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Supervisor Kott opened the Hearing at 6:40pm and asked the Town Clerk to read the notice.

Councilman Bill Schneider thanked Building Inspector Glenn Smith for his hard work in bringing our fees in line with other towns.

Supervisor Knott explained that making this change will enable the Board to modify the fees without having to pass a Local Law.

With no additional comments from the Board and no questions or comments from the public, a motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Bill Schneider. The motion was seconded by Brian Chittenden and passed by unanimous vote.

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Supervisor Knott explained that a member of the Zoning Board had contacted him with the proposed wording change to make the Zoning Law more in line with the usual process is. The wording is also being reviewed by the County.

With no additional comments from the Board and no questions or comments from the public, a motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Kelley Williams. The motion was seconded by Brian Chittenden and passed by unanimous vote.

The Hearing was closed at 6:50pm.

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Supervisor Knott opened the meeting at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence in memory of former Town Supervisor Tod Greci.

A motion to approve the previous minutes was made by Bill Schneider, seconded by Kelley Williams, and approved by unanimous vote.

A motion to approve the bills as presented was made by Tom Burrall, seconded by Brian Chittenden and approved by unanimous vote.

Correspondence

- A letter from NYS Ag & Markets notifying the Town that the Dog Officer had passed a recent inspection;
- A letter from NYS Office of Real Property Services notifying the Town that it is at 90% assessed value;
- A letter from NYS Retirement System requesting an update to the Workday Resolution;
- A letter from SEMA transmitting \$1800 from last year's blizzard;
- A letter from Columbia Economic Development announcing Small Business Seminars scheduled for September 8th and November 13th;
- A letter from Columbia County Public Works approving our request to close County Route 26A for the Ken Hummel Races.

Old Business

Amtrak Fencing – Supervisor Knott reported that a public information meeting is being scheduled for late September or early October.

Ferry Road / Postal Service – Supervisor Knott, a representative from Congressman Faso's Office, Amtrak, and NYS DOT met and are coming to an agreement to reinstate

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postal delivery service to the residents on Ferry Road. Some agreed-to repairs will have to be made first.

Spectrum – Supervisor Knott reported they are rolling out new service in Town and are operating “business as usual”. A phone number for new service will be available through the Town Clerk’s office.

Property Tax Deductions – NYS had proposed a property tax donation system for those that pay over \$10,000 in property taxes. The County is reviewing the proposal and has agreed, with the schools, to wait until the IRS makes a decision on the proposal.

Reports

Town Clerk – Town Clerk report is on file. Melissa Naegeli reported that the Ken Hummel Races will be held no Saturday, August 11th and that the registration will open at 8am.

Highway Dept -- Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported

- They have milled and paved Church St., Hollow Rd., and W. Ghent Road;
- They are doing shoulder work on the roads;
- He is getting prices for a guardrail for the new wall at Pino’s property;
- They are mowing the road sides;
- He is working on the speed limits in Stuyvesant Falls;
- He is waiting for quotes on the basketball courts resurfacing;
- They cleaned the Town Hall and trimmed the trees;
- The parking lot has been blacktopped and striped.

Recreation Committee – Kelley Williams reported that she had met with Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler to discuss the proposed parking lot at Stuyvesant Landing playground.

Assessor’s Office – Cathy Knott reported that postcards have been mailed out notifying residents that data collectors will be coming around taking pictures and getting measurements. She assured everyone that they will have ID Badges.

Railroad Station Committee – Cal Burch announced that the Corn Festival would be held on Friday, August 10th 4-7pm and that it looks to be a large event. Supervisor Knott reported that he had met with Jeff Pinkowski regarding painting at the Station and is waiting for his quote.

Planning/Zoning Boards – Quiet.

Environmental Management Council – Christian Sweningson reported that there was not a quorum so they had an unofficial meeting. He also reported there had been 3 resignations and 1 new member from Canaan. The Council discussed:

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- The TCI event and notification of fire personnel. A meeting is being scheduled with Emergency Management;
- Spreading septage on farmland is being reviewed and DEC is investigating;
- Climate Lobby went to Washington DC regarding carbon emissions;
- Harmful Algae Bloom reports about Kinderhook Lake were in error. However, there is a problem at Hand Hollow in New Lebanon;
- Plastic shopping bags;
- Reduction of Solid Waste and what the EMC can do about getting the word out about recycling. They are exploring grant opportunities;
- Styrofoam has been banned in NYC; and
- A Sustainable Energy Fair is scheduled for October 20th at Doane Stuart School.

