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The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott, Councilwoman Kelley Williams, Councilman Edward Scott, Councilman Tom Burrall, Highway Superintendent Charles Stiffler, Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli, and Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea.

Supervisor Knott opened the meeting at 7:00pm 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 Columbia Land Conservancy regarding their annual visit to the Ken Hummel Park this summer. Supervisor Knott will share the lease agreement with them for the surrounding land;
- A notice from CDPHP regarding a rate increase for 2018 of 8-18%. Supervisor Knott is reviewing other options;
- A letter from the NYS Office of Real Property notifying us that our Equalization Rate is 100%. Supervisor Knott explained this took a lot of work by Assessor Howard Gleason with a small increase to vacant land value. Mr. Gleason argued his point with the State and won. A re-evaluation project is being planned for 2019, to be completed by the County.

A motion to approve the bills submitted was made by Tom Burrall, seconded by Ed Scott, and was approved by unanimous vote.

Reports

Town Clerk – Report on file. Melissa Naegeli announced that the tax collection period for 2017 had concluded and everything would be turned over to the county the following week. The final collection was 90%.

Recreation Committee – Kelley Williams reported that the Summer Playground Program would be starting in July and would run 7/10 through 8/18. The letters to families will be mailed out. She also reported that she and Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler are looking into purchasing a tree for the Stuyvesant Falls playground.

Railroad Station Committee – Lee Jamison reported that

- there had been a nice rhubarb festival;
- there would be a movie night on Saturday, 6/10 and the movie will be West Side Story;
- the Pot Luck Dinners have been suspended for the summer;

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- upcoming events are the Strawberry Festival on 6/16 and Big Truck Day on 6/17.

Environmental Management Council – No report

Dog Control Officer – No report

Kinderhook Memorial Library – Lee Jamison reported that the “Friends of the Library” Book Sale would be Saturday, June 10th at the McNary Center; there will be a preview on Friday night.

Office for the Aging – Supervisor Knott reported that he had received an email regarding an Elder Abuse seminar on June 15th 4-14pm at DSS.

Highway Department – the Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported

- They had stone topped the roads in Stuyvesant Manor development;
- They are mowing along the roads;
- They are trimming around the signs; and
- Will be paving soon on Eichybush Rd., Stuyvesant Pl., and Dahlgren Road.

Assessor’s Office – Cathy Knott reported that Grievance Day was held in May and that the determinations had been mailed. The final roll will filed in the Town Clerk’s Office on July 1st. She reminded everyone that if they know a Veteran to have them come in and apply for their exemption.

The following Resolution supporting the Town Assessor in Updating of the Town 2019 Assessment Roll was introduced by Supervisor Knott:

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING TOWN ASSESSOR IN UPDATING OF TOWN OF STUYVESANT 2019 ASSESSMENT ROLL

Introduced by Supervisor Ron Knott

Moved by: Councilman Ed Scott

Seconded by: Councilwoman Kelley Williams

WHEREAS, the Town of Stuyvesant Town Board supports the efforts of its Town Assessor Howard Gleason in updating of the Town’s 2019 Assessment Roll and maintenance of such Assessment Roll at full-market value, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board supports the allocation of sufficient resources for Town staff and services to complete the project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town of Stuyvesant Town Board hereby expresses its support of its Town Assessor Howard Gleason in updating of the Town’s 2019 Assessment Roll and maintenance of such Assessment Roll at full-market value, and authorizes the allocation of sufficient resources for Town staff and services to complete such project, and

BE IT FURTHER,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board further requests that the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services and the Columbia County Office of Real Property Services provide assistance that is typically afforded during such projects to the Town of Stuyvesant Town Assessor, and

BE IT FURTHER,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board further authorizes and directs the Town Assessor to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services and the Columbia County Office of Real Property Services and authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor, Town Assessor and/or Town Clerk to take such other and further actions as may be necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Duly adopted this 8th day of June 2017 by the following vote:

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Supervisor Ron Knott	X		
Councilwoman Kelley Williams	X		
Councilman Tom Burrall	X		
Councilman Brian Chittenden			X
Councilman Ed Scott	X		

Melissa A. Naegeli, RMC
Town Clerk

Planning/Zoning Boards – The Blue Star Farms application has been approved.

Historian – The Historic Stuyvesant Day Picnic will be held at the picnic area at the Sandbar. Mrs. Knott will be asking the Board for assistance. The theme will be “WWI – Stories from the Homefront”

Cemetery – Councilman Ed Scott reported that a tree still had to be removed. A fallen stone had to be re-set and Tony is doing a nice job.

ZEO/Building Inspector – Report is on file.

Town Hall – Chuck Stiffler reported that trees were being trimmed on the grounds.

County Government

Supervisor Knott reported that the Governor’s proposed “Empire Trail” from Manhattan to Canada is looking into being able to utilize the National Grid Easement for the route where the State would build the trail but care and maintenance would be the responsibility of the local municipalities; in the southern part of the County the trail will be using roads. Lee Jamison added at the trail committee had met prior to the meeting with the State and that NYS seemed to be unaware of the work that had already been done.

