoming events:

- Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> – CRASE Training presented by Columbia County Sheriff's Dept. at 6:30pm
- Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup> – Paint & Snack event presented by Berkshire Paint & Sip, 6:30pm
- Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> – Ken Hummel Memorial Races – Registration opens at 7am

Supervisor Knott reported that the Court Clerk had resigned her position effective July 31<sup>st</sup>. The judges are seeking a replacement.

### **Public Comments**

Richard Moran asked who sets the rates for ambulance transportation. Councilman Bill Schneider (who also sits on the Board for VRS) replied that the Insurance Companies set the rates. He explained that the call volume is down so their revenues are also down.

Mr. Moran also commented that the stonework completed by the Highway Department around the new parking area at the Stuyvesant Landing playground looks very nice.

Councilman Bill Schneider remarked that the Highway Department did a great job with the paving project on Frisbee Lane.

Cal Burch expressed concern about access to Hummel Park since the grass is very high around the picnic area and there is a concern about ticks. Highway

Superintendent Chuck Stiffler replied that that mowing was to be done by volunteers. Supervisor Knott said we will look into it.

With no further questions or comments from the Board or public, a motion to adjourn was made by Bill Schneider. 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 July, 2019 Town Board meeting:

<b>CLAIM #</b>	<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>A/C#</b>	<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>LND/FALLS</b>	<b>HIGHWAY</b>
19-256	CDPHP Universal Benefits (\$2614.12)	9060.8	706.52		1,907.60
19-257	NYS Office of State Comptroller	A2610	1,469.00		
19-258	Constellation (\$205.74)	5182.4		135.78	
				69.96	
19-259	National Grid (\$1063.70)	5182.4		519.98	
				543.72	
19-260	Paychex of New York LLC	1320.4	262.60		
19-261	SMG	1620.4	175.00		
19-262	Marlin Business Bank (\$218.35)	1620.4	131.10		
		1410.4	87.25		
19-263	Johnson Newspaper Corp.	1355.4	20.64		
19-264	Constellation (\$47.09)	1620.4	1.65		
		5132.4	45.44		
19-265	National Grid	1620.4	24.34		
19-266	National Grid	1620.4	22.70		
19-267	National Grid	5132.4	62.79		
19-268	Time Warner Cable (\$557.08)	1620.4	275.52		
		5132.4	281.56		
19-269	Business Automation Services, Inc.	1620.41	1,377.00		
19-270	Wex Bank	7110.40	189.30		
19-271	NYS Town Clerks Association	1410.4	75.00		
19-272	Columbia Co. Treasurer (Sheriff's Dept.)	1110.4	63.38		
19-273	Rainbow Distributing Co., Inc.	5132.4	19.49		
19-274	Culligan	5132.4	28.93		
19-275	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	69.46		
19-276	County Waste	5132.4	145.94		
19-277	Salem Farm Supply	5130.4	307.85		
19-278	Satern Associates	5110.4			66.00
19-279	Valley Paving	DA5112.2			33,825.90
19-279A	Valley Paving	DA5112.2			10,231.18

19-280	Morton Salt Inc.	5142.4			6,163.05
19-281	C.J. Miner, Inc.	5110.4			425.00
19-282	Abele Tractor	5110.4			1,675.00
19-283	Airgas USA LLC	5130.4			36.60
19-284	Valley Energy	5110.4			2,122.79
19-285	Mario's Home Center (Acct #7200)	5130.4			38.68
19-286	John Deere Financial	5130.4			58.09
	11-Jul-19		5,842.46	1269.44	56,549.89
19-287	NYS Magistrates' Association	1110.4	75.00		
19-288	Crowne Plaza Lake Placid	1110.4	707.25		
19-289	Lowe's	1620.4	76.76		
19-290	Roddy Niesen	5110.4			3,500.00
	12-Jul-19		859.01	0.00	3,500.00
	July Total		6,701.47	1269.44	60,049.89