Supervisor Knott discussed the possibility of changing County law regarding recycling plastics. Councilman Schneider added that the County could pass a law about not being able to use Styrofoam or single use plastic bags.

Ed Scott asked if the County made a profit from the transfer stations and whether privatization should be considered. Supervisor Knott said downsizing is another option they are looking at.

Historian – Deputy Historian Cathy Knott reported that Historic Stuyvesant Day will be Saturday, August 11th and will celebrate Poehlsburg. There will be a picnic at the Ice House Road pavilion (please bring a dish to share) and a guided Tour Bus ride through Poehlsburg, narrated by Town Historian Juanita Knott. Cathy also thanked Ed Scott for purchasing the rolls and ice.

Dog Control Officer – No calls in August.

Cemetery – Cathy Knott reported that all is quiet and that Eddie Scott has been doing the mowing.

ZEO/Building Inspector – Report on file.

Kinderhook Memorial Library – the building is progressing.

Town Hall – Supervisor Knott reported thanked the Highway Department for cleaning up around the grounds. He also reported that the generator has been ordered.

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Office for the Aging – Supervisor Knott reported that there will be a “Senior Day” event in September at the Stuyvesant Falls VFW.

Website – Bill Schneider reported that he and Supervisor Knott met with BAS and has signed a contract for IT Services. As part of the contract:

- 2 new computers will be purchased and installed in the Assessor’s and Building Inspector’s Offices;
- Upgrading the network and making a secure server upgrade; and
- Installing Wi-Fi (both public and employee-only).

Councilman Schneider also reported that BAS had given him a list of other municipal websites to review to get some ideas for upgrading ours.

County Government

Supervisor Knott discussed the Fire Company Cancer Legislation recently passed by the NYS Legislature, requiring Fire Companies to carry special, additional insurance. A vote will be held in September on whether or not the County should reimburse fire companies for this expense as it will affect tax caps. The cost to County will be \$157,000 and will be handled as a chargeback.

The Board approved the CGCC Budget with an additional \$300,000.

The Bond for the sewer project (full project cost is \$8.8 M) but the County does not expect to borrow the full amount, as they are applying for grants. The project will run sewer lines from Commerce Park and connect to the Greenport system.

Conversations have been ongoing with NY Power Authority with the County considering putting solar panels on some of the County office buildings.

New Business

Fee Structure – A motion was made by Bill Schneider to accept and put in to affect the Fee Structure prepared and proposed by Building Inspector Glenn Smith. The motion was seconded by Tom Burrall and was approved by unanimous vote.

Zoning Amendment – Tal Rappleyea explained that the County is reviewing our proposal but couldn’t get on their agenda for August. The vote on this Amendment will be tabled until the September meeting.

Standard Workday Resolution – Barbara Fisher has been added and terms of office have been updated. The Resolution will be posted for 30 days at which time Town Clerk

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Melissa Naegeli will file with NYS Retirement. A motion to adopt the Resolution was made by Brian Chittenden, seconded by Tom Burrall and approved by unanimous vote.

Speed Limits – Bill Schneider presented to the Board a proposal to send to the County and State DOT regarding changes to the speed limits in the Hamlet of Stuyvesant Falls. A motion to adopt the Resolution to change the speed limits was made by Bill Schneider. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote.

2019 Budget – Budget Worksheet Requests have been sent to all Department Heads. A full 2% will be allowed this year.

Security Cameras – A proposal had been made last Fall by Justice Carrie O’Hare to have a security camera system at the back door that the judges use. She had proposed Ring.com and had received a Justice Court Grant for the purchase. During recent conversations, and before the system had been installed, the Board expressed concerns over the audio feature of the system, would prefer a conventional recording system, and asked Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea for a Legal Opinion. Mr. Rappleyea explained that he wanted to find a way to recommend the Board approve the request but after researching the product and issue, his opinion to the Board was to not approve the purchase. Supervisor Knott explained that the Board had not fully understood the system when they approved it last year. He said he will contact local security companies for information that can have video, on site recording, and be available on phones, since Judge O’Hare’s main concern was knowing who was at the building when she had to come out for arraignments.

