

December 14, 2017

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Local Law #4 of 2017**  
**Extending the Real Property Tax Exemption for Cold War Veterans**

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held a Public Hearing on December 14, 2017 at 7pm for the purpose of taking public comment on the proposed Local Law #4 of 2017 Extending the Real Property Tax Exemption for Cold War Veterans. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott, Councilmembers Tom Burrall, Kelley Williams, and Edward Scott. Councilman Brian Chittenden was not in attendance.

Supervisor Knott called the meeting to order and asked Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli to read the Public Notice as it was published in the official Newspaper.

Following the reading of the Notice, Supervisor Knott opened the hearing for comments from the Board and public.

Cathy Knott urged the Board to adopt the Law.

With no additional comments or questions, a motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Edward Scott. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was passed by unanimous vote.

Supervisor Knott closed the Public Hearing at 7:10pm.

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The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott, Councilmembers Tom Burrall, Kelley Williams, and Edward Scott. Councilman Brian Chittenden was not in attendance.

Supervisor Knott opened the meeting at 7:10pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Edward Scott, seconded by Tom Burrall and was approved by unanimous vote.

### **Correspondence**

- A letter from Tom and Mary Kilcer regarding the Empire Trail. This was a copy of a letter they had written to NYS.

### **Special Guests & Presentation**

Former Congressman Chris Gibson was in attendance to present the NYS Recognition for Service to Town Historian Juanita Knott. Supervisor Knott introduced the former Congressman Gibson by saying “he had been invited not as a Colonel, not as a Congressman, but as a fellow historian”.

Congressman John Faso was in attendance and presented Mrs. Knott with a ceremonial copy of the remarks he made on the Floor of Congress with respect to Mrs. Knott.

Former Town Supervisor Tod Greci spoke and thanked Mrs. Knott for her years of service. Supervisor Greci had been the first Supervisor to appointment Juanita to the position to Town Historian.

Town Historian Juanita Knott addressed the Board and audience; she thanked the guests for attending. She spoke about the various programs she had been involved with over the years and the number of people who had volunteered. She offered a suggested Town motto as “Stuyvesant Volunteers”.

A motion to approve the bills presented was made by Tom Burrall, seconded by Edward Scott and was passed by unanimous vote.

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**Old Business**

Supervisor Knott reported that he received a message from Andy Beers (Empire Trail Project). The final concept plan is expected by the end of the year. The trail will avoid the yard of the Williams Farm but will pass through the historic Mill District.

**Reports**

*Town Clerk* -- Report on file.

*Recreation Committee* – Kelley Williams reported that there was not a meeting in December.

*Railroad Station Committee* – Marilyn Burch reported that the Holiday Party at the Depot was held on December 9<sup>th</sup> and more children interacted with Santa. She thanked Lisanne Jensen for doing crafts with the children. Mrs. Burch also reported that the ICC Art Show had been held and there were over 100 pieces of art work on display.

*Environmental Management Council* – No report. Christian Sweningson reported that at the October meeting:

- Presentation from Jolene Race from the County Solid Waste Dept.;
- eWate accepted at Greenport Transfer Station at no charge;
- There is a new pole barn for recycling;
- Finding a solution for food waste is being pushed by NYS; it cost 2x to get rid of it. There is some composting going on and a farm in Stuyvesant may be getting a digester;
- 15,000 tons of solid waste and 7,000 tons of recycling and they pay \$70/ton to remove;
- We have one of the lowest contamination rates; and
- We take all plastics except Styrofoam

Supervisor Knott replied that it is difficult getting information out to people about the various Solid Waste programs available.

At the November meeting the Council

- Reviewed Natural Resources inventory for presentations to Town Governments;
- The Renewable Energy Fair was successful;
- There are still concerns left from the TCI fire. There are firefighters' concerns about not knowing what chemicals were in the building. There are no legal continuing reporting requirements – they only have to report once a year.

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*Dog Control Officer* – Report on file.

*Kinderhook Memorial Library* – Christian Sweningson reported that expansion is being completed and the asbestos removal is done. The new addition is expected to open in September 2008; \$700 was made on Candelight Night on the craft sales; and the Art Show netted \$700.

*Office for the Aging* – No Report.

*Highway Department* – the Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported they are working on

- Tree work;
- The benches in Stuyvesant Falls playground are done;
- The new loader is working well;
- Roads are being plowed; and
- FEMA money is pending.

*Assessor's Office* – Cathy Knott reported that exemptions had been mailed and are due back by 3/1/18.

*Planning/Zoning Boards* – No report. Supervisor Knott reported that the Zoning Board meetings will be on Wednesdays beginning in January 2018.

*Historian* – Mrs. Knott had no report but reminded everyone that “today is tomorrow’s history”.

*Cemetery* – Councilman Ed Scott reported that all is quiet.

*ZEO/Building Inspector* – Report is on file.

*Town Hall* – Everything is ok.

### **County Government**

Supervisor Knott reported that the 2018 Budget had been adopted by the County Board of Supervisors and while it had a 1.8% increase, there was a \$.03/\$1000 decrease in the bills.

The recent mudslide in Greenport resulted in backing up the creek. The County had to issue a State of Emergency and worked with the Army Corps of Engineers to get the water flowing again; the cost so far is \$120,000 to open a channel around the blockage.

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**New Business**

*Comprehensive Plan* – Supervisor Knott reported that the Comprehensive Plan is out for an update.

*Budget Amendment #4*

Supervisor Knott presented Budget Amendment #4 of 2017 to the Board:

<u>General Fund</u> <u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
A1910.4 Insurance	\$ 371.33	
A7550.4 Celebrations	\$1,384.54	
A8810.1 Cemetery Mowing	\$ 619.95	
A1990.4 Contingent Fund		\$2,375.82
Total	\$2375.82	\$2375.82

A motion was made by Edward Scott to approve Budget Transfer #4. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was passed by unanimous vote.

