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PUBLIC HEARING
Local Law #3 of 2017 Re: Littering and Dumping

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held a Public Hearing on September 14, 2017 at 7pm for the purpose of taking public comment on proposed Local Law #3 of 2017 regarding Littering and Dumping.

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 proposed law and gave a brief history as to why the Law was being established; based on complaints from residents, the Highway Department, and the resident Deputy regarding littering on Town properties.

Bill Schneider asked how a report would be made. Supervisor Knott explained that the non-emergency number at the Sheriff's Dept. could be used or a call could be made to the Town Hall and we would make the complaint.

Bill Schneider also suggested that people contact the Sheriff's Deputy if they see things fly out of vehicles. He asked if the contact information could be added to the Town website. Melissa Naegeli, Town Clerk, will make sure the information is there.

With no further comments or questions, 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, September 14, 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 Rappleyea.

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 NYS Comptroller acknowledging the corrective plan of the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the National Grid power line project;
- A letter from NYS Agriculture & Markets giving a passing report for the Dog Warden;
- A letter from CLC regarding annual review of Asbornsen Conservation Easement. Supervisor Knott reported that he had met with CLC regarding building a more direct roadway to the park instead of the one that winds through the Salt Shed area. CLC expressed no concerns with this proposed project.

Old Business

Go Rail Resolution – Supervisor Knott asked for the Board to review and give him any comments they may have.

River Dredging at Gays' Point – Supervisor Knott reported that he had spoken with NYS and the plan is to create a new inland channel they believe was once there but had been closed by sediment. The money for the project is from the Tapanzee Bridge project that had been set aside to relocate displaced wildlife. Supervisor Kott asked how the dredging will affect the little creek along 9J and NYS represented said the drainage should be improved.

Newtonhook Shoreline Restoration – Supervisor Knott spoke with Dan Miller and Betsy Blair (DEC) regarding this project at the end of Ferry Road and they said the project is still moving forward. They have the funding to complete the restoration and to build a handicap accessible fishing pier using the old piers. This will be the only one of it's kind in the area. Dan Miller will come to the Town Hall to give a presentation on the project.

Empire Trail – This is the Governor's proposed trail from NYC to Canada using the old trolley line through Stuyvesant, currently owned by National Grid. Supervisor Knott reported that he had been hearing many concerns from adjoining land owners. A meeting has been scheduled for October 2nd at 7pm at the Town Hall for adjoining residents, and any interested parties, to hear from Andy Beers, NYS Representative heading up the project. Letters will be sent to those adjoining property owners.

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Comprehensive Plan – Supervisor Knott will be meeting with the Planner at Morris Associates to discuss digitizing the Comprehensive Plan.

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

Reports

Town Clerk -- Report on file. Melissa Naegeli gave a final accounting report from the Ken Hummel Run. The run had a profit of \$104.00. Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli asked the Board for the \$196.00 difference to be able to offer a \$300 scholarship again at ICC. A motion to add the necessary funds to make the \$300 Scholarship was made by Edward Scott. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote.

Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli presented to the Board three (3) quotes for desktop scanners. She expressed concern with the amount of paper we are required to keep associated with vouchers and bills. Her plan is to scan the vouchers and back-up information into an external hard drive for future use. The motion to approve the purchase of a scanner for \$224 was made by Edward Scott. The motion was seconded by Tom Burrall and was approved by unanimous vote.

Recreation Committee – Kelley Williams reported that there was not a meeting due to the Holiday weekend. She also reported that she had received a complaint from a resident about the condition of the tennis courts. Councilwoman Williams reported that she had made arrangements with the fire companies and they will take care of cleaning the courts.

Councilwoman Williams also reported that a maple tree had been planted at the Stuyvesant Falls playground and thanked the Highway Department for their work.

Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported that he cannot get a tree for the playground right now. He will take care of getting a tree and planting it in the Fall.

Railroad Station Committee – Marilyn Burch reported that the final “festival” event of the year will be the Harvest Dinner, scheduled for September 15th at the Town Hall. The event will cost \$10 adults/\$5 children, all you can eat.

