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The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott, Councilwoman Kelley Williams, Councilman Edward Scott, Councilman Brian Chittenden, Highway Superintendent Charles Stiffler, Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli, and Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea. Councilman Tom Burrall was not in attendance.

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 Brian Chittenden, and was approved by unanimous vote.

A motion to approve the bills was made by Edward Scott, seconded by Kelley Williams, and was approved by unanimous vote.,

### **Correspondence**

- A letter from Columbia County Planning announcing that the 30 day sign up period for inclusion in Agricultural Districts is open.

### **Special Guest**

Kevin Egan, Director of Governmental Affairs for Charter Communications spoke to the Board and audience regarding the existing Franchise Agreement (10 year agreement set to expire in July 2018). He answered questions from the Board and audience on expansion plans with respect to Governor Cuomo's mandate for new customers. Supervisor Knott asked for a mapping of the area to be provided to the Town Board. Mr. Egan said he would ask his staff to prepare that.

### **Old Business**

*Liability Insurance* – Supervisor Knott presented the Board with a Resolution to award the bid for Liability Insurance to Metz Wood Harder and NYMIR for 2018. Councilwoman Kelley Williams read the Resolution. Supervisor Knott asked Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli to take a roll call vote (results are reflected in the resolution below).

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**RESOLUTION  
TOWN OF STUYVESANT TOWN BOARD  
October 12<sup>th</sup> 2017**

***Award for Town’s Annual Liability Insurance***

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Stuyvesant Town Board must purchase a yearly liability insurance policy for both building and vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Stuyvesant has purchased insurance from the same vendor acting as an agent to the same insurance company (NYMIR) a licensed, regulated insurer owned by its policyholders, that the Town has been a member of since its inception; and

**WHEREAS**, earlier this year the Town was audited by the NYS Comptroller’s Office in regard to purchasing, and while the Town’s then current Procurement Policy indicated that it was not necessary to bid professional services, it was the opinion of the Comptroller’s Office that it would be best to bid these services, although not required by law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has now changed its Procurement Policy to reflect those concerns and the Town is now required to get three bids and interview firms, and document reasons for approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town did bid out its combined liability policy and received two different company quotes from our current agent and letters from two other agents who were interviewed, who stated NYMIR was an excellent choice and they could not offer better pricing.

**NOW, THEREFORE**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant awards the Town of Stuyvesant’s annual combined insurance policy to Metz Wood Harder for a policy with NYMIR for the year of 2018.

<u>Town Board Members</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Supervisor Ronald Knott	X		
Councilwoman Kelley Williams	X		
Councilman Brian Chittenden	X		
Councilman Edward Scott	X		
Councilman Thomas Burrall			X

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*Ferry Road Shoreline Restoration* – Supervisor Knott announced that due to scheduling conflicts the meeting originally scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup> has been moved to November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Town Hall.

*Rail Trail* – Andy Beers was in attendance at a meeting On October 2<sup>nd</sup> and answered questions from residents of Stuyvesant, Stockport, and Kinderhook who’s property will be directly affected by the proposed Rail

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Trail project. Representatives from DEC will meet with people one-on-one for their specific concerns. Supervisor Knott reported that he had prepared a written statement to DEC representing concerns from the Board and residents that have spoken with him.

### **Reports**

*Town Clerk* -- Report on file.

*Recreation Committee* – Kelley Williams reported that there was no meeting. She also reported that benches at the Stuyvesant Falls playground needed to be replaced and consideration was being given to using composite materials as the seats to avoid splinters. Highway Superintendent Charles Stiffler reported that the materials cost for the composite would be \$400 vs. \$250 for wood. Councilwoman Williams also reported that the bases were being replaced at the Stuyvesant Landing playground.

A map of trails is being printed at an estimated cost of \$400. A motion to have the maps printed was made by Edward Scott. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote.

