

January 11, 2018

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

Supervisor Knott opened the meeting at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to approve the previous minutes was made by Brian Chittenden, seconded by Tom Burrall 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 Gerry Ennis resigning his position as Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer effective January 1, 2018.

A letter from the Village of Kinderhook as for assistance in Greenway Grant for access to Kinderhook Creek.

Old Business

Empire Trail – Supervisor Knott reported that he had received a copy of the license agreement between National Grid and the NYS Greenway. He said it appears there is a lot of responsibility being borne by the State. Supervisor Knott asked Tal Rappleyea, Esq. to review for our impact. There is a question as to whether they should be required to go through local Planning and Zoning Boards. The final concept plan is available on their website. Supervisor Knott will get the link for Melissa Naegeli to put online.

Reports

Town Clerk – Melissa Naegeli gave the Town Clerk report and it is on file in her office. She also gave an update on Tax Collections as the collection period started on December 29, 2017.

Recreation Committee – Chairwoman Kelley Williams was not in attendance. No meeting was held in January.

Railroad Station Committee – No report.

Environmental Management Council – Christian Sweningson reported that there had been no meetings due to the Holidays.

Dog Control Officer – Report on file

Kinderhook Memorial Library – Lee Jamison reported that the Library had received a lot of donations in 2017. The construction project has moved to inside work. Some upcoming events are:

- Jan 14th Annual Meeting
- January 14th Old Time movie at 4:00pm
- Feb. 18th Harry Potter movie at 5:30pm;

Book Donations are on hold temporarily.

Lee Jamison also reported that 2018 would normally be the year for the 414 Request and the Board is reviewing that option.

Office for the Aging – No report.

Highway Department – Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported that

- They have plowed & sanded 13 times, the same as 2017;
- The big plow has been repaired;
- He is getting prices for the proposed Church Street project;
- He had been driving around looking at signage and sees many that should be replaced. He will contact the County to see if they can be recreated there and get prices.

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

Planning/Zoning Boards – Zoning Board meetings will now be held on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm.

Historian – No report.

Cemetery – No report.

ZEO/Building Inspector – Report is on file.

Town Hall – Joe Scrum repaired the laminate countertops in the kitchen and Clerk's Office.

County Government

Supervisor Knott explained school tax relevies and why contingency fund is kept at the County; to cover unpaid bills and emergency situations like the mud slide in Greenport.

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New Business

Cable Franchise Agreement – Supervisor Knott explained that the existing agreement with Time Warner (Spectrum) is up in 2018 and the Board and Town Attorney are reviewing the agreement and discussing options for future agreements.

Lee Jamison asked if we can make cable more accessible. Supervisor Knott explained that it would be something we could ask but would be unenforceable.

Board Comments

Councilman Schneider reported that he had attended the Association of Town's School for Newly Elected Officials; he brought the Town's NYMIR dividend check back to the Board.

Public Comments

Lee Jamison discussed mowing the back field at Hummel Park and that it won't be mowed until summer.

Doug Mayer asked about the substantial increase on the tax bill for the residents of the Stuyvesant Falls Fire District. Supervisor Knott explained that the wrong number had been picked up and inserted in the Town Budget. He explained that the County and State had been notified and a remedy is being discussed; a contingency account will have to be established for the overage (over the 2% cap) collected. For the 2019 budget those residents will get a tax break equal to the amount of the overage in 2018. The problem will be fixed by the 3rd year, 2020. The Board will notify the District residents in writing.

Joe Belline asked that a "Dead End" sign be put on Allendale Road East. Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler will look in to that.

