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The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, February 8, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott, Councilwoman Kelley Williams, Councilman Tom Burrall, Councilman Brian Chittenden, Councilman Bill Schneider, Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli, Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler, 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 previous minutes was made by Tom Burrall, seconded by Kelley Williams, and approved by unanimous vote. A motion to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2018 Workshop meeting was made by Tom Burrall, seconded by Kelley Williams, and was approved by unanimous vote.

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

Correspondence

- A payment from the Hydro Electric Plant in the amount of \$10,000. Also included was their 2017 Revenue Report showing over \$748,000;
- Report of 2017 Activities from the Stuyvesant-Stockport Senior Citizens Group;
- A letter of resignation from Ida Leiser, resigning her position of liaison to the Office for the Aging. Her resignation was accepted by the Board with thanks;
- A letter from DOT regarding 60' signal towers to be erected along the tracks along State Route 9J;
- A letter from the NYS Court System notifying the Town that the cost of the SEI Program (that the Court uses) is being absorbed through the NYS System.

Old Business

Village of Kinderhook Greenway Grant Application – A resolution was adopted unanimously at the Workshop meeting on February 1, 2018 to support the Village application and be a co-applicant. The Grant will be for the Village and Town of Kinderhook and the Town of Stuyvesant to create a water pathway on the Kinderhook Creek. If the Grant is approved, the cost to the Town will be \$5000.

Court Clerk – A resolution to appoint a new Court Clerk, Vicki Hill, from Greenport.

Stuyvesant Falls Fire District – A letter is being mailed to residents of the Stuyvesant Falls Fire District explaining the increase in their tax amount.

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Hudson River Clean Up – We received a copy of the response from EPA to DEC regarding future clean-up of the Hudson River. Ron spoke with Peter Lopez, the new head of the EPA.

Ferry Road Shoreline Restoration – Supervisor Knott spoke with Dan Miller who reported he is awaiting documents from the Army Corps of Engineers to begin the restoration project.

Municipal Energy Program – Supervisor Knott reported that we have been recertified in the program.

Empire Trail – Supervisor Knott reported that we have yet to see what the Town portion will be of the agreement between National Grid and the State. There was a question as to whether the State Greenway would have to do SEQRA documents or abide by Town Zoning; the Greenway believes they are exempt. Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea researched case law and found in the statute that created the Greenway they can be held to local zoning regulations.

Supervisor Knott asked how the Board would like to proceed. He said he thinks the Greenway should be notified our Boards should be part of the SEQRA process. Councilman Schneider suggested a letter be drafted and sent to the Greenway sharing our legal advice and interpretation of the statute. The Board agreed to send a letter to the State Greenway; Supervisor Knott asked Tal Rappleyea to draft a letter.

Reports

Town Clerk – Melissa Naegeli gave the Town Clerk report and it is on file in her office. She also gave an updated tax collection report.

Recreation Committee – Chairwoman Kelley Williams reported that it was quiet and they were discussing work on playground parking.

Lee Jamison reported that Earth Day is April 22nd and the committee is trying to organize a trail clean-up day. She added that she and Christian Sweningson had replaced approximately 20 trail markers at Asbornsen the Trail.

Lee Jamison reported that River Sweep will be on May 5th. Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported that he had contact the County Solid Waste Department to ask about having “Trash Day” on May 5th. Unfortunately, another town had scheduled for that day so ours will be held on May 12th. He will set a place at the salt shed site for the debris from the River Sweep clean-up day.

Railroad Station Committee – Marilyn Burch reported that it has been quiet. There will be a movie night on February 17th at 4pm at the Train Station. The movie is to be announced. The event is free to the public with free popcorn.

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Environmental Management Council – Christian Sweningson reported that he had not attended the last meeting and would give an update at the March Town Board meeting.

Dog Control Officer – Report on file

Kinderhook Memorial Library – Lee Jamison reported that construction is going on and they had received a Grant of \$98,000 from the State. She also reported that increased heating and staffing needs will increase the budget and the Board may have to do a 414 Resolution to put an increase on the ballot in November.

Office for the Aging – No report.

Highway Department – Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported that the Department is

- Plowing the roads;
- Reviewing speed limits in different areas around town and he is looking in to the prices for signs;

Mr. Stiffler reported that he had attended a meeting of the Traffic Safety Board and it was announced that paving will begin on Route 203 and the speed limit will be changing due to the number of fatal accidents.

Mr. Stiffler also reminded the Board and audience that it is a violation of Section 1219 of the NYS Vehicle & Traffic Law to put snow in the road; this includes shoveling, plowing or snow blowing in to the roadway. It will be the homeowners' responsibility in the cases of contractors doing the work and the law will start to be enforced as it creates a dangerous traffic situation.

Assessor's Office – Exemptions are due no later than March 1.

Planning/Zoning Boards – Both Boards have been quiet.

Historian – No report.

Cemetery – No report.

ZEO/Building Inspector – Report is on file.

Town Hall – No report.

Website – Councilman Schneider and Supervisor Knott met with BAS regarding pricing for networking and a new computer for the Assessor's Office.

County Government

Supervisor Knott reported that the Hazard Mitigation Plan is complete for FEMA regarding flooding along State Route 9J; they have been working on it for a couple of years.

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Supervisor Knott also reported that the County had recently undergone an OSC Audit, by the same Auditor that had completed the Town's last year. He added that one of the comments was the Auditor "commended County Officials".

Trash Day – Will be held on May 12th. We will again be accepting e-waste as there is a new contract with a company called ERI in place of COARC.