*Railroad Station Committee* – Marilyn Burch reported that a movie night would be held on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> with a showing of “The Gods Must be Crazy”; a flea market is scheduled for November 11<sup>th</sup>; and in December there will be the ICC Art Show and the annual Holiday Party.

*Environmental Management Council* – Christian Sweningson gave a brief synopsis of his report that he provided to Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli to be kept on file. Congressman John Faso attended their last meeting and offered his support for the PCB Clean Up Resolution proposed by the Council. Congressman Faso also discussed a proposed new Visa Program. The Council also reviewed the Climate Smart Community report.

The Council also discussed the solid waste/food waste program that will create energy. Councilwoman Kelley Williams reported that her family’s agricultural business is exploring that system.

*Dog Control Officer* – Report on file.

*Kinderhook Memorial Library* – Lee Jamison reported that there has been a fence erected around the construction area and that asbestos abatement project in the basement must be completed before construction can continue. Ms. Jamison reported that funding had been received for the project from Senator Marchionne (\$200,000), the Mid Hudson Library Association (\$97,000), and from the Friends of the Library (\$10,000).

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*Highway Department* – the Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported

- Trash Day will be Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 8-4pm;
- Paving is finished;
- Cutting dead trees along the roads;
- Clearing brush along the roads;
- The hill on Hollow Road is getting bad;
- They are getting the trucks and plows ready and installing snow fences; and
- Prices he has gotten for a new loader: John Deere \$123,000 with trade-in and Case \$108,000.

There was a discussion about various financing options, lease options, and interest rates. Councilman Brian Chittenden said he would work on getting a better interest rate than quoted.

*Assessor's Office* – Cathy Knott reported that exemption renewals would be mailed in November. Lee Jamison asked about the revaluation coming up. Supervisor Knott reported that he had signed the contract with the County to perform the work and they will begin data collection in 2018 for the reval project in 2019.

*Planning/Zoning Boards* – Supervisor Knott reported that the joint workshop that had been scheduled has been rescheduled due to a training being offered.

*Historian* – No report.

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

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

*Town Hall* – Supervisor Knott reported that a new flagpole light had been installed. Estimates have been received for repaving the parking lots and they are all close to \$35,000.

### **County Government**

Supervisor Knott reported

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Opioid information meeting was being held in Germantown;
- CGCC Capital Expenditures that Columbia and Greene Counties will split the cost of will include a new roof, replace heat pumps (\$3 M), redoing/repurposing rooms, and a proposed trades program. \$20 M

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project came to the Counties, then to the State. NYS will pay \$10M and each County will pay \$5M.

- New pole barn being erected for recycling at Greenport station;
- DEC \$180,000 grant – the contract was approved at the full Board meeting.

### **New Business**

*2018 Proposed Budget* – Supervisor Knott reviewed the 2018 Proposed Budget in advance of the Public Hearing scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup>. The document will be put on the website and will be available in the Town Clerk's Office. This year's cap was 1.8% and this proposed budget has an approximate increase of 1%. Some of the highlights that Supervisor Knott reviewed were:

- No raises for the Highway Dept., the Board will cover the increase insurance costs and that will offset a raise;
- Town Justices requested and were approved for 2% raises;
- The Assessor's Office requested and was approved for 2% raises;
- Money was added to the Buildings (1620.4) line for upcoming maintenance work (paving);
- Money was deducted from the Garage (5132.4) line as the new doors were installed earlier this year;
- Money was moved from line to line to make the budget more realistic based on actual numbers from previous years;
- NYS Retirement contribution amount has increased;
- We are expecting increased sales tax revenues;
- Building Permit numbers has increased;
- In the Highway Fund, money \$25,000 was moved to CHiPs line for paving projects;
- The lighting district numbers remain the same;
- The Assessor's Report of exemptions is attached to the back of the budget.

Supervisor Knott reported that he had received a letter from the Valatie Rescue Squad requesting a 1.84% increase or \$823. He reminded the Board and audience that the VRS had come to them last year with a big increase and at that time the Board asked that they keep future increases within the tax cap. A motion to approve the request for an additional \$823 was made by Edward Scott. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was passed by unanimous vote.