Marilyn Burch also reported that the free movie night at the train station would be showing “An American in Paris” at 4pm.

The next Railroad Restoration Committee meeting will be held on Saturday, September 16th at 9am

Environmental Management Council – No report.

Dog Control Officer – Report on file.

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Kinderhook Memorial Library – Supervisor Knott reported that there had been a groundbreaking on the large addition.

Office for the Aging – Ida Leiser reported that the first meeting will be September 15th and they are looking at various problems seniors have in their communities.

Highway Department – the Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported

- They had repaired culverts in a few driveways;
- They worked with Chatham, Kinderhook, and Stockport on paving projects;
- They are mowing the road sides;
- New signs and hours have been posted at the playgrounds. “Dusk to Dawn” has been changed to 6am – 4pm.

An Autumn Trash Day has been scheduled for Saturday, October 14th 8am – 4pm.

Assessor’s Office – Cathy Knott reported that everything was quiet. Exemption renewals will be mailed in November

Planning/Zoning Boards – No report.

Historian – Supervisor Knott reported that money had been added to the 2018 budget for a reprint of the History of Stuyvesant books.

Cemetery – Councilman Ed Scott reported that he had spoken with Tony Link about being more careful with the equipment and around the stones.

ZEO/Building Inspector – Report is on file.

Town Hall – The driveway and parking lot have been crack sealed. Highway Superintendent Charles Stiffler is getting estimates for having it all re-paved in 2018. A new light for the flag pole has been ordered. Councilman Scott asked that money be added in the budget to repair the fascia around the building.

County Government

Supervisor Knott reported

- The Shared Services Plan had been adopted and copies are available for anyone who is interested;
- A plan had been adopted to start another busing service from Philmont to the Columbia-Greene Community College, to be funded by DSS. The buses will run on specific timeframes. Supervisor Knott expressed concern about logistics.
- Opioid information meetings are being held around the County. The 2nd meeting will be held at ICC.
- The County voted to join a class action lawsuit with other municipalities against opioid manufacturers

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- The Board had passed a Resolution to send RFP for County highway garage on Route 23. They are looking for an architect/engineer to give plan for existing building and site.
- That a bid package for a new pole barn for the Solid Waste Dept. had been put out but no one picked it up. They have a grant from DEC.

New Business

Littering & Dumping Local Law #3 of 2017 – Supervisor Knott asked Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli to take a roll call vote on the proposed Local Law that was reviewed at the Public Hearing in advance of the meeting. The result of the roll call vote a unanimous vote to adopt the Law.

Insurance Renewal -- Supervisor Knott reported that he had sent a request for bids out to local insurance companies for the Town's liability insurance. We are currently with NYMIR, through Metz Wood Harder. He received replies from Kleeber Insurance and Fingar Insurance who both said to stay where we are, that we have the best deal we could get. The quote from Metz Wood Harder was \$19,650 to renew with NYMIR. Another bid had been received from Trident Insurance (a Texas Company) for \$16,633. Supervisor Knott recommended we stay with Metz Wood Harder as they are a local company and more established in the business. NYMIR has been exceptional when we have had to use their services and they offer many training programs.

A motion to renew our insurance policy with Metz Wood Harder was made by Edward Scott. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was passed by unanimous vote.

2018 Budget – Supervisor Knott reported that the Tentative Budget would be filed in the Town Clerk's Office. He added that there are more meetings to come and that the budget would be reviewed at the October Board meeting.

Joint Meeting – A joint meeting with the Planning, Zoning, and Town Boards has been scheduled for Monday, October 30th at 7pm.

Board Comments

Supervisor Knott reported that he had been contacted about some typos in the new Zoning Law and asked Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea if we could just make the changes. Tal replied that any changes to a Local Law must follow the same process as when it was originally adopted.

Supervisor Knott reported that a representative from Time Warner would be at the October meeting to discuss the contract and franchise agreements. He added that the franchise agreements only pertain to cable tv, not internet.

Public Comments

Bill Schneider said there is an old transformer along the proposed Empire Trail in the woods near his house and asked who would take care of that. Supervisor Knott replied that NYS

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had been clearing some of the trail areas and would be the ones who would probably take care of that.