Fire Training Tower – An architect has been hired, a tower has been chosen and budgeted for, and the County is applying for Grants; the project is moving along.

Supervisor Knott reported that he had attended a meeting for the Columbia County Transportation Allocation regarding money for bridges. There was a conversation about pedestrian safety funds from the Federal and State Governments. Funds are being allocated for a traffic circle the intersecting roads before the Rip Van Winkle Bridge to aid in the Walking Trail. Construction is set to begin in August 2018.

New Business

Office for the Aging Delegates – A motion to appoint Marilyn Burch to the position vacated by Ida Leiser and to re-appoint Richard Moran was made by Brian Chittenden. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote.

IT Services Contract – Supervisor Knott asked the Board for permission to sign a contract with the Columbia County MIS Department for IT Services to be billed at \$55/hour. A motion to sign the contract was made by Bill Schneider, seconded by Brian Chittenden, and was passed by unanimous vote.

Parking Lot Paving – Supervisor Knott asked Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler to rebid the project.

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer – Supervisor Knott presented a resolution to the Board to appoint Glen Smith to the position. A motion was made to adopt the resolution and appoint Glen Smith to the position of Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer effective immediately by Brian Chittenden. The motion was seconded by Tom Burrall and was approved by unanimous vote. Councilman Schneider asked that Mr. Smith be invited to the March meeting so everyone could meet him. Supervisor Knott will invite him.

Board Comments

No comments

Public Comments

Lee Jamison asked how many of the properties along 9J mentioned in the Hazard Mitigation Plan were owned by the State or by the RR, Councilman Schneider replied 14. There was a discussion to clarify the Hazard Mitigation information.

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A motion to adjourn was made by Brian Chittenden, seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Vouchers presented at the February 2018 meeting for approval:

remaining 2017				LIGHTS	
<u>CLAIM #</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>A/C#</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>LND/FALLS</u>	<u>HIGHWAY</u>
578-17	Sickler, Torchia, Allen & Churchill	1320.4	2,645.00		
	2017 Remaining		2,645.00		
February 2018				LIGHTS	
<u>CLAIM #</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>A/C#</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>LND/FALLS</u>	<u>HIGHWAY</u>
15-18	CDPHP (\$3277.33)	9060.8	675.74		2,601.59
16-18	National Grid (\$1399.13)	5182.4		699.56	
				699.57	
17-18	Constellation (\$948.91)	5182.4		456.41	
				492.50	
18-18	Constellation (\$136.52)	1620.4	3.96		
		5132.4	132.56		
19-18	Marlin Business Bank	1620.4	131.10		
20-18	Time Warner Cable (\$397.02)	1620.4	275.68		
		5132.4	121.34		
21-18	National Grid	5132.4	150.64		
22-18	National Grid (RR Station)	1620.4	24.89		
23-18	National Grid	1620.4	21.02		
24-18	Nolan Bottle Gas, Inc.	1620.4	693.35		
25-18	Johnson Newspaper Corporation	1410.4	37.74		
26-18	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	1,281.25		
27-18	Business Automation Services, Inc. (\$72.00)	1010.4	9.00		
		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		
28-18	NYSTCA	1410.4	382.00		
29-18	Col. Co. Assessor's Association	1355.4	50.00		
30-18	NYS Magistrate's Association	1110.4	160.00		
31-18	Col. Co. Magistrate's Association	1110.4	40.00		
32-18	Stuyvesant-on-Hudson Garden Club (\$223.20)	1620.4	73.20		

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		6772.4	150.00	
33-18	Juanita Knott	7510.4	30.00	
34-18	Valley Energy (\$3039.41)	5132.4	902.47	
		5110.4		2,136.94
35-18	Morton Salt, Inc.	5142.4		4,566.02
36-18	Monroe Tractor & Implement Co.	5130.4		1,420.43
37-18	Moordadian Hydraulics	5130.4		590.07
38-18	Kimball Midwest	5130.4		424.03
39-18	Northern Tool	5130.4		39.99
		Feb 1 2018	5,408.94	2348.04
				11,779.07
40-18	Greene County Commercial Bank	5130.2		
		Interest	410.57	410.57
		Principal	35,333.33	35,333.33
			35,743.90	35,743.90
41-18	SMG	1620.4	56.16	
42-18	Nolan Bottle Gas, Inc.	1620.4	679.16	
43-18	Business Automation Services (\$103.90)	1620.4	31.90	
		1010.4	9.00	
		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	
44-18	Paychex of New York, LLC	1320.4	468.02	
45-18	Columbia Greene Humane Society	3510.4	1,950.00	
46-18	Xerox Corporation	1410.4	141.82	
47-18	Columbia County Treasurer (Sheriff's Dept)	1110.4	63.38	
48-18	Culligan	5132.4	28.93	
49-18	Rainbow Distributing Co., Inc.	5132.4	19.49	
50-18	County Waste	5132.4	104.81	
51-18	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	91.99	
52-18	Chemung Supply Corp.	3310.4	485.40	
		5130.4		475.00
53-18	Sunnyside Garage	5110.4		400.00
54-18	Wex Bank	5110.4		168.72
55-18	Mario's Home Center	5130.4		51.96
56-18	Albany Steel, Inc.	5130.4		138.68

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57-18	AirGas USA, LLC	5130.4		27.65
58-18	Peak Trading Corp.	5130.4		112.80
59-18	Columbia Tractor, Inc.	5130.4		37.36
60-18	Ben Funk, Inc.	5130.4		227.29
61-18	Ebiz Docs, Inc.	1110.4	600.00	
		11-Feb-18	4,793.06	1,639.46