### **Board Comments**

No questions or comments.

**Public Comments**

Cathy Knott reminded everyone that the Halloween Party would be held on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm. She asked for any volunteers to help during the party or to bake goodies.

Lee Jamison announced that “Bell, Book, & Candle” would be shown at the Kinderhook Memorial Library on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ed Scott, seconded by Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

*Melissa A. Naegeli, RMC*

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Vouchers presented at the October 2017 meeting for approval:

<b>October 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>
401-17	CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc. (3512.79)	9060.8	600.48		2,912.31
402-17	Stuyvesant Post Office (\$196.00)	1410.4	49.00		
		1220.4	49.00		
		1355.4	98.00		
403-17	Time Warner Cable (\$426.67)	1620.4	299.25		
		5132.4	127.42		
404-17	Constellation (\$75.90)	1620.4	1.29		
		5132.4	74.61		
405-17	Constellation (\$309.44)	5182.4		148.85	
				160.59	
406-17	SMG	1620.4	238.89		
407-17	Safeguard Business Systems	1320.4	109.53		
408-17	National Grid (\$1154.04)	5182.4		562.44	
				591.60	
409-17	National Grid	1620.4	22.29		
410-17	National Grid	1620.4	21.02		
411-17	National Grid	5132.4	93.59		
412-17	Paychex of New York LLC	1320.4	207.12		
413-17	Marlin Business Bank	1620.4	131.10		
414-17	Metz Wood Harder Inc.	1910.4	19,974.13		
415-17	John Deere Financial	8810.4	56.40		
416-17	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	69.18		
417-17	County Waste	5132.4	104.81		
418-17	Mario's Home Center	5132.4	8.98		
		5130.4			67.35
419-17	Core & Main	5110.4			250.00
420-17	McCagg Contracting LLC	5110.4			400.00
	10/5/2017		22,336.09	1463.48	3,629.66
421-17	Lowe's	1620.4	111.83		
422-17	Columbia Co. Treasurer (Sheriff's)	1110.4	78.00		
423-17	eBiz Docs, Inc.	1110.4	600.00		
424-17	NYS Office of State Comptroller	A2610	1,731.00		

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425-17	<i>Business Automation Services (\$93.45)</i>	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		
426-17	<i>Johnson Newspaper Corp.</i>	1010.4	22.24		
427-17	<i>Columbia Co. Treasurer (Central Printing)</i>	1355.4	18.00		
428-17	<i>Xerox Corporation</i>	1410.4	144.09		
429-17	<i>Staples, Inc.</i>	1410.4	224.99		
430-17	<i>Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.</i>	1420.4	968.75		
431-17	<i>Gerald Ennis</i>	3620.4	111.23		
432-17	<i>Culligan</i>	5132.4	28.93		
433-17	<i>Rainbow Distributing Co., Inc.</i>	5132.4	26.98		
434-17	<i>Joe Scrum</i>	DA90898	183.59		183.59
435-17	<i>Dejana Truck Equipment</i>	5110.4	383.10		383.10
436-17	<i>Wex Bank</i>	5110.4	149.54		149.54
437-17	<i>New Castle Asphalt</i>	5110.4	3,341.20		3,341.20
438-17	<i>Northeast Automotive Parts, Inc.</i>	5130.4	66.01		66.01
439-17	<i>Columbia-Tractor, Inc.</i>	5130.4	42.20		42.20
440-17	<i>Max S. Wood Equipment</i>	5130.4	25.29		25.29
441-17	<i>Air Gas USA LLC</i>	5130.4	25.40		25.40
442-17	<i>Carquest of Valatie, Inc.</i>	5130.4	256.54		256.54
	10/12/2017		8,632.36		4,472.87
	October 2017 Totals		30,968.45	1463.48	8,102.53