*Local Law #4 of 2017 Extending the Real Property Tax Exemption for Cold War Veterans* – A motion was made by Tom Burrall to adopt Local Law #4. The motion was seconded by Edward Scott and was approved by unanimous vote. Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli will file the Law with the Secretary of State’s Office.

**Board Comments**

Supervisor Knott and the Town Board presented Councilman Edward Scott a Certificate of Appreciation for his years of service. Councilman Scott will be stepping down as of December 31, 2017.

**Public Comments**

Cathy Knott thanked Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli for her work on the Facebook page and the website.

Supervisor Knott thanked the Garden Club for decorating the meeting hall and Town Hall.

With no further comments, a motion to adjourn was made by Ed Scott, seconded by Kelley Williams, and was approved by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

*Melissa A. Naegeli, RMC*

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*Vouchers presented at the December 2017 meeting for approval:*

		<b>December 2017</b>		<b>LIGHTS</b>		
<b><u>CLAIM #</u></b>	<b><u>PAYEE</u></b>	<b><u>A/C#</u></b>	<b><u>GENERAL</u></b>	<b><u>LND/FALLS</u></b>	<b><u>HIGHWAY</u></b>	
492-17	NYS & Local Retirement System (\$34,098.00)	9010.8DA			18,753.00	
		9010.8A			15,345.00	
493-17	Time Warner Cable (\$389.49)	1620.4	266.67			
		5132.4	122.82			
494-17	Constellation (\$75.37)	1620.4	2.25			
		5132.4	73.12			
495-17	National Grid	1620.4	21.02			
496-17	National Grid	5132.4	91.97			
497-17	National Grid	1620.4	22.22			
498-17	Constellation (\$281.69)	5182.4		135.49		
				146.20		
499-17	National Grid (\$1330.30)	5182.4		647.21		
				683.09		
500-17	Marlin Business Bank	1620.4	131.10			
501-17	Metz Wood Harder	1910.4	397.20			
502-17	Business Automation Services (\$2100.00)	1620.4	1,500.00			
		1410.4	600.00			
		12/1/2017	3,228.37	1611.99	34,098.00	
503-17	CDPHP Universal Benefits (\$3277.33)	9060.8	675.74			2,601.59
504-17	NYS Office of State Comptroller (Justice Ct.)	A2610	1,636.00			
505-17	SMG	1620.4	129.60			
506-17	Paychex of New York, LLC	1320.4	289.46			
		12/7/2017	2,730.80	0.00	2,601.59	
507-17	Ron Knott	1620.4	89.19			
508-17	Business Automation Services (\$94.90)	1620.4	31.90			
		75110	9.00			
		1220.4	9.00			
		1410.4	9.00			
		1355.4	9.00			
		5010.4	9.00			
		3620.4	9.00			
		8020.4	9.00			
509-17	Repeat Business Systems	1620.4	102.02			

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510-17	Nolan Bottle Gas, Inc.	1620.4	514.88
511-17	Stuyvesant Post Office (\$490.00)	1355.4	98.00
		1410.4	392.00
512-17	Xerox Corporation	1410.4	142.13
513-17	Safeguard Business Systems	1320.4	84.29
514-17	Association of Towns	1010.4	150.00
515-17	The Columbia Paper		54.86
516-17	Johnson Newspaper Corp. (\$96.81)		71.97
		1010.4	24.84
517-17	Association of Towns (\$30.00)	1010.4	20.00
		5010.4	10.00
518-17	Looseleaf Law Publications, Inc.	1110.4	60.35
519-17	Columbia Co. Treasurer's Office	1110.4	121.88
520-17	Tal G. Rapplyea, Esq.	1420.4	625.00
521-17	Gale Bury	8020.1	350.00
	Marilyn Burch	8020.1	245.00
	Wendee Aglow-Lentz	8020.1	245.00
	Howard Gibbons	8020.1	140.00
	Harold Leiser	8020.1	210.00
	Joe Belline	8020.1	175.00
	Paula Van Meter	8020.1	140.00
	Jeff Jensen	8010.1	200.00
	Amy Abbati	8010.1	35.00
	Meghan VanAlstyne	8010.1	105.00
	Margaret Pino	8010.1	105.00
	Steven Taylor	8010.1	140.00
	Steve Montie	8010.1	70.00
	Christian Sweningsen	8010.1	140.00
522-17	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	69.33
523-17	County Waste	5132.4	104.81
524-17	Culligan	5132.4	28.93
525-17	Rainbow Distributing Co., Inc.	5132.4	26.98
526-17	Roddy Niesen	5110.4	1,600.00
527-17	Share Corporation	5110.4	315.98
528-17	Valley Energy	5110.4	273.49
529-17	Wex Bank	5110.4	103.16
530-17	Heath Pinkowski	5110.4	675.00
531-17	Lowe's	5130.4	143.64
532-17	Northeast Automotive Parts, Inc.	5130.4	4.49
533-17	Mario's Home Center, Inc.	5130.4	149.25
534-17	CarQuest of Valatie, Inc.	5130.4	388.14
535-17	Midwest Motor Supply	5130.4	304.44
536-17	River Valley Radio, Inc.	5130.4	53.95
537-17	Air Gas USA LLC	5130.4	25.40
538-17	Zwack, Inc.	5130.4	338.64

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539-17	GiGi's Wrench	5130.4			26.00
540-17	Ichabod Crane	7550.4	300.00		
		14-Dec-17	5,486.36	0.00	4,401.58
541-17	Monroe Tractor & Implement Co.	DA200			106,370.93