A motion to adjourn was made by Brian Chittenden, seconded by Tom Burrall and was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

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Vouchers presented at the January 2018 meeting for approval:

	remaining 2017			LIGHTS	
#	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	LND/FALLS	HIGHWAY
542-17	National Grid (\$1296.22)	5182.4		630.31	
				665.91	
543-17	Constellation (\$334.06)	5182.4		160.70	
				173.36	
544-17	Melissa Naegeli (\$177.98)	1410.4	98.00		
		7550.4	79.98		
545-17	Rodenhause Chale LLP	1420.4	2,250.00		
546-17	Richard Moran	6140.4	153.00		
547-17	William T. Vick	1110.4	5.87		
548-17	Johnson Newspaper	1010.4	22.54		
549-17	Safeguard Business Systems	1320.4	198.15		
550-17	Columbia Co. Treasurer (Central Printing)	3620.4	40.00		
551-17	Stockport Garage & Oil Co., Inc.	5130.4			21.00
552-17	Mooradian Hydraulics	5130.4			134.64
553-17	Valley Energy (\$1682.19)	5110.4			1,287.07
		5132.4	395.12		
	<i>2017 Vouchers Jan 4, 2018</i>		<i>3,242.66</i>	<i>1630.28</i>	<i>1,442.71</i>
554-17	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	1,312.50		
555-17	Paychex of NY, LLC	1320.4	210.52		
556-17	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		
557-17	National Grid (RR Station)	1620.4	30.32		
558-17	National Grid (Town Hall)	1620.4	21.02		
559-17	National Grid (Highway Garage)	5132.4	111.62		
560-17	SMG	1620.4	79.63		
561-17	Staples, Inc. (\$172.35)	1620.4	22.46		
		1410.4	120.90		
		1355.4	20.28		
		5010.4	8.71		
562-17	Constellation (\$102.71)	1620.4	8.59		

		5132.4	94.12		
563-17	Xerox Corporation	1410.4	142.62		
564-17	NYS Office of State Comptroller (Justice Fund)	A2610	127.00		
565-17	Col. Co. Treasurer (Sheriff's Dept.)	1110.4	63.38		
566-17	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	69.33		
567-17	Rainbow Distributors	5132.4	19.49		
568-17	Culligan	5132.4	28.93		
569-17	Zwack, Inc.	5130.4			54.16
570-17	Airgas USA, LLC	5130.4			27.65
571-17	Valley Energy	5110.4			657.28
572-17	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4			690.24
573-17	Fastenal Company	5130.4			20.15
574-17	Mario's Home Center	5130.4			28.60
575-17	Mooradian Hydraulic	5130.4			60.00
576-17	Share Corporation	5130.4			99.73
577-17	Morton Salt, Inc.	5142.4			4,315.73
	<i>2017 Vouchers Jan 11 2018</i>		2,595.32	0.00	5,953.54
	2017 Totals		5,837.98	1630.28	7,396.25
	January 2018			LIGHTS	
#	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	LND/FALLS	HIGHWAY
1-18	CDPHP Universal Benefits (\$3277.33)	9060.8	675.74		2,601.59
2-18	The Association of Towns	1010.4	699.00		
3-18	CIA Security	1620.4	287.40		
4-18	Service Education, Inc.	1110.4	1,140.00		
5-18	NYS Assessor's Association	1355.4	100.00		
6-18	Business Automation Services	1410.4	400.00		
7-18	New York Planning Federation	8020.4	260.00		
8-18	Time Warner Cable (\$390.10)	1620.4	267.50		
		5132.4	122.60		
9-18	Marlin Business Bank	1620.4	114.00		
	<i>4-Jan-18</i>		<i>4,421.05</i>		
10-18	Col. Co. Assoc. of Town Highway Superintendents	5010.4	250.00		
11-18	County Waste	5132.4	104.81		
12-18	Stuyvesant Post Office (\$245)	1110.4	49.00		
		1410.4	196.00		
13-18	Partner in Safety, Inc.	5110.4			162.00
14-18	Wex Bank	5110.4			205.84
	2018 Vouchers January 11, 2018		599.81		367.84
	Abstract Total January 2018		10,858.84	1630.28	7,764.09