Board Comments

Bill Schneider reported that he had invited representatives from the ICC District to the October Board Meeting to discuss their proposed Capital Project.

Supervisor Knott reported that CGCC would like to talk to ICC about getting better enrollment at CGCC. Bill Schneider replied that CGCC used to offer evening classes at ICC and would recommend they consider doing that again.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 6, 2018 due to the Primary Election on September 13, 2018.

Budget Workshop will be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 7pm.

Public Comments

Cathy Knott asked permission to host a Halloween Party at the Town Hall for children on Saturday, October 27th 1-3pm. The Board unanimously approved this request.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Schneider, seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

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Vouchers presented at the August 2018 meeting for approval:

CLAIM #	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	LND/FALLS	HIGHWAY
293-18	US Post Office	1355.4	105.00		
294-18	CDPHP Universal Benefits (\$3277.33)	9060.8	675.74		2,601.59
295-18	Johnson Newspaper Corp.	1010.4	40.14		
296-18	Business Automation Services (\$1799.00)	1620.4	1,721.00		
		1010.4	9.75		
		7510.4	9.75		
		1220.4	9.75		
		1410.4	9.75		
		1355.4	9.75		
		5010.4	9.75		
		3620.4	9.75		
		8020.4	9.75		
297-18	Paychex of New York, LLC	1320.4	248.13		
298-18	Time Warner Cable (\$569.96)	1620.4	294.14		
		5132.4	275.82		
299-18	Constellation (\$110.60)	1620.4	1.77		
		5132.4	108.83		
300-18	National Grid	1620.4	21.02		
301-18	National Grid	1620.4	22.64		
302-18	National Grid	5132.4	119.77		
303-18	Constellation (\$153.79)	5182.4		73.98	
				79.81	
304-18	National Grid (\$1033.43)	5182.4		504.35	
				529.08	
305-18	Staples, Inc. (\$176.50)	1110.4	69.53		
		1355.4	106.97		
306-18	Marlin Business Bank (\$218.35)	1620.4	131.10		
		1410.4	87.25		
307-18	Columbia Co. Treasurer (MIS)	1410.4	82.50		
308-18	Columbia-Greene Town Clerks Association	1410.4	15.00		
309-18	Crown Awards	7550.4	303.87		
310-18	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	69.34		
311-18	Rainbow Distributors	5132.4	12.00		
312-18	Dan's Heating & Cooling, Inc.	5132.4	180.00		
313-18	Valley Paving & Construction, Inc. (100,243.52)	5112.2			92,274.15
		5112.4			7,979.37
314-18	Columbia Tractor, Inc.	5130.4			104.95
315-18	Morton Salt, Inc.	5142.4			3,704.09

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		2-Aug-18		4,769.56	1187.22	106,664.15
316-18	Ron Knott (reimbursement)	1620.4		53.53		
317-18	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4		1,406.25		
318-18	Sickler, Torchia, Allen & Churchill	1320.4		890.00		
319-18	Business Automation Services	1620.4		34.26		
320-18	Culligan	5132.4		28.93		
321-18	County Waste	5132.4		123.68		
322-18	Wex Bank	8810.4		246.55		
323-18	Mario's Home Center	5132.4		52.31		
324-18	Mario's Home Center	5130.4				224.74
325-18	Albany Steel, Inc.	5130.4				201.90
326-18	Air Gas USA, LLC	5130.4				27.65
327-18	Goodyear Tire	5130.4				2,301.60
328-18	Repeat Business	1620.4		53.07		
329-18	ARE Productions	7550.4		900.00		
330-18	SMG	1620.4		278.71		
331-18	NYS Magistrates Association	1110.4		75.00		
332-18	Sheraton Niagara Falls	1110.4		711.55		
333-18	Columbia County Treasurer (Sheriff's Dept)	1110.4		206.85		
334-18	Melissa Naegeli	7550.4		80.00		
335-18	Car Quest of Valatie	5130.4				180.94
336-18	Ben Funk, Inc.	5130.4				185.27
		9-Aug-18		5,140.69	0.00	3,122.10