The Shared Services Panel has a meeting scheduled for June 22 at 4pm at 401 State Street.

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Supervisor Knott reported that progress is being made on the proposed Fire Training Center at Commerce Park and will be presenting to the Full Board soon.

New Business

The State passed the “Zombie Law” in January with respect to abandoned properties. If a property is in default with a bank, the bank must post on the property and maintain the property. The new law will only affect those abandoned after January.

Supervisor Knott reported he would be participating in a webinar for LED street lights.

Melissa Naegeli presented the Board with an Agreement with Ichabod Crane to continue the Memorial Scholarship in memory of Ken Hummel with proceeds from the annual Ken Hummel Run. A motion to authorize Supervisor Knott to sign the Agreement was made by Ed Scott, seconded by Kelley Williams, and approved by unanimous vote. Town Clerk will deliver Agreement to ICC for Superintendent signature.

Supervisor Knott reported that he had received a draft contract for a Time Warner Franchise Agreement and asked Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea to review. Supervisor Knott is trying to get a representative to come to a Board meeting.

Board Comments

Public Comments

Lee Jamison asked about the status of the Stuyvesant Falls Bridge. Supervisor Knott reported that the project had been moved up the list to 2019 for Engineering instead of 5 years. The committee is waiting for the Engineer’s answers to questions to schedule a meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ed Scott, seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Naegeli, RMC

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Vouchers presented at the June 2017 meeting for approval:

	June 2017			LIGHTS	
<u>CLAIM #</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>A/C#</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>LND/FALLS</u>	<u>HIGHWAY</u>
227-17	CDPHP Universal Benefits Inc. (\$3512.79)	9060.8	600.48		2,912.31
228-17	Time Warner Cable (\$399.37)	1620.4	275.99		
		5132.4	123.38		
229-17	Marlin Business Bank	1620.4	114.00		
230-17	Repeat Business Systems	1620.4	111.99		
231-17	Michael J Naegeli	1355.4	44.00		
232-17	Richard Moran	1355.4	44.00		
233-17	Paul Chittenden	1355.4	44.00		
234-17	Cheryl Trowbridge	1355.4	44.00		
235-17	Columbia Co. Treasurer (Solid Waste Dept)	8160.4	2,370.50		
236-17	National Grid	5132.4	66.61		
237-17	National Grid (\$1114.95)	5182.4		543.64	
				571.31	
238-17	Constellation (\$182.42)	5182.4		87.76	
				94.66	
239-17	Constellation	5132.4	48.46		
240-17	Johnson Newspaper Corp.	1410.4	24.84		
241-17	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	64.75		
242-17	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4			150.98
243-17	HD Supply Waterworks, Ltd.	5110.4			392.24
244-17	Inter City Tire	5110.4			1,521.60
245-17	Mooradian Hydraulics	5130.4			176.60
246-17	Share Corp.	5130.4			15.00
247-17	JC Millbank Construction Co., Inc. (<i>Capital</i>)	1620.4	8,787.96		
	1-Jun-17		12,764.96	1297.37	5,168.73
248-17	Stuyvesant Post Office (\$147.00)	1410.4	98.00		
		1110.4	49.00		
249-17	Xerox Corporation	1410.4	147.60		
250-17	Paychex of New York LLC	1320.4	293.87		
251-17	Johnson Newspaper Corp.	8010.4	20.02		
252-17	Columbia Co. Treasurer (Public Works)	3310.4	98.41		
253-17	Constellation	1620.4	1.69		
254-17	National Grid (RR Station)	1620.4	22.69		
255-17	National Grid (Town Hall)	1620.4	21.02		
256-17	Howard Gleason	1355.4	373.00		
257-17	Tal G Rapplyea, Esq	1420.4	843.75		

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258-17	Culligan	5132.4	28.93		
259-17	Rainbow Distributors	5132.4	41.96		
260-17	County Waste	5132.4	93.58		
261-17	Business Automation Svcs (\$811.96)	1620.4	783.00		
		1220.4	5.80		
		1410.4	5.79		
		1355.4	5.79		
		3620.4	5.79		
		8020.4	5.79		
262-17	SMG	1620.4	228.97		
263-17	Columbia Co. Treasurer (Sheriff's)	1110.4	127.33		
264-17	New Castle Asphalt	5110.4			87.49
265-17	Ben Funk, Inc.	5130.4			155.64
266-17	Valley Energy	5110.4			507.31
267-17	Columbia Tractor, Inc.	5130.4			346.14
268-17	Mario's Home Center, Inc.	5130.4			2.68
269-17	Roddy Niesen	5110.4			1,600.00
270-17	Wex Bank	5110.4			173.96
271-17	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4			81.64
		8-Jun-17	3,301.78	0	2,954.86
	Total June 2017		16,066.74	1297.37	8123.59