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**PUBLIC HEARING  
2018 Preliminary Budget**

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held a Public Hearing on November 9, 2017 at 7pm for the purpose of taking public comment on the 2018 Preliminary Budget.

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 reviewed the Preliminary Budget. He explained that the budget, with a 1% increase, remained \$7,000 under the NYS Allowable increase. Supervisor Knott also reported that the Fiscal Stress rating had been received and our rating was 0 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row.

Supervisor Knott opened the Hearing for questions and comments.

With no comments or questions, a motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Ron Knott. The motion was seconded by Edward Scott 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, Councilwoman Kelley Williams, Councilman Edward Scott, Councilman Tom Burrall, Councilman Brian Chittenden, Highway Superintendent Charles Stiffler, Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli, and Attorney for the Town Tal Rapplelea.

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 Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote.

### **Correspondence**

- A letter from NYS DOT announcing a program with \$40 Million for Federal Highway improvements for pedestrian safety.

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

### **Reports**

*Town Clerk* -- Report on file.

*Recreation Committee* – Kelley Williams reported that there was not a meeting Lee Jamison announced that the Trail Map pamphlets designed by Stuyvesant Pathways were complete and available. She thanked the Town Board for paying for the printing.

*Environmental Management Council* – No report. Supervisor Knott reported that he had attended the Council's last meeting to discuss recycling with Solid Waste Director Jolene Race.

*Dog Control Officer* – Report on file.

*Kinderhook Memorial Library* – Lee Jamison reported that they have broken ground, the footings and cement had been poured and that they were making good progress.

*Office for the Aging* -- No report.

*Highway Department* – the Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported

- That Trash Day had been a success – 4 dumpsters, 2 metals, 75 tires, and 40 pieces of electronic equipment;

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- Snow Fencing is up;
- The trucks are ready with plows;
- The fence at the Stuyvesant Falls playground has been repaired;
- He has the materials to repair the benches and will complete the project weather permitting; and
- The Tree had been planted at the Stuyvesant Falls playground.

*Assessor's Office* – Cathy Knott reported that exemptions had been mailed.

*Planning/Zoning Boards* – No report. Supervisor Knott reported that the joint workshop would be rescheduled for January 29, 2018.

*Historian* – No report.

*Cemetery* – Councilman Ed Scott reported that the final mowing will happen after all of the leaves have fallen.

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

*Town Hall* – Everything is ok.

*Railroad Station*—

- A new wood stove has been installed;
- Flea market to be held on Saturday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. Lee Jamison explained that it will be more of a “Craft Fair”;
- Pot Luck Dinners may be restarted after the new year;
- The ICC Art Show will open on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>; and
- The Holiday Party will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Lee Jamison added that Candlelight Night in Kinderhook will be December 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Old Business**

*Ferry Road* – The rescheduled Shoreline Restoration Information Meeting will be held Tuesday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

### **County Government**

Supervisor Knott reported that the Board is working on Budgets.

*Councilman Tom Burrall had to leave that meeting at this point due to a fire call.*

### **New Business**

*Bond Resolution* – Supervisor Knott presented the Board with a proposed Resolution to acquire a Bond for the purchase of a new loader. The motion to adopt the Resolution was made by Edward Scott. The motion was seconded by Brian Chittenden and was passed by unanimous vote. Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli will forward the adopted Resolution to Bond Counsel and will take care of Noticing in the Newspapers.

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*Cold War Veterans' Exemption* – A Public Hearing for the proposed Local Law will be held on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

*Columbia-Greene Humane Society* – Supervisor Knott reported that we had received the proposed new contract for services with CGHS for 2018. The Board asked Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea to review the Contract to be discussed at the December meeting.

*2018 Preliminary Budget* – A motion to adopt the 2018 Preliminary Budget was made by Edward Scott. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was passed by unanimous vote. The Budget was declared adopted and Supervisor Knott will deliver two (2) signed and sealed copies to the County Offices on Friday.

**Board Comments**

Councilman Scott remarked that it was a good Budget. Supervisor Knott added that the Budgeted to Actual numbers were tracking well.

Councilman Scott said he had seen a company that appeared to be performing another inspection on the bridge in Stuyvesant Falls. Supervisor Knott said he wasn't sure what it was but that it could have been State Inspectors.

Councilman Scott announced that the VFW in Stuyvesant Falls would hold a Veterans Day Service on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am and the public was invited.

**Public Comments**

Lee Jamison asked about a hunting policy at the Ken Hummel Park. Councilman Scott explained that there would only be bow hunting allowed at the Park again this year; no rifles.