Cathy Knott asked permission to hold a Halloween Party on Saturday, October 28th from 1-3pm. She also asked for a budget of \$175, as has been approved in previous years. A motion was made by Edward Scott to approve the requests. The motion was seconded by Brian Chittenden and was approved unanimously. Cathy thanked the board and announced to the room that she will be looking for volunteers to work and to donate goodies.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ed Scott, seconded by Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:06pm

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Naegeli, RMC

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Vouchers presented at the September 2017 meeting for approval:

<u>CLAIM #</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>A/C#</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>LND/FALLS</u>	<u>HIGHWAY</u>
354-17	Edward Scott	7550.4	180.00		
355-17	CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc. (\$3512.79)	9060.8	600.48		2,912.31
356-17	NYS Office of State Comptroller	A2610	1,248.00		
357-17	National Grid (\$1093.48)	5182.4		533.09	
				560.39	
358-17	National Grid	5132.4	107.70		
359-17	National Grid	1620.4	21.02		
360-17	National Grid (RR Station)	1620.4	22.27		
361-17	SMG	1620.4	241.81		
362-17	Time Warner Cable (\$381.28)	1620.4	261.45		
		5132.4	119.83		
363-17	Sickler, Torchia, Allen & Churchill, CPAs	1320.4	180.00		
364-17	Paychex of New York, LLC	1320.4	201.62		
365-17	Town of Kinderhook	7310.4	2,300.00		
366-17	County Outhouse & Septic	7510.4	100.00		
367-17	Marlin Business Bank	1620.4	131.10		
368-17	Valley Paving & Construction, Inc.	1620.4	2,400.00		
369-17	Melissa Naegeli	1410.4	49.00		
370-17	Xerox Corporation	1410.4	144.82		
371-17	Staples, Inc. (\$155.54)	1410.4	111.68		
		1110.4	43.86		
372-17	Johnson Newspaper Corp. (\$41.15)	8020.4	21.87		
		1010.4	19.28		
373-17	Gerald Ennis	3620.4	55.54		
374-17	Cathy Knott (\$133.38)	1355.4	20.14		
		7510.4	87.98		
		1620.4	25.26		
375-17	Business Automation Services, Inc. (\$493.40)	1620.4	130.40		
		7510.4	9.00		
		1220.4	9.00		
		1410.4	149.00		
		1355.4	89.00		
		5010.4	89.00		
		3620.4	9.00		
		8020.4	9.00		
376-17	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	69.18		
377-17	Rainbow Distributors, Inc.	5132.4	19.46		
378-17	Culligan	5132.4	28.93		
379-17	County Waste	5132.4	104.81		
380-17	Valley Energy	5110.4			716.30

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381-17	Colarusso Quarry	5110.4		492.25
382-17	Mario's Home Center, Inc.	5130.4		88.61
383-17	Share Corporation	5130.4		80.00
384-17	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4		327.06

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9,410.49

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4,616.53

385-17	Constellation (\$91.44)	1620.4	1.29	
		5132.4	90.15	
386-17	Business Automation Svcs, Inc. (\$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	
387-17	NYS Magistrate's Association	1110.4	50.00	
388-17	Turning Stone Resort Casino	111.04	755.00	
389-17	Columbia County Treasurer (Cust. #21)	1355.4	100.00	
390-17	Wex Bank	7110.4	167.78	
391-17	Constellation (\$160.49)	5182.4		77.20
				83.29
392-17	Bob Boll Excavating	5110.4		325.95
393-17	Core & Main	5110.4		399.20
394-17	Max S. Wood Equipment	5130.4		10.47
395-17	Airgas USA, LLC	5130.4		26.10
396-17	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	906.25	
397-17	Johnson Newspaper Corporation	1010.4	22.24	
398-17	Wolfe Nursery	7110.4	150.00	
399-17	Gigi's Wrench	7550.4	201.96	
400-17	Sickler, Torchia, Allen & Churchill	1320.4	3,110.00	

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Total Abstract for September 2017

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