Ned DePew asked if the new Bond payment was reflected in the 2018 Budget. Supervisor Knott explained that yes, they had added \$35,000 to the 5132.4 line for the 1<sup>st</sup> payment.

Highway Superintendent Charles Stiffler reported that we are still waiting for the FEMA payment from Hurricane Stella.

Mike Naegeli asked if the Bond was for 5 years. Supervisor Knott replied that it was a 3 year Bond.

With no further comments, Supervisor Knott asked everyone to stand in a Moment of Silence for Leo Brown.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ed Scott, seconded by Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

*Melissa A. Naegeli, RMC*

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Vouchers presented at the September 2017 meeting for approval:

	<b>November 2017</b>				<b>LIGHTS</b>	
<b>CLAIM #</b>	<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>A/C#</b>	<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>LND/FALLS</b>	<b>HIGHWAY</b>	
443-17	CDPHP Universal Benefits (\$3512.79)	9060.8	2,912.31			600.48
444-17	US Post Office	1110.4	62.00			
445-17	Stuyvesant Post Office	1110.4	49.00			
446-17	William T. Vick, Sr. (reimbursement)	1110.4	9.80			
447-17	National Grid (\$1202.69)	5182.4			585.83	
					616.86	
448-17	Constellation (\$204.85)	5182.4			98.53	
					106.32	
449-17	Paychex of NY, LLC	1320.4	225.83			
450-17	Nolan Bottle Gas, Inc.	1620.4	43.78			
451-17	National Grid (RR Station)	1620.4	22.39			
452-17	National Grid (Town Hall)	1620.4	21.02			
453-17	National Grid (HW Garage)	5132.4	98.57			
454-17	Constellation (\$82.24)	1620.4	1.43			
		5132.4	80.81			
455-17	Time Warner Cable (\$398.51)	1620.4	275.59			
		5132.4	122.92			
456-17	Columbia County Treasurer (DPW #35718)	3310.4	170.87			
457-17	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	69.33			
458-17	Valley Energy (\$750.34)	5132.4	112.65			
		5110.4				637.69
459-17	Inter City Tire & Auto Center, Inc.	5110.4				3,630.86
460-17	Town & Country Bridge & Rail	5110.4				1,092.00
461-17	Mabey's Truck Service	5130.4				150.00
462-17	Troy Kay	DA9089.8				161.99
463-17	Amanda's Fireplace (Railroad Station)	1620.4	2,031.75			
	2-Nov-17		4,278.30		1407.54	6,273.02
464-17	Staples, Inc. (\$350.44)	1110.4	99.22			
		1410.4	111.72			
		5010.4	86.98			
		8020.4	5.82			
		1355.4	46.70			
465-17	Sausbier's Awning Shop, Inc.	1620.4	85.00			
466-17	Columbia Co. Treasurer (Solid Waste Dept)	3310.4	2,151.10			
467-17	Columbia Greene Humane Society	3510.4	35.00			

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468-17	Staples Credit Plan	1410.4	18.00		
469-17	Marlin Business Bank	1620.4	131.10		
470-17	Williamson Law Book Co.	1110.4	173.19		
471-17	Apex Software	1355.4	235.00		
472-17	SMG	1620.4	195.81		
473-17	NYS Office of State Comptroller	A2610	2,423.00		
474-17	Xerox Corporation	1410.4	142.89		
475-17	Business Automation Svcs (\$93.45)	1620.4	30.45		
		7510.4	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		
476-17	Erik Burch	1620.4	20.99		
477-17	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	1,031.25		
478-17	Pro Printers	7110.4	551.87		
479-17	Cathy Knott	7550.4	175.00		
480-17	Steven Montie	DA9089.8	140.39		
481-17	County Waste	5132.4	104.81		
482-17	Rainbow Distributing Co., Inc.	5132.4	26.98		
483-17	Culligan	5132.4	28.93		
484-17	Mario's Home Center (\$109.43)	5132.4	21.59		
		5130.4			87.84
485-17	John Deere Financial	5130.4			146.45
486-17	Stockport Garage & Oil Co., Inc.	5130.4			15.00
487-17	Zwack, Inc.	5130.4			581.26
488-17	Wex Bank	5110.4			217.42
489-17	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4			318.54
490-17	AirGas USA, Ltd	5130.4			26.10
491-17	Lowe's	7110.4			303.80
	9-Nov-17		8,135.79		1,696.41
	Bank of Greene County Bond Payment (Princ)	A9710.6	45,186.07		
	Bank of Green County Bond Payment (Interest)	A9710.7	19,733.16		
		<b>\$64,919.23</b>			
	<b>November Total</b>		<b>77,333.32</b>	<b>1407.54</b>	<b>7